



ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents & Carers,

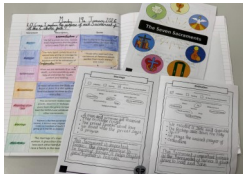
It is nice to see the children coming up with lots of lovely ideas for us to share in the school. Cafod Club will be taking part in a gardening competition in the local area, the school council is inviting us to come to school in our pyjamas and a couple of our Y6 pupils have started to plan a world food event. We are very lucky that our school is filled with such enthusiastic children!

Catholic Life of the School - CAFOD/Eco Club

CAFOD Club will be entering a competition to produce a raised garden bed. They will be designing, planting and linking it in with 'bees and saving water'. Here is last year's winning entry: →

Religious Education

Year 6 has been learning about the seven sacraments and how they link to Parish life.



Collective Worship

Year 5 planned & led a beautiful assembly on the Beatitudes on Wednesday. Thank you for joining us.



Our Stars of the Week are:

<u>R</u>	<u>Roque</u>	<u>Austin</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Eliza</u>	<u>Emily</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Delilah</u>	<u>Mary</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Paul</u>	<u>April</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Rupert</u>	<u>Elizabeth</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Chris</u>	<u>Oliver</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>Enzo</u>	<u>Leon</u>

New Altar

Is there anyone out there who would be willing to make us a simple altar for our Masses and assemblies? We are not looking for fancy we just need something that we can have blessed and keep for worship only. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE - Message from Church

PARENTS MEETING: A meeting will take place in Cardinal Bourne hall on Saturday 7th February at 11.00am. All parents who have registered their child(ren) for this course must attend. If unable to attend, please let the Church know by email: colchester@brcdt.org

VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers and parents whose children will be attending the course to help in preparing candidates for this sacramental program. Sessions will take place each Saturday in the Church Hall. To volunteer, please contact us by email: colchester@brcdt.org

Pyjama Day!



We are the School Council and we would like to have a Pyjama Day to help raise money for new playground equipment.

On Thursday 5th February, you can come to school wearing your pyjamas or onesies instead of your uniform. You can also bring a small pillow/cushion if you wish, but it must have your name on it so that it does not get lost! We will collect cash donations on the day (suggested donation of £1 per child, but you are welcome to donate more, if you would like!)

We want to make playtimes even more fun for everyone so all the money we raise will help us buy exciting new things to play with in the playground. Thank you for helping us and for supporting our school!

From The School Council

Important dates

January 27th - Year 5 Mass in Church 9.30am

February 6th - Reception Class Open Afternoon

February 10th - Year 4 Mass in Church 9.30am

February 13th - Valentine's Disco 5 - 8pm

February 16th to 20th - Half Term

February 23rd Back to School

February 23rd - Height & Weight Checks for Reception Class & Y6

February 24th - Whole School Lenten Mass 9.30am in Church

STM International Food Fair - DATE CHANGE

Two of our Year 6 pupils organised a very successful food fair two years ago when they were in Y4, and they would like to put on another event after school on **March 13th** after school.

If you can bring along a dish that everyone can try, please let the office know by **March 1st**. It would be great if we could represent as many countries as possible in the world to celebrate the wonderful, rich diversity of our school. We will send out a form soon via Parentmail so that we can give those making food an idea of the numbers attending.

“This year me and Ella have organised another culture day for everyone! We missed it last year so this year we are going all out! In order to enjoy this exciting celebration, we need some volunteers to help with the preparation of food at the end of the day. Come and try some amazing food from different cultures for just £1.50 per person.”

Faith & Ella

House points

Lincoln 380

York 353

Colchester 330

Bath 327



Have a wonderful weekend

Bridget Harris