



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It has been lovely to see the school full again this week. The children all seem glad to be back and they have been great at respecting each others space and personal hygiene.

MEET THE TEACHER / IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Normally, we would be inviting parents in to meet your child's new teacher (s). As we are unable to do this, a lot of important information will be made available via Class Dojo and the school website by Wednesday 9th September.



Just a few points we would like to remind you about now that we have done a few days.

- Parents / children should not arrive on site before 8.45am.
- The Reception / KS1 drop off time is between 8.45am and 9am. This is done to avoid everyone arriving together. Please try and avoid an 8.45am rush - the doors are actually open until 9.15am, so take your time.
- At the end of the day please do not hang around the playground for a chat or to allow your child to play on the equipment. Again, the principal around the earlier / staggered pick up times is for parents to arrive from 3pm and collect their child (ren), then go. This is then frees up the playground for the pupils who finish later at 3.10pm.
- Finally, a big thank you to the huge majority of parents / pupils who have adhered to the one way system. We know its an extra walk for some but a few extra steps will benefit us all I'm sure!

If you need to come into the office to speak to Mrs Tonks please remember that you MUST wear a facemask and only one adult is allowed in at anytime.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY The children who were due to make their First Holy Communion in May of this year, will now do so on Saturday 19th September.

COMMUNION Separate information will go out to the relevant families, but due to Social Distancing Regulations in places of worship we are unable to open this up to the wider school and Parish Community. Please pray for James Kowalski, Spencer Ball, Meabh Fitzsimons, Ciara McCann, Harrison Yates. Harry Pritchard, Maddie Cash, Aaron Curran, Kathy Landers, Maisy & Mason McCaw.



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Although all of KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) now qualify for the governments UIFSM. Parents need to still apply for Free School Meals as this not only benefits families but it also greatly benefits school. Information below gives information on the criteria for Free School Meals. **If you claim any of the following benefits please contact Mrs Powell on 01922 666335 who can help with the on-line process.**

Question:

Who can get free school meals?

Answer:

You can claim free school meals for your children if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance eligible for Child Tax Credit **but not** Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more that £16,190. **Please note:** anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (from 30th April 2005)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time) Universal credit.

This week we would like to give every member of school including ALL the staff the HEADTEACHER award. This week has been an amazing week and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

CLASS	PUPIL	AWARDED FOR
NEW Reception	Everyone	
NEW Year 1	Everyone	
NEW Year 2	Everyone	
NEW Year 3	Everyone	
NEW Year 4	Everyone	
NEW Year 5	Everyone	
NEW Year 6	Everyone	

SCHOOL MEALS

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to FREE school meals (Universal Infant Free School Meals). The dishes are freshly prepared EVERY day by our wonderful school cook and paid for by the Government.



We offer a Meat dish, Vegetarian option or a Jacket Potato meal plus for dessert there is a choice of Homemade pudding, Fresh Fruit Salad or Fruit Yoghurt.

To take advantage of this great free offer please order in the mornings with your child's teacher. Next week on the new dinner menus we will be on week 2.

BREAK SALES

Don't forget, if your child would like to receive a morning snack / drink, please make sure that they have money on their Parent Pay account before 9am every Monday morning. The snack is 60p per day. If you put money on after 9am it will not be registered for that week. Thank you. If you have any problems accessing the information please let us know.

NEXT WEEK DINNER MENUS

Monday	Pizza & Wedges or Veggie Sausages & Mash
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka Masala or Mac 'n' Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Gammon or Quorn Roast
Thursday	Cottage Pie or Veggie Meatballs & Pasta
Friday	Fish & Chips or Quorn Nuggets



BLAST KIDS CLUB

Welcome back to school. After months of planning we are thrilled to say BLAST is now officially open! A big thank you to all of the parents who have already registered children. We still have some availability. So to request a registration pack or for any further information please pop us an email: office@blastkidsclub.co.uk Have a lovely weekend.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday



RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation - thinking about what we have done wrong and asking for forgiveness