



# St Thomas More School Newsletter

16th June 2023

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*



Merit Award

Laroy O RC

Demilade O RR

Samuil S 1D

Tomi O 1J

Andre K 2F

Ezekiel A 2S

Aidan S 3B

Alex S3T

Tobiloba O 4L

Callum G 4L

Sofia B 4S

Isla B 4S

Joshua K 5C

Logan M 5M

Sienna A 6C

Freddie E 6C

Cali D 6F

Tianna W-S 6F

Golden Welly Award

Modesireoluwa A



Dear Parents,

This week we have had 'Diversity Week' which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We have learned about different faiths, cultures, languages and disabilities. All the children had a visit from the Guide Dog Association on Wednesday and, yesterday, all year groups had a French workshop performance and learned lots of new phrases and vocabulary.

Year 3 had their liturgy on Wednesday morning and it was lovely to see so many parents attend to celebrate this with their children.

The weather forecast continues to predict high temperatures and plenty of sunshine. Please remember to put your child's sun cream on before they come to school in the mornings and make sure that you pack them a sun hat and an extra drink.

I hope you enjoyed the Father's Day gallery this afternoon and I hope everyone has a lovely weekend celebrating the special men in our families.

Mrs Ebdon

## Guide Dog visit

We had a visit this week from the Guide Dogs. We loved meeting Stephen the dog and learning about how they are trained. We understand the importance of guide dogs and how to approach them in public.



## Medway Summer of Sport & Medway Mile

Please see the websites for more details on summer sports activities and the Medway Mile.

<https://www.medway.gov.uk/medwaymile>

<https://www.medway.gov.uk/summerofsport>



Enjoy  
an active summer  
with Medway Sport



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## Term 6 dates

### 1st June 2023

Medway Test registration open

### 23rd June 2023

SDD—school closed

### 24th June 2023

St Simon Stock Church Summer Fete

### 26th June 2023

SDD—School closed

### 30th June 2023

Medway Test registration closes

### 3rd July 2023

Year 6 Trip to Chessington

### 7th July 2023

Sports Day

### 14th July 2023

KS2 Talent Show

### 18th July 2023

Year 6 Production

### 21st July 2023

Year 6 Leavers Mass

### 21st July 2023

Last day of academic year



## 2023/2024

### 1st September 2023

SDD—no children in school

### 4th September 2023

Children return to school

Please remember that children should **not** be bringing any lip balms/creams/or medications in their bags to school. Anything that is required for medical purposes should be taken to the office by a parent/carer who will then be required to fill in a form.





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A big Happy Birthday to..

Nathan B

Liam S

Alice W

Lili Y

Shae B

Lucas D

Julia B

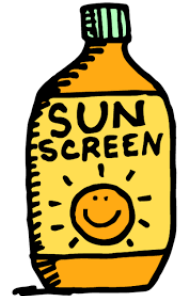
Rachel T

Alisa O

## Sunscreen

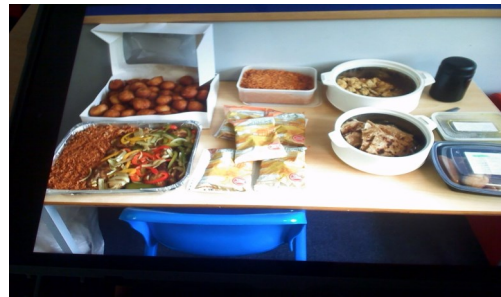
Just a reminder that no one should have sun screen at school in their bags. This is very important due to the ingredients.

Also, anyone who brings in hay fever or insect wipes needs to have a medication form completed and they need to be kept in the first aid room.



## Diversity Week

Year 6 celebrated diversity week by sharing food from home and celebrating one another's cultures. Thank you parents who were busy cooking, we all thoroughly enjoyed trying new things and tasting some incredible food!



## **Uniform reminder**

Please remember that every child is to be in full school uniform everyday.

If children have earrings these should be removed by their parent/guardian or they should be taped over. Hair should be tied up.



St Simon Stock Parish

Summer Fete

Saturday 24th June 2023

11am—3pm

Please come along to our Parish fete. We will have a bean bag toss, bric-a-brac, coconut shy, hook a duck, golden bucket, lucky dip, bottle tombola and lots more

Come and join us for a great family day out!

**Summer Fete**



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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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Online Identity Series**

Internet Matters Ambassador Dr Linda Papadopoulos shares advice for parents and carers to help children and young people be more authentic online and build an online identity that reflects them positively as they become more active online. To watch the short clip series to support your understanding, please click on the following link:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-identity-series/>

### **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>

### **Our Safeguarding team are:**

Mrs Le Breton	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Ebdon	Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Deamer	Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Simon D'Souza	Safeguarding Governor
Sinead Joshi	Safeguarding Governor

If you have any questions, or are worried about a child, please speak to us.