



St Thomas More School Newsletter

25th February 2022

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dates for your diary

Term 4

21/02/2022

Term 4 begins

3/3/2022

Ash Wednesday

9:30 Ash Wednesday Mass (KS2 only)

4/3/2022

Parent coffee morning

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)

Dear Parents,

We have had a windy week at school! We have been very fortunate that our school buildings did not sustain any storm damage although some trees did come down around our perimeter.

I am pleased to announce that we have some lovely news to share with our school family, Mrs Shepherd and Miss Whiteoak are both pregnant and waiting to welcome their first children. Mrs Shepherd will begin her maternity leave at the end of this term and Miss Whiteoak will begin her maternity leave in the summer term. Mrs Wilson, who has worked with the school for many years covering PPA and supply cover, will be taking over as the teacher for RS for the rest of this academic year.

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hunt at the end of this term as she is moving out of the area to begin a new career. We have appointed Mrs Franks, who is also an experienced teacher, to take over the role of class teacher for 5H for the rest of the academic year.

Don't forget that next week will be a busy one, with both World Book Day and Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Kind regards
Mrs Ebdon



Parent coffee morning 4th March 9:15 Emotional Health and Wellbeing

The focus for this session will be an introduction to our new Emotional Wellbeing Support Practitioner Emily Thompson from Medway NELFT Children and Young People's Mental Health Services. Emily will explain the service in detail and be able to answer any questions surrounding how to access support. She will be available to work with parents and children through workshops, group and individual support in the areas listed below.

Parent workshops

- Understanding anxiety
- Understanding autism
- Understanding behaviour
- Understanding ADHD (this one has passed but will be on again after half term)

Pupil workshops

- Understanding Worries
- Transition to Secondary School
- Coping with tests
- Friendships and me

Mrs Austin and Jody our Pastoral Manager will also be available during the session.

Please contact the school to register your interest or with any queries via email to

familyliaisonofficer-st.thomasmore@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

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Merit Award

Belle D RR

Aida O RS

Elliott M 1D

Jonathan S 1D

Fikayomi O 1J

Simona S 2F

Charis B 2S

Rosie-Leigh M 3C

Jaxon H 3B

Ryan M 4S

Wade L 4T

Eliska M-D 5H

Hollie W 5M

Harry O 6C

Lolly G 6B

Well done everyone



Twosday—22.2.22

This week, the children enjoyed having a day revolving around the number 2 for 'Twosday' on the 22. 02. 2022.

Reception found out about the number 2 in their environment and played lots of games using pairs.

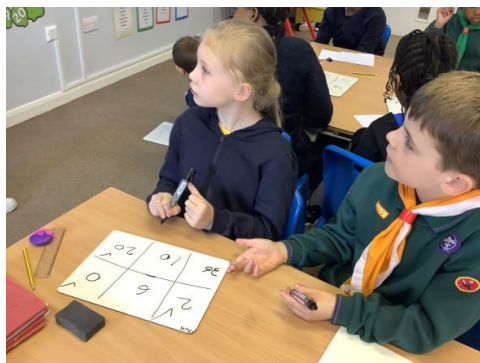
Year 1 were challenged to complete a carousel of activities where they had 2 minutes to complete each one. These included writing the number 2 in digits and words, finding the number 2, dominos and pairing.

Year 2 completed a 2D shape quiz and investigated doubling and halving 1 and 2 digit numbers.

Year 3 had a two theme throughout the day, completing a maths carousel which included ordering 2 digit numbers, counting 2ps, 20ps and £2 coins, looking at their 2x table and finding doubles and halves. They also completed some 2D shape art in the afternoon.

Year 4 and 5 both focused on doubling (multiplying by 2) and halving (dividing by 2). Year 5 also investigated palindromes.

Year 6 had a 2 themed mental maths session. They also completed 22 second challenges and looked at words which contained 2 syllables.





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Michaela A
Juliet A
Thomas C
William C
Sophia G
Eliska M-D
Elsie-Mae M
Charlotte C
Tirenoluwa A



PTFA

Please could we ask for donations of any generic wrapping paper you may have, and not need, for our upcoming activities. If you have any please drop it into the office.

Thank you



Mothers Day Activity

A letter has gone home to all of Year R , Year 1, those that did not previously pay in 2020 and to any children new to our school , everyone else will not have received a letter as we already have payment and your child's name is on the list for this activity.



A Big **THANK YOU**



St Thomas More School

During 2021 you collected 211.8kg

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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 ready for this term.

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 an 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. This week a member of staff's car has sustained substantial damage in the car park. 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