



St Thomas More School Newsletter

24th March 2023

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Merit award

Isla B RC

Alissa O RR

Esther O 1D

Theo E 1J

Vincent S 2F

Lewis L 2S

Dollcie-Rae F 3B

Aidan S 3B

Akif K 3T

Joanna I 4L

Asees A 4S

Bella Y 4S

Nieva K 5C

Austin C 5C

Mendel M 5M

Hollie W 6C

Olawale M 6F

Tahirah E 6F



Golden Welly Award

Mazel M

Dear Parents,

Things remain busy at school as we near the end of the term and this week our Key Stage 1 children have had a jam packed week!

On Tuesday, Natalie from Maidstone Museum visited Year 1 for a dinosaur morning! She brought a partial T-Rex skull and lots of fossils and the children were palaeontologists for the morning – when you have a moment, take a look at our Facebook page to see some pictures of their prehistoric adventures!

Some of our Year 1 and 2 children went to Greenacre on Thursday to take part in a multi skills competition and Year 1 also held their year group liturgy with their parents which was focused on the Gospel, 'Jesus Heals the Blind Man'.

We are very excited for next week as our local MP Tracey Crouch will be coming into school on Friday morning to officially open our new library, meet our 'Book Ambassadors', read her favourite childhood story to some of our children and act as an honorary library for the morning!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ebdon

Fundraising Events

Easter egg hunt 19th & 20th April.

School disco news coming soon!



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Parking on school premises.



We are no longer able to offer permits for parking in the church car park before and after the end of the school day.



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Term 4 Dates

29th March 2023

Parents evening 4-7pm

30th March 2023

Parents evening 5-8pm

31st March 2023

Last day of Term 3

3rd April—14th April

Easter break

Term 5 dates

17th April 2023

SDD—School closed

20th April 2023

Year 4 Times table check parent information session

28th April 2023

Bring you parents to History

9.15-9.45

1st May 2023

May bank holiday—School closed

4th May 2023

Year 5 Liturgy (TBC)

8th May 2023

King Charles III Coronation bank holiday—school closed

9th-12th May 2023

SATS

26th May 2023

Last day of Term 5

29th May—2nd June

May half term

Term 6 dates

25th May 2023

Class photo taken

9-11th June 2023

Year 6 residential

23rd June 2023

SDD—school closed

26th June 2023

SDD—School closed

21st July 2023

Last day of academic year



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A big Happy Birthday to..

- Asees A
- Nieva K
- Ryan E
- Jonathan S
- Georgie-May B
- Ebunoluwa B
- Leo C

Eco and School Council Team



On Monday, our Eco and School Council team went on a litter pick in our local area for 'The Great Big School Clean Up!' with Medway Council. We collected 8 bags full and loved helping our community



Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check



Miss Cole and Mrs Wilson will be holding a parent information session regarding the Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check (MTC) on Thursday 20th

April at 3.30pm. The meeting will be held in the Learning Centre and should be no longer than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there - children are welcome to attend.



Request for donations

Do you have any off cuts of astroturf that you would be willing to donate to the school? If you do please speak to a member of the office staff.

Thank you



Vehicle Project



This week, the whole school have been continuing to develop their engineering, design and technology and problem solving skills by taking part in a Vehicle Project. Everyone has been designing and building a moving vehicle. Children have used a range of tools, techniques and cutting equipment to create their vehicles, which will be entered into a national engineering competition.



Box on Wheels





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Safeguarding

Safeguarding – Identifying Online Risks

Online safety is embedded within the curriculum and children are regularly taught how to stay safe online and how to identify online risks. To help at home, you can help children to identify and manage risks by discussing:

- the ways in which someone may put themselves at risk online
- risks posed by another person's online behaviour
- when risk taking can be positive and negative
- online reputation and the positive and negative aspects of an online digital footprint
- sharing information online and how to make a judgement about when and how to share and who to share with
- the risks of cyber crime, online fraud and identity theft

To support your child at home with this, you can sign up for free to our 'National Online Safety' platform by using the link below:

[Browse E-safety Training and Resources For Schools | National Online Safety](#)

You can also help your child by:

explaining how to identify trusted adults, access support from the school, the [National Crime Agency's Click CEOP reporting service](#) for children and 3rd sector organisations such as [Childline](#) and [Internet Watch Foundation](#)

reporting cyber crime, fraud and suspicious online activity, through organisations such as [Action Fraud](#) and the [Advertising Standards Authority](#)

reporting inappropriate contact or content for various platforms and apps

A list of media literacy resources for teachers and parents is available via the following link too:

[Online media literacy resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Safeguarding Survey for Parents & Carers

Please could you spare a few minutes to complete our safeguarding survey. If you would like to find out more about how we safeguard children at St Thomas More, please head to our website and the safeguarding section. You will also find a Safeguarding Information Booklet for Parents and Carers. If you would like to speak to a member of the safeguarding team, please contact the office where Mrs Le Breton, Mrs Ebdon or Jody our Pastoral Manager will be able to answer any questions that you have.

<https://forms.office.com/r/CWv4KXCJ0K>