

WE LOVE, WE PRAY, WE LEARN, WE PLAY



St Thomas Aquinas  
Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

## 17th May NEWSLETTER 2019

Dear Families,

We are tremendously proud of the Year 6 class who have tackled their SAT's tests this week with great maturity, a calm, positive attitude and resilience. We thank their parents for their support. We know Year Two have been working just as hard and will face their tests next week. We are very grateful to the other children and staff in school, who changed their morning playtimes, to ensure that the school was very quiet and to all the staff who have prepared the children for their tests. We look forward to celebrating the other talents and interests the children have for the rest of this term. We were also very proud of the Junior classes this week, who went to the Parish Mass on Tuesday or Thursday and were commended on their fantastic behaviour and responses to the mass. We thank Fr David for his blessings and special prayer for all the children taking their SAT's tests.

### **Summer Half term**

The Summer half term is from May 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of May. School reopens for the second half term on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. Early holidays will not be authorised. We particularly advise Year Two parents not to take children out of school next week, as their SAT's tests must be completed by May and cannot be taken in June.

**LOG IN DETAILS FOR INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES TO PARENTS: Important! Please contact the school office to obtain your login and password! Thank you if you have already done so! You will need to do this to ensure that you do not miss out on your child receiving a certificate on Fridays- as from after half term we will be contacting you on the app and not sending home paper copies about the certificates.**

We now have the facility on the school jotter app to send individual messages to selected parents similar to Parentmail: for any urgent messages, to send notifications on achievement certificates, request reasons for absence etc. Each parent the school has registered on its database will be given a personal login. If you require another person to have a login and password, please let us know. If you have not already done so, you will need to have downloaded the "School Jotter" app onto your phone. If you require details of how to do this, please contact the school office, as unless you have downloaded this, we will not be able to send you individual messages. If your telephone details change, please be sure to notify the school office as soon as possible. Once you have logged in, you need to stay logged in permanently to receive any individual messages sent by the school. Please make sure that the notifications on your phone are switched on permanently too.

**Year Three trip:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of May to Cadbury's World.

**Year 5 Brass performance:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11a.m in the school hall. All Welcome!

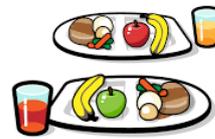
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Hearing Tests:** Year one have had their hearing tests in school today.



**3M challenge**



Congratulations also to a group of Year 6 girls, who have also reached the finals of the 3M Mighty Monument Challenge. They will be attending the presentation evening alongside the group of Year 5 boys who also reached the finals. Many thanks to the parents for all their help. We wish them the best of luck in the finals. We are very proud of all their talents and creativity.



**Primary School KS2 Meal Prices: Autumn 2019**

**LTS Catering**, who manages our school kitchen has held the price of primary paid meals for the last three years at £2.20. Due to increases in costs; generally around food and labour, they have had to review the meal cost and from the start of the Autumn term, **the price will rise by 5p**. The silver food for life menu still offers great value for parents for a two course lunch and EYFS and YR One and Two meals are still free. As part of the continual development of their food offer, their menu development chef is currently working on some new recipe ideas and options for the next menu. Sample copies of the new style menu for the Autumn term will be sent to schools, as soon as it is ready for release. We would recommend the school meals, as it is tasty, nutritiously balanced and well-thought out for each term. We are grateful to the LTS catering service for providing excellent sausage and bacon butties for the breakfast club for Year 6 this week and for ensuring the same quality of service is delivered in Mrs Crowe's absence. The ST Thomas Aquinas Academy will at some point next year, be developing cashless systems of payment for school dinners, trips, etc in schools such as ours that do not already have one.

**Year 6 Induction Days at Secondary Schools**

Delisle's induction days for the Year 6 pupils, who have had places accepted are on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Please note that parents are required to transport their children there and back for the induction days at their new Secondary school. St Mary's does not provide transport. Children need to go straight to their secondary schools on the induction days and not come to St Mary's first. The Delisle Year 7 staff will be in on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June in the mornings to talk to the children.

**Extra-curricular after school clubs: Summer Term**

There are a few places in some of the clubs. Please do let us know if your child does no longer want their place, so another child on the waiting list can be given the place. Thank you for returning the after school club forms so promptly. Please note that parents must sign up children termly for after school clubs, a place is not automatically assigned if your child has been in a club previously, to ensure all children have an opportunity to participate fairly. Some clubs such as dance and gymnastics are oversubscribed – therefore a waiting list is applied. Clubs do not run on the first week of every term to enable the club form to be sent to parents and the places to be allocated. **Please ensure, that you have switched on the notifications on the phone app, to receive the most up to date information and that you are reading the newsletter to check the starting dates of clubs. The school would also advise keeping the front part of the form, which states the start and end dates for the clubs.**

**SUMMER UNIFORM/ PE Kits:** The Summer uniform: of summer dresses and the St Mary's polo t-shirts



and shorts can be worn this Summer Term.

