



St Thomas More School Newsletter

4th March 2022

Dates for your diary

23/3/2022 & 24/3/2022

Parents evening

1/4/2022

Term 4 finishes

4/4/2022-18/4/2022

Easter break

Term 5

19/4/2022

Term 5 begins

2/5/2022

Early May Bank Holiday

26/5/2022

Term 5 finishes

27/5/2022

Staff Development Day

(No children in school)

Term 6

6/6/2022

Term 6 Begins

22/07/2022

Staff Development Day

(No children in school)

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents,

We had a fantastic 'World Book Day' yesterday, it was wonderful to see all the children (and staff!) in their costumes and everyone really enjoyed the reading activities that they took part in. Make sure you have a look at the pictures of the day!

Covid-19

As you are all aware the guidance regarding individuals with covid-19 has altered as the country continues on its path to recovery. The guidance now states that:

'There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.'

It is therefore no longer a legal requirement to isolate but it is advised to do so. As with any illnesses, if your child is too poorly to attend school, they should remain at home until they feel well enough to return.

To help minimise the risk of covid transmission we continue to have the following safety protocols in place:

1. Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

Ukraine

If your family is in any way affected by the conflict in Ukraine please let us know so that we can support you and your children at this time. Our School Council will be meeting today to plan a fundraising activity so that we are able to support the charities that are carrying out essential work to help those affected by the conflict and we will be sending out information about this event on Monday.

I'm sure you will all join me in keeping the people of Ukraine, and all peoples affected by conflict, in our prayers at this time.

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,

for all those suffering or afraid,

that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,

for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world

that in this moment of crisis,

we may reach out in solidarity

to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways

so that peace and justice

become a reality for the people of Ukraine

and for all the world.

Amen



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Merit Award

Olivia S RR
Esther O RS
Amber W 1D
Blake D 1J
Benjamin P 1J
Emma F 2F
Jemima B2S
Indiah P 3C
Eloise C 3B
Matthew O 4S
Tise G 4T
Sacha N 5H
Tobi A 5M
Faith A 6C
Aimee G 6B
Thomas C 6B

Well done everyone



The Beacons would like to announce an Easter Garden Competition

£1 to enter

All proceeds go to Demelza House

Bring in your Easter Garden from on Monday 29th
March

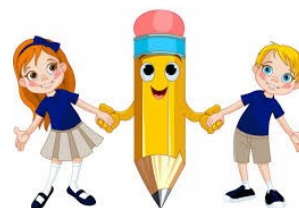
Judging will be on Thursday 31st March

Bring in your entry fee with your Easter Garden

Second-hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday 8th March 2022

After school



Mothers Day Activity

Please could we ask for some parent helpers to help with the Mothers day
activity on 22nd and 23rd March.

Please email the office if you are able to help

office@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

Help Required

If you are able to spare some time to help out the PTFA please search for the
fundraising Facebook page 'St Thomas More Fundraising Team'.



Lenten Prayers

As we are in the season of Lent, Lenten prayers will be held in the hall at
08:30-08:40 each Friday morning. If you are able to attend, please come to
the pedestrian gate where you will be welcomed to come into the hall. The
children will be able to go straight to their classes after Lenten prayers
have finished.



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Tahirah E

Samuel J

David M

Lizandra S

Ocean-Storm F

Anastasia R

Blake A-B

Willow J

Teniola A

Cian M

Owen A



World Book Day—4th March 2022



The children looked fantastic dressed as their favourite characters.



Please see our website and Facebook page for more photos.





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Reminders

Packed lunches—please could you try to use a wrapping other than cling film. Sandwich bags or foil are preferable. Please also remember to provide cutlery if your child has something in their lunch box that requires it as we do not have spares available in school. Please check your child's carton has a straw attached as we have had a few instances where a child has been disappointed that they have not been able to drink their juice carton and have had to have water instead. The PTFA have a limited amount of environmentally friendly sandwich wrap's, we are selling these in school for £3 each there are a variety of designs.

School dinners: Thank you for settling your dinner balances .

Office hours: the office is manned 8-4pm. Please use our absence line to report an absence. Please can any non urgent queries be emailed or if you do need to call please call between 10-12. Between 12-2 is our protected admin time and calls may be forwarded to answerphone.

Earrings: Please remember that earrings need to be removed for school everyday. We will call parents to come in to school to remove earrings if children have them in when they arrive.

Cars on site



Please can we remind you that no parent cars should be on site without prior permission, **this includes dropping off and collecting for breakfast and after school club**. We would politely request that you consider parking outside of Bleakwood Road and walking into school.

No Nuts



Please remember not to give your children nut based products in their packed lunch. We have children with very severe nut allergies and for this reason we ask that you do not include nuts or nut products in your own child's packed lunch. These include (but are not limited to) peanut butter, **Nutella chocolate spread**, **peanuts, nut based breakfast bars**,

SAFEGUARDING

What to do if you are worried about a child:

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link:

[Report a child safeguarding concern](#) | [Concerned about a child](#) | [Medway Council](#)

You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24 hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

Please remember to go to our Safeguarding section for parents/carers on our school website to learn more about keeping your child safe online. There is also a section for children too with some useful links.

Parents are encouraged to T.A.L.K to their children about the dangers.

Talk to your child about online safety. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.

- **Agree ground rules** about the way you use technology as a family.
- **Learn about the platforms** and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.
- **Know how to use tools**, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

Discuss and agree on privacy settings for the platforms and apps your