



ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent,

We look forward to seeing you all next week for parents' evening on Monday or Tuesday. This appointment is to talk about how well your child is working and how settled they are in their new year group. Work is not shared on this occasion but will be shared later in the term in November for the Look & Share sessions on 19th and 20th.

Catholic Life of the School

Pope Leo has invited Catholics around the World to pray the Rosary each day in October with the expressed intention of peace in war-torn lands. In addition to the World Day of Migrants and Refugees moving to this weekend, we are reminded of the ever present need for prayer and support for those effected and displaced by war, famine and poverty.

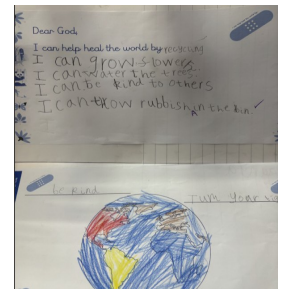


Collective Worship

Y2 led a beautiful assembly on Wednesday about the Bible and Noah's Ark. They read really well and sang us a very jolly song. Thank you for joining us.

Religious Education

Year 1 has been learning about Prayer and how to pray for a better world.



Important dates

October 6th & 7th - Parents Evenings 4.00 - 6.30pm

October 9th - Deadline for Christmas artwork to be returned to school office.

October 13th - 17th Y6 Residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands

October 23rd - Harvest Festival

October 24th - finish for half term 3.15pm

Parents' Evening

Please use the main entrance for your parents evening appointment on Monday or Tuesday.

Reception & Year 1 meetings in the Year 1 classroom

Years 2,3 & 4 meetings in the hall

Year 5 & 6 meetings in the Year 6 classroom



Chair of Governors'

We have a new Chair of Governors' in the school, Ciaran Kelly. Ciaran has been Vice Chair and is now the Chair and Paul Courtney is our new Vice Chair. I am grateful to them both for agreeing to take on these important roles in the school.

Simon Fenning, our previous Chair, remains Chair of the Trust. I am very grateful to Simon for all his hard work as Chair of STM over many years and am pleased we retain him in the Trust.

Our Governors will be in school on November 20th to see the school in action.

Our Stars of the Week are:

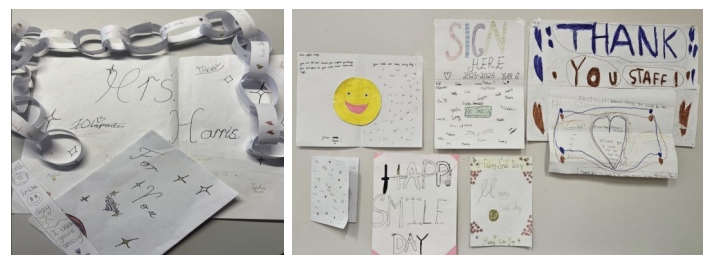
Robert Kean	Adam Shefford
Luke Zhang	Barnaby Wright
Freddie Wake	Grace Goodwin
Meabh Reilly	Hanna Dudziewicz
Eddiong Jackson	Luciana Ortiz Ramirez
Veronica Ashu	Isabel Sibin
Alicia Pakulska	Esmay Ebbs

Mass Date Change

Please note that the Year 5 Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th October at 09.30am in Church, not on Wednesday. Further date changes to Masses will be announced shortly.

World Smile Day

The children in Y6 cheered up the staff today, by celebrating World Smile Day by giving us some home made gifts. Amazing!



Bikeability

Another group of Y6s successfully completed the bikeability course this week.

What a great experience for them all.



Choir Performance

We are getting ready for the joint schools' concert on the 28th of November.

This year we will be performing Jesus' Christmas Party with St Clare's, St Teresa's and Holy Family!



Design a bookmark competition

Our next book fair will be open from November 5th to 11th after school in the dinner hall, and we'd like to celebrate by asking you to design a bookmark. A template will be sent home on Monday 6th October.

Two winners from KS1 and two winners from KS2 will be chosen, who will each receive a £5 voucher to put towards a book at the fair.

Please hand your entries in to the office by October 21st. Winners will be announced on the 24th of October in assembly and winning designs will be put in the newsletter.

Good luck!

Y6 Thorpe Woodlands

Y6 will be off on school residential in another week. We are going to a new site in Thetford Forest.

We are very much looking forward to a week of sunshine, great weather and lots of fun!

House points

Lincoln 275

Bath 245

York 209

Colchester 205

Year 4

We said goodbye this week to Nina in Y4 on Wednesday and welcomed Luciana on Thursday. I am sure you will welcome Luciana as warmly as you have welcomed our 6 other new students this term.

Break time snacks

We have noticed that some children are having crisps as their break time snack and wanted to remind parents that children should only bring fresh fruit or vegetables or cereal bars as their break time snack.

Crisps and crackers should not be given as a snack please.



Thank you

Christmas Stationery

Artwork templates were sent home last week for your children to design their own Christmas stationery.

The artwork can be returned to the school office anytime up until **October 9th**. The courier is booked for 3.15pm, so any artwork received after this date will not be sent to School Print World for production.

You will be able to purchase your child's stationery directly through School Print World, we will let you know when it is ready to view. Your orders will be sent directly to school and we will distribute these to you.

We can't wait to see your lovely Christmas designs!

Have a great weekend

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

Bridget Harris