If children choose to wear the winter uniform – then the tie must be worn.

Please ensure children have their PE kits every day in school. They will not be permitted to take part in a PE lessons without the correct kit. We endeavour to increase the amount of PE in the summer months to take advantage of the Summer weather.

**Holidays in the School Term/ Sickness absences**

Thank you if you have not taken holidays during the school term. Holidays in the school term, cannot be authorised. If you are taking a holiday during the term time – the school must be notified in writing prior to the holiday. If your child is sick, **please call the school office each day of the absence** in the morning and do not use the messaging service on the school jotter phone app.



**Sport's Days**

24 <sup>th</sup> of June	KS1 sport's day : 2p.m: Cumberland field : reserve if it rains 26 <sup>th</sup> of June p.m
25 <sup>th</sup> of June	Ks2 Sport's day: Cumberland field: 2p.m: reserve if it rains 27 <sup>th</sup> of June p.m

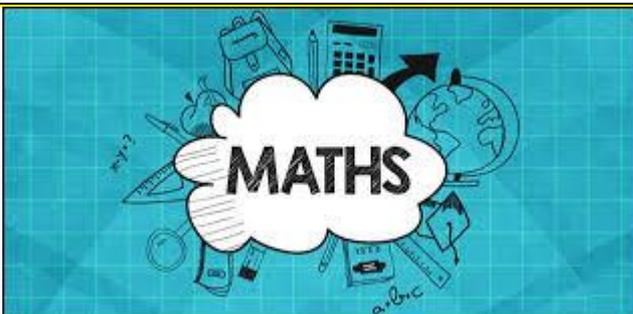


**Year 5 and 6 production**

9 <sup>th</sup> July	6p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production in the school hall
10 <sup>th</sup> July	7p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production in the school hall

**End of year reports and meet the next class teacher**

Your child's end of year report will be given on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of July**. Parent's afternoon drop in session on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July from 3.30p.m**. This will be an opportunity to speak to the current class teacher and to meet the next year's class teacher.



**Parent's Math's workshop 6<sup>th</sup> of June**

6<sup>th</sup> of June at 9a.m in the school hall. Mrs Petty and Miss Jordan will lead a workshop on math's methods used in school and then there will be an opportunity to tour classes to see the maths in action. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions, especially if you would like to know more about how to support your child with their math's homework or how we use the modelling equipment in school. We will also share the end of year Math's expectations for each child. If parent's would like

to attend an evening workshop on that day as they are working, please could they let Miss Jordan know, to ensure that there are sufficient numbers to set this up.

### **Permission to not attend PE or swimming lessons**

Parents must write to the school to let the class teacher know that they do not wish their child to attend the swimming or PE lesson, due to injury or ill-health. PE is a vital part of the school curriculum and permission cannot be given if it is verbally from your child.

**Year Three and Four Swimming** Year Three and Four will continue their swimming lessons every Friday of the Summer Term, except for the training day on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. Please ensure the children have their swimming kits.

### **Tennis Coaching : EYFS and Year One**

On Wednesday's from 9a.m The foundation class and Year One will have tennis coaching with a qualified tennis Coach Matt Wilford. Please ensure they have their PE kits.

**Staff** We are delighted that Mr Mount will return to teaching Year Three next week to take some of the lessons. Mrs Hunt and Mr Mount will teach year Three next week and the week after half term. Mrs Davis, the school's Deputy headteacher has been off ill this week and hopefully will be well to rejoin us after half term. Please pray for the school's kitchen manager Mrs Crowe and Mrs Kabala a school midday supervisor, who have been very ill and Mrs Kabala is still in hospital this week.

### **School Dinner/ club/ trips payments: Thank you**

It is helpful if you can put payments in envelopes with your child's name and what the payment is for, with the exact change. The box with envelopes is left outside on Monday mornings to speed up the process.



**Themed Lunch days**

**Many thanks to the kitchen staff for making so many excellent extra meals.**

Families are invited to join us for School Lunches on these themed days....

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of June:** The Queen's birthday – a selection of sandwiches and party food.

**Please note the change of date: for Year 6 parents.**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of July will need to be changed due to Induction Days at Delisle.:** Y6 Leavers Party Lunch- a selection of sandwiches and party food at 1.30p.m. We will confirm this as soon as possible.

Adult meals are priced at £2.94. Please let the office know on Mondays of that week, if you would like a meal, so provisions can be made.

### **Packed Lunches**

Thank you for providing healthy pack lunches. An external advisor will be visiting school on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June to audit how healthy the lunch boxes are, as part of our healthy schools award. As last year, we will report in the newsletter the results. Please ensure no nuts and nut based products are included in lunchboxes. We did find peanuts and cashew nuts last term. Some of the children are extremely allergic to these food items and it can be life threatening if even breathed in. We thank you for your co-operation on this.

### **FOSM : School Parents Teachers organisation**

**Thank you for all your generosity this term and to all the hard work of the FOSM.**

**Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>: Film Night: 3.15p.m – 5p.m in the school hall**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May: KS2: Junior and Infant Talent show from 6p.m: please note the change to date and time for the infant talent show. The infant and junior talent shows have been combined due to lack of entrants.**

*Tickets for the show will be available from the school office for £2.50 from the start of May. No tickets will be sold at the door.*

**Summer Fair: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of June 3.15p.m**

**School Disco: 5<sup>th</sup> July:**

**Infants 5.45p.m -6.45p.m**

**Juniors: 7p.m -8p.m**

There is a suggestion book on the table by the school hall entrance, please do fill it in if you have any suggestions of things to fundraise for or any fundraising ideas.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CATHOLIC LIFE AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

**Invitation to school Liturgies/ assemblies:** Families are very welcome to attend school assemblies/ Liturgies as follows:

Tuesdays                      9a.m    Prayer and liturgy led by the Headteacher or classes.

Fridays                         9.00 am      Achievement assembly (If we are attending mass, it will be on Thursdays.

You are invited to the next whole school Liturgy which will be led by Year Six on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of May at 9a.m.

The children can take part in rosary and meditation clubs run at break time by Mrs Moore.

### **Chaplaincy Team News:**

**Every Thursday is porridge day at break times for Mary's Meals. £1 bowl of porridge with fruit.**

**Toy Sale: 23<sup>rd</sup> of May: for Mary's Meal's Charity. If you have toys/ games in good condition that could be sold – please bring it in. Costs – 20p, 50p and £1**

**Collecting Tin Food: For Saint Joseph's Storeroom. Tinned food in date please, pasta, biscuits... Please leave in the school's front office.**

**First Holy Communion Classes:** These continue on Saturdays in the Parish hall and are run by St Mary's Parish Catechists.

Please pray the Vocations prayer at home. We are joining with the parish to pray it daily.

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

**LEADER:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

**ALL:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

**LEADER:** Bless our families. Bless our children.

**ALL:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

**LEADER:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

**ALL:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

## Dates for Your Diary

20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Year Two Sat's testing. Please ensure no holidays are taken in these weeks. Year Six will continue to work on their writing and science assessments after the SAT's week.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> of May	6p.m in the school hall: Junior/ Infant talent show
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> of May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> of May	Summer Half term Holidays School re opens on Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of June
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of June	RE other faith's week: Sikhism De-lisle staff in to meet Y6 pupils for transition and Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> of June.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> of June	6p.m in the school hall: New to EYFS meeting for parents.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> of June	Class photographs
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> of June	Parent's math's workshop : 9a.m
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> of June	International Day and celebrating Pentecost : children can wear cultural clothes: flag colours: food shared in the afternoon.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> of June	11a.m: Pentecost celebration at St Mary's church: school involved.
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonic's Screening week for Year One Year Six at the Briars Residential week Yr Four will also be trialling in this week the Government multiplication tests, which will be statutory for all year Four classes the following year.
13 <sup>th</sup> of June	3.15p.m : Summer Fayre
21 <sup>st</sup> of June	School closed to pupils : staff training day
24 <sup>th</sup> of June	KS1 sport's day : 2p.m: Cumberland field : reserve if it rains 26 <sup>th</sup> of June
25 <sup>th</sup> of June	Ks2 Sport's day: Cumberland field: 2p.m: reserve if it rains 27 <sup>th</sup> of June
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term reports to parents
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	EYFS, Year one and Two: picnic in the park a.m  Parent's afternoon :From 3.30p.m onwards: drop in classes to meet teachers about reports: meet the next class teacher
3 <sup>rd</sup> of July	KS2 trip
5 <sup>th</sup> July	School Disco
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 and EYFS prayer partner trip to the park 6p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production
10 <sup>th</sup> July	7p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production
11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15a.m: End of term mass and Y6 Leaver's mass in school
12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term Achievement assembly 9a.m
Last day of the Summer term 2019	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> of July 2019. School finishes at 1.30p.m.
Summer holidays begin	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> of July 2019
School reopens for the Autumn term	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> of August 2019

Thank you for your continued support for the school.

Have a super weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss P Jordan    Headteacher

