



St Thomas More's Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather now that it has dropped to a more seasonable norm. Breaktimes have returned to normal too this week and it is lovely to see the children running around again. It does seem like there is more hot weather on the way so we may have to adjust what we do once more. Thank goodness for aircon.

Collective Worship

Our Y6 pupils joined the other schools in the Rosary Trust for a joint mass yesterday at St Teresa's Lexden. It was a very special occasion and an opportunity to meet all the other year 6 children.



Trainee Teachers

Our three trainees leave us today as their training year ends. They completed the year successfully and all have jobs in local schools. It has been a pleasure working with them and we wish Mrs Farthing, Miss De Vere and Mrs Vandersypen all the best in their new posts.

House Points

Lincoln 376

York 373

Bath 316

Colchester 299



Y6 Castle Park Visit

Y6 pupils were invited back to the park on Monday to take part in a publicity event relating to the recent renovations. There were drone photos, interviews and ground photos. We will receive a thank you payment of £400 for taking part which we plan to put towards another aircon unit, which will mean five classrooms with systems!

Important Dates

July 10th - Summer BBQ (5 to 8pm)

July 14th - Year 6 Play (6pm)

July 16th - Leavers' Mass (10.30am)

July 17th - End of term

Changeover Day

The children met with their new teachers today which is always very exciting. They spent a session in their new classrooms to hear about the next school year.

Mrs Pembroke

You may have noticed Mrs Pembroke is still here – she was supposed to have a planned operation but it was cancelled due to the hot weather.

Not great for Mrs P but good for Y5! It does mean that she is likely to be recovering in September if it goes ahead in August, so we may not see her for the first part of the new term.



Choir Production

Well done to our lovely choir members on a fantastic performance of Oliver on Tuesday night. They sang beautifully! Thank you for joining us, I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Mentoring

All of our teachers are trained mentors and they do an excellent job supporting the next generation of teachers. ARU has a system where trainees can nominate their mentor for an award. Mrs Duncan received several nominations from trainees and won an award at the ceremony in Cambridge last night.



Our Stars of the Week are:



R

Chetanna

Julian

1

Arpitha

Zuri

2

Noah

Gabriel

3

Paul

April

4

Juan Pablo

William

5

Maurice

Niamh

6

Joshua H

Alicia

Summer BBQ - 10th July

Thank you to all of the parents that have given 30 minutes of their time to run stalls at the BBQ - this really does not run without your support.

Payment for unlimited use of the bouncy castles is live on Parentmail if you wish to pre-order a wristband. You can pay cash on the night to the company running this for us - the cost is £7.

The mystery bags are looking good, so far we have about half of last years donations, so please keep them coming - it's a great way to pass on things that you wont use at home and a great fundraiser for the school!

Just a reminder that **July 10th** will be **non uniform day**.

Children can come to school in their own clothes, in exchange for a bottle (any bottle from home that parents can donate - shampoo, drinks, etc). Thank you.

Year 6 Rosary Trust Day

All our leavers from across the trust.



New Reception Class

Our new intake will come in on Monday for their first school visit. They will enjoy story time with Mrs Milner Moore and Mrs Solomons. We are looking forward to meeting them all although it is hard to believe another year has passed!

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

Have a great weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Bridget Harris'.

Bridget Harris