



St Thomas More School Newsletter

5th May 2023

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Marian Mass' this morning to begin our celebrations for May, the month of Mary.

Our Beacons will lead their class with the 'Hail Mary' each morning during the month of May and Mrs Johnson will be praying one decade of the Rosary, one lunch time each week for the children to attend.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Fitzmaurice, Mrs Thompson and all those who helped with the organisation and running of the Infant Disco last night, the children had a fantastic time and I know our Juniors cannot wait for their turn.

The weather is very changeable at the moment so please make sure you send your children to school prepared for both rain and glorious sunshine!

The Year 6 SATs start next week and I am sure that you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck!

Drop off and collection

Father Pawel has requested that we no longer use the church pathway for parents dropping off or collecting their children from school. We will therefore need to close our car park gate at these times and families will need to exit the school via our pathway rather than the churches.

Could all families please refrain from bringing dogs onto the school site, parents with dogs should drop their children off at our pedestrian gate and children can then make their way down to the playground, which is supervised by an adult.

I hope you have a fantastic long weekend celebrating the King's coronation. We will be celebrating this special event over the coming weeks with different activities and parents are invited to hear the children sing the National Anthem at 2:45pm on the 15th May

Mrs Ebdon



Year 4 made Coronation biscuits this week



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Term 5 dates

8th May 2023

King Charles III Coronation
bank holiday—school closed

9th-12th May 2023

SATS

18th May 2023

Outdoor classroom day

19th May 2023

OPAL parent play date

19th May 2023

Last date for KS2 disco pay-
ment

25th May 2023

Class photo taken

26th May 2023

Last day of Term 5

29th May—2nd June

May half term

Term 6 dates

8th June 2023

KS2 Disco

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



2023/2024

1st September 2023

SDD—no children in
school

4th September 2023

Children return to school

Medway Libraries

Drop-in children's poetry writing workshop to write a
poem fit for a King!

We are running a free event on Saturday 6th May at
Gillingham Library at 10.30-12 and 2-3.30.

The event is free
als will be provided.



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Childhood immunisations

We have been asked by the
school nursing team to check
whether your child's immunisa-
tions are up to date. Although voluntary there
has been a large drop in the amount of children
having them since the pandemic. If you are un-
sure or would like to book your child in for their
immunisations please contact your GP.



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A big Happy Birthday to..

Andrew T

Eva A

Mila C

Sophia S

Jada-Grace D

Thomas D-R



Disco

The KS1 disco was a huge success, thank you to Mrs Fitzmaurice and Mrs Thompson, it is lovely to have new faces join our PTFA and we are very lucky that they organise these events for the children to enjoy.

KS2 disco is Thursday 8th June. The closing date for consent forms and payment is 19th May please note that we will **NOT** be able to accept payment after this date and the list for attendees will be closed and no new names added.

Class representatives—Thank you to all those who have come forward to volunteer as a class rep. We are still looking for class reps for the following classes RC, 1J, 2F, 3B, 4S, 4L if you think this is something you could help with please let Jody or the office know Thank you.



We have a number of summer dresses in a selection of sizes 50p each. If you would like to purchase one please email

parents@st-thomasmore.medway.sch.uk

to check we have the size you require.



Golden Welly Award

Felicity C



We are looking to refresh our collection of puzzles, construction toys and turn taking games .

We would be extremely grateful if you are having a spring clean and can donate any of the following;

Jigsaws suitable for age 5-10

Turn taking games eg. Hungry Hippo, Pop up Pirates

Educational puzzles linked to number/spelling/phonics

Matching pairs games

Construction toys such as lego/k'nex etc

Pokemon toys/puzzles





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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>

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.