



St Thomas More's Newsletter

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Dear Parent, I hope you all had a lovely half term break. It was certainly a warm one and a little different to this week. We have had our first wet breaktime for a while which is not as nice as getting outside but the children have coped very well.

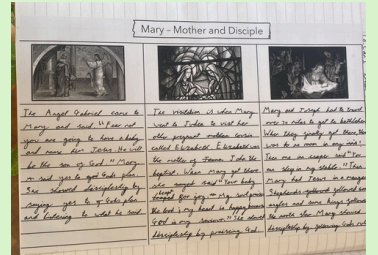
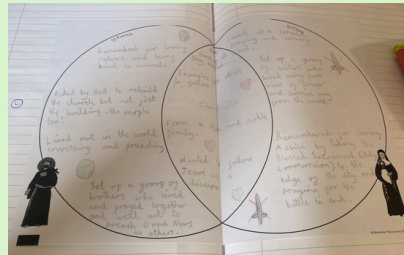
Collective Worship

Reception Class led a great assembly on Wednesday on the theme of Pentecost & Jesus' love for us all. Thank you for joining us.



Religious Education

Year 5 have been learning about "The five glorious mysteries". They designed a rosary medal and produced some lovely written work - here are two examples...



Sponsored Walk

Thank you for sending in the money raised for our sponsored walk. You raised £1,834.42!

Our top five fundraisers will receive a medal on Monday during assembly. Thank you to William in Y4 who raised £180.00, Finlay in Y5 raised 145.00, with his brother Callum in Y2 also raising £145.00, Patrick in Y2 for raising £128.60 and Chris in Y5 who raised £110.00

We are grateful to the 74 families who sent their sponsor money in... it's not too late if you still have money to send in.

Poetry Competition

Y4 joined other schools in the Trust for a poetry competition at Our Lady Immaculate Chelmsford. They had to learn 2 poems and perform them to the other schools and three judges. We were joint winners! Thank you so much for the transport from parents - we really could not have done it without you.



House Points



York 187

Lincoln 176

Colchester 161

Bath 141

Sports' Day Friday 19 June

We are looking forward to this popular event. Just a reminder KS1 races take place in the morning (gates open at 10:30) - all parents welcome to watch. KS2 race in the afternoon - all parents welcome. KS1 may leave with their parents at 1pm as long as they are signed out in the small playground. All parents bring a picnic to share with their child at 12 noon. We do not have school lunches on Sports' Day. If the weather looks poor, a decision will be made by 8.30am as to whether or not it goes ahead, we will notify you via Class Dojo & Parentmail.

Important Dates

June 9th - Class & Team Photos

June 16th - Year 3 Mass

June 18th - Fathers' Day Sale

June 19th - Sports' Day

23rd - St Thomas More's Day Mass

26th - Sports' Day*

*(date reserved in case of bad weather on 19th)

ARU Students

We hosted 14 students for the day on Tuesday from ARU, who were looking at Inclusion in the classroom. We got lots of lovely feedback on our school from them and they would like to use us again.

Choir Performance

Our school choir will be performing Oliver! on Tuesday 30th June in the school hall. The performance is at 6pm so please could children arrive at 5.40pm.

Thank you.

Our Stars of the Week are:

R

Benny

Victor

1

Reuben

Ruby

2

Grace

Elise

3

Teddy

Seanluca

4

Chris, Huey, Edidiong, Rupert, Timayah, Isabella, Emilia, Edlyn & Adefolahan

5

Charlotte

Aashish

6

Ian

Leon

Our fabulous parent helpers have organised a sale in honour of Father's Day, which will take place on the 18th of June during the school day. If you would like to order a gift, the payment will go live on Parentmail on Monday until the 17th of June. If you are available to help the children decorate and wrap on the 18th, please let the office know.



As always, your help and support is greatly appreciated.



Summer BBQ plans



Mrs Kelly is busy prepping for the end of year BBQ on July 10th. The DJ and bouncy castles have been booked (wristband details will follow in the next week or so) and she is currently organising the stalls. Each class will be assigned a stall for parents to run. Mrs Kelly will be asking for a parent volunteer from each class to organise a rota for their class stall. A short meeting will take place at the end of a school day in the next week or so to discuss this with you.

After the success of the surprise bag table last year, we'd like to hold this stall again. We are asking for donations of any unused items from home such as unwanted unopened gifts, stationery, notepads, sweets, a ball, keyrings, toys, stickers, books, colouring books, bubble bath or shower gel - you can bring as little or as much in as you'd like. Please do not include any glass items, alcohol or food other than sweets or chocolate in their original wrapping.

Please drop the items in to the school office any time from Monday 8th June until the 3rd of July. We will then arrange the items into the mystery bags. At the BBQ you can then buy a bag and see what you get!

We will arrange a bottle tombola and have a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle and also a teddy tombola, all of these details will follow in the next few weeks.

Thank you.



School Policy reminder

As detailed in our uniform policy, we'd like to remind all parents that children's hair must be a natural colour. No coloured hair braids please, hair accessories must be in school colours.

Hair must not be styled in an extreme manner.

Thank you.

Art Gallery

A big thank you to all the children who took part in the art competition organised by Mrs Pembroke and the School Council. The pictures were impressive.

The winners will be announced next week once the votes are counted.

Thank you for supporting us.



New phone system

We had new phones installed across the school this week and have had a few teething problems with the system set up. As we try to iron out any bugs, you can send messages via Class Dojo or by email to office@st-thomasmores.essex.sch.uk

Thank you.

As we walk together with Jesus,
we love, live and learn.

Have a great weekend

Bridget Harris