



St Thomas More School Newsletter

19th April 2024

'Love one another as I have loved you'



Merit Award

Daniela RC

Anaya RR

Charlie 1C

Daniel 1S

Olivia 2D

Shae 2D

Simona 2F

Israel 3B

Ekene 3L

Anne 3L

Thomas 4L

Roslyne 4S

Sophie 5C

Michaela 5M

Didier 6C

Nancy-Mae 6C

Izzy 6F

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 5!

The children had a lovely surprise on Monday when they came back to school to find we had received a delivery! We are taking part in the 'hatching eggs' programme again this year and the children have been fascinated watching chicks hatch from the eggs, take their first steps and quickly start feeding, drinking and become rather noisy!

This is a wonderful experience for our children, not only to support their learning of life cycles within the Science curriculum but it also allows our children to experience the awe and wonder of the natural world that God has given us and develops the understanding and acquisition of wider non-curricular skills such as animal husbandry.



Children are now allowed to wear their summer uniform or their winter uniform until the October half term of next academic year, please ensure that your child attends school in the correct uniform, including hair and footwear requirements. We have had several children return from the Easter holiday with earrings still in, please make sure that your child **removes earrings and other forms of jewellery before they arrive at school.**

Our Catholic Faith

In Mass on Sunday we celebrated the Third Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel we learned that, because Jesus died and was resurrected, we are assured that we will be forgiven for our sins and because He loves us and can be trusted in all things we will have eternal life with God.

When I called upon him, the God of my justice heard me, when I was in distress you comforted me

Your light O Lord, shines upon us and fills our hearts with joy

The Lord will hear me when I call to him

In peace we will rest for You fill us with hope

Lord, let your face shine on us

Amen



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Term 5

23rd April 2024

Y3 Trip—Kent Life

6th May 2024

Bank holiday

13th May 2024

Year 6 SATS week

23rd May 2024

Class Photos/Yr 6 individual

24th May 2024

Topic afternoon—parents in

Y1-5

24th May 2024

End of Term 5

Term 6

3rd June 2024

Start of Term 6

17th—18th June

SDD-No children in school

19th June 2024

Children back to school

1st July 2024

Sports Day

KS2 AM

KS1 PM

19th July 2024

End of the academic year



Attendance Anteater

5M



Punctuality Peacock

6C, 5M, 2D

We'd love to see you

Please see the attached coffee morning poster from the EWT. This will be held at St Thomas More on Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 9.10am.



Parish News

Every Monday at 7.30pm in the church hall, Fr Pawel will give a talk on the Our Father prayer taken line by line. Next week we will study the line **Our Father, who art in heaven.**

Please join us – all welcome.



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Sophie K
Isabella W
Teni A
George A
Bella P
Lilah P
Chinyere N
Joanna I
Emmanuel A
Joshua O
Freddie F
Noah F
Esther O
Daniel O
Moriah A
Aliona A
Isla M
Benjamin P

Request for donations

Due to the huge success of our vegetable patches last year, year 3 are looking to start planting again! Any donations of soil/ plants / seeds etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Bunyan



We hope you had a lovely Easter and were able to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with your loved ones. Now that Lent is over, please bring in your Lenten boxes so we can count all the money that has been donated. Thank you for your generosity.
The Beacons



MMR vaccine catch-up clinics running this April and May. Make sure your child is protected from measles

Following a rise in measles cases in London and England, the NHS are urging parents and carers to make sure their children are up-to-date with their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations. To do this you can check your child's red book, or check with your GP, who can offer MMR catch-up appointments. Measles can lead to serious illness but it is preventable through two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Catch-up clinics are available to school-aged children, and teens up to 19 years old, on **Saturday, 27 April** and **Saturday 18 May** at the Clover Street Clinic in Chatham.

To book an appointment visit

<https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/.../immunisation-community.../>

World Asthma Day (May 7th 2024)

Attached is a poster you may find useful.

The **TIME document** would be useful for parents and careers as well as professionals.



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MEDWAY SINGERS CONCERT SAT 27TH APRIL 7.30PM

The Medway Singers join the All Saints Singers in a Spring Concert at All Saints Frindsbury Church, Church Green Strood ME2 4HE on 27th April at 7.30pm Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for children. **ADULT TICKETS INCLUDE CHEESE AND WINE.** Call 01634 721160 to book. Tickets also available on the door.



CHATHAM SUMMER CAMP 2024
at Kingfisher Primary School

29th July - 2nd August
5th August - 9th August
8.30am - 4.30pm daily

Day Bookings Play in a band Learn 1 instrument Music games Band logo creation	Week Bookings Play in a band Learn 2 instruments Record on MP3 Star in a Music Video End of week concert
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Price per day **£50** Full week price **£225**

Get 10% Early bird discount
Ends 30th April

5% Sibling discount available
after the 30th April

BOOK NOW
www.irockschool.com/camp
0330 174 2655
info@irockschool.com

SCAN ME!

Holiday Camp

iRock School of Music is running a Holiday Camp in your local area at Kingfisher Primary School over the Summer Holidays. We are reaching out to local schools for support on raising awareness in Chatham and surrounding areas of the service we are running to children aged 5-12 years old

Camp iRock runs each day from 8.30 - 4.30 Monday to Friday and is packed with group musical activities: The children will form and play in a rock/pop band, they will create your their music video, record their own songs, star in a photo shoot and rock out as part of a concert at the end of the week.

SEND update

National ADHD medication shortage and support/advice for parents and carers (below).

[Patient information for ADHD supply disruption :: NHS Kent and Medway \(icb.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/adhd/)

Please be aware that the Medway SEND team and Medway Children's Health continue to experience high volumes of referrals which is adding further pressure to pre existing back logs. This does mean that many pupils are being held on waiting lists for long periods of time.

This is a nationwide issue and out of schools control.

If you have any questions or concerns about this please do speak to Mrs Austin our SENDCO

sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

SENDIAS can also offer impartial support and advice - please see below.

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/send/medway-sendias/>



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SEN support

Individual provision and school-based support plans were sent home for children with additional needs who are maintained on the school SEN support register at the end of last term. Should you have any questions regarding the targets set or the support in place for your child, please discuss this with the Class Teacher.

Mrs Austin our SENDCO is also available if required to discuss any questions or queries that you may have. If you would like to arrange a call or meeting please call via the office **01634864701** or email sen@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

Safeguarding

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Dear Parents

Please sign up to our fantastic resource The National College where you can find lots of useful information to support young adults, children including those with SEN and yourself. There is a whole host of information about Disney+, Snapchat, Roblox, YouTube, Whatsapp, conversation starters to help parents talk to their children about their mental health, cyberbullying, tips for stronger passwords, artificial intelligence and much, much more.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's online habits, speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head, Mrs Le Breton if you believe a child is at risk of harm.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/st-thomas-more-catholic-primary-school-8>

If your child has been a victim of online bullying and has had a nasty message, picture or video posted about them, you can ask the school for support to help find out who might have posted the content. In addition to your child speaking to you, they may wish to talk to someone outside of the family about what has happened to them and how it made them feel. Let them know that they can always call Childline with any worry, big or small on 0800 11 11. Within school, all children have posters available to them with the telephone number and also who to speak to if they're worried. Children also have a safeguarding notice board and have had a safeguarding assembly at the start of this academic year to support them.

If you are worried about a child, please contact Medway Safeguarding Children's Partnership to report your concerns or contact the school's safeguarding team for further support in doing so. You can also report through the NSPCC.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/>

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Head

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Headteacher

Mrs Deamer (Jody) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead/Pastoral Manager

Our Safeguarding team are:

Mrs Le Breton Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ebdon Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Jody 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.