



ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent,

It really does feel a lot different this week to last ... it's freezing! What a difference a week makes. Please make sure all the coats and jumpers are named (even just with a sharpie) as it is cold outside but very warm inside so we get lots of jumpers and cardigans left here and there.

Catholic Life of the School - CAFOD/Eco Club

Our Governors were invited in yesterday to look at work in all the classes. They dropped in to topic lessons and also looked at the RE books. They were particularly impressed with the work in RE which showed such empathy and kindness from the children.



Religious Education

We continue to work on Prophecy and Promise in all classes and there are so many examples of fabulous work. This is a sample from Y3:



Collective Worship

In our celebration and praise assembly on Tuesday morning we have started to prepare for Advent by singing carols rather than hymns. The children are very enthusiastic and seem to really enjoy praising God through music.

Important dates

27th November - Edith's play Y5

28th November - BCCS Concert at St Benedict's

2nd December - Advent Mass 9.30am Church

2nd & 4th December - Nativity at 5pm

3rd December - Flu Vaccinations (AM) & Nativity at 2pm

December 4th - 'Elfridges' sale

December 5th Christmas Craft Day

Governor Open Morning

We welcomed 4 Governors into school this week to see the school in action. They visited all the classes, spoke with the children and looked at their work.

The Governors met with the staff at break time and were keen to find out more about the teaching of Topics and RE.

They were very positive about what they had seen and heard.

House points

Bath 172

Lincoln 170

York 144

Colchester 130

Our Stars of the Week are:

R	Celesté	Samantha
1	Chi-Chi	Zuri
2	Matilda	Gabriel
3	Adele	Joel
4	Ned	Jacob
5	Summer	Daniel
6	Michela	Ian

Mrs Gillespie

Mrs Gillespie will be off for some time following an operation this week.

We will miss having her around and wish her well with her recovery.

Look and Share

I hope you had a lovely time at the recent open sessions this week and were impressed with your child's work.

I know they enjoy sharing it with you.

Lantern Parade

Some of our Y6 pupils will be in the annual lantern parade on Saturday for the Christmas lights switch on.



They will be parading along the High Street at around 5pm so look out for them and give them a wave if you spot them!

Cinema

Reception and Y1 had a lovely time at the cinema on Tuesday where they watched 2 short films. Y2, 3 & 4 went on Wednesday to see Garfield. They were all beautifully behaved as you would expect.

'Elfridges' Christmas Sale

Mrs Green and Mrs Moncur would like to give the children an opportunity to make a Christmas gift for them to take home on December 4th. They will be going to classrooms, with our super parent helpers, where children can make up to two presents each.

In order to ensure we have enough stock for each child, we are asking parents to pay in advance via Parentmail so that we can purchase the correct amount of items. We are keeping the present a surprise so that any parent recipients don't know what they will be receiving!

Each present is £3.50 including gift wrapping,

Please complete your advanced purchases on Parentmail (in payments and then shop) by November 28th at 3pm. Thank you.



Reception Class Photos

We will be changing our school photographer this year, so we have arranged a taster session with another provider for Reception Class on December 8th. Parents will of course have the opportunity to view the photos and purchase if they would like to.

Have a great weekend

Bridget Harris