



PUPIL ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

Recently, we have received a small number of requests for work to be put onto Google Classroom if children are off school ill. We just wanted to clarify that we will not be expecting children to complete work if they are ill – for the simple reason that if they are too poorly to come to school then they clearly need to rest and get better! The other reason is that when a teacher plans lessons for the classroom, a lot of the input and dialogue comes from them and the teaching assistant being physically present in class, engaging with the children. Work that is provided remotely is very different. Teachers do not have the time to try and change the format of the work for one or two children, whilst preparing to teach the rest of the class.



One last thing... If your child is poorly or has a medical appointment, please make sure that you phone the office and let Mrs Tonks know, or it becomes an unauthorised absence on their record. Thank you.

MAY PROCESSION



During the month of May, we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus. Traditionally in school we hold a May Procession where the children all gather outside and we crown Mary with flowers. This year, the May Procession is being held on Wednesday May 26th. **(Change of Date)**.

Due to us having new flower beds outside in our prayer area, we would ask that if on the Monday 24th or Tuesday 25th May if any parents would like to send some bedding plants in could they do so on these days. This way we can make our prayer area look amazing for the Thursday afternoon.

Those children who made their First Holy Communion earlier this month and those Year 4 pupils who made it in September 2021 are welcome to bring their special First Holy Communion clothes in on this day and change into them for this Mass.

GARAGE ROOF HELP!

We have a garage onsite which is used as storage for many items. We have found out this week that the roof is irreparable and needs to be replaced. Is there anyone out there that can help? School will pay for the materials needed but if there is a roofer amongst our parents who can advise us and help replace it we would be very grateful.



RETURN TO NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS



It is looking likely that on Monday 21st June a lot of Covid restrictions will be lifted. We would like to therefore give parents advance notice that school hours will return to normal. This means that **ALL** children will need to be in school by **8.50am** (except Nursery who start at 8.45am) and all pupils will finish at **3.10pm**. **Doors will open at 8.45am and close at 8.50am.**

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

This will take place on Friday 28th May during school time. Please make sure that your child has their bike and helmet (if wearing one) in school on this day. Also they must wear sensible clothes and trainers so they can ride their bike with ease. Please put the bikes in the bike shelter but do not lean them up against other bikes.



looking for donations of materials to help us with this project, and this could include the following:

- Small gardening tools (suitable for use by the children)
- Compost
- Plants and trees for the area.

If any parents are able to help us with any of this, we would be very grateful. If so, please contact Mr. Postles, Mrs. Hewitt or Mrs Tonks.



BLAST

Due to staffing numbers and COVID safety we need as much notice as possible if your children are joining us for AM and/or PM sessions. Please book your children in by either using our online booking system office@blastkidsclub.co.uk or contacting us on 07312870124.

QUINTON PLAYSCHOOL

We are located at St Thomas More Church Hall. We have some place available at our pre-school for children aged 2-5 years. We offer collection from St. Thomas Mors School Nursery and also accept children who do not attend the school Nursery. Our opening times are 11.45am - 3.15pm. We accept funded and non-funded children. Any enquires please call us on 07990868774.



HALF TERM HOLIDAY



MAY HALF TERM

We break up on Friday 31st May at normal school time and we re-open on Tuesday 8th June. School will be closed on Monday 7th June for a teacher training day.

NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 11th June we will be holding a non uniform day for bottles for our tombola stall for Funday. This will be our last non uniform day for this academic year. Thank you for all your support.



PARENT PAY



Please can you check your Parent Pay on a regular basis, ALL school meals **MUST** be paid for in advance! Year 6 Trips have been added to ParentPay, these trips must be paid for by the due date. Thank you.

FUNDAY

Planning is still going ahead for our annual Fun Day on Friday 25th June. We will be setting up stalls and refreshments etc while the Reception and Nursery classes are taking part in their races. At 10am we will open our refreshment stall where you can purchase Tea, Coffee, Pop, Cream Teas etc. The B.B.Q will open approximately at 1.30pm. When the races have ended the stalls and Bar will be opened. So please don't rush off, stay, enjoy a drink at our bar and have a go on the stalls. If the weather is not good, we have a back up date on Friday 2nd July.



2 Step Dance Academy

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Classes held at St Thomas More School on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
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Rec	Charlie Roberts	For being so thoughtful in Mass this week.	Roma Thompson
Year 1	Alex Kowalski	For his enthusiasm to learning.	Archie Witek-Rushton
Year 2	Ariya Kaur	For being a kind friend.	Holly Cashmore
Year 3	Amelia Critch	For always being kind and caring.	Ava Whitehouse
Year 4	Isabella Heath	For being a fantastic role model and always trying her best.	Meabh Fitzsimons
Year 5	Imogen Stevenson-Daniel	For being a kind and caring friend.	Phoebe Foster
Year 6	Amelia Ellis	For being kind and caring.	Erin Hinton

DINNER MENU FOR MONDAY 17th MAY 2021 Week 1

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Wedges or Cheese & Baked Bean Wrap
Tuesday	Hot Chicken Sandwich & Wedges or Mac 'n' Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast
Thursday	Pasta Bolognese or Hot Dog & Wedges
Friday	Fish Fingers & Chips or Quorn Nuggets & Chips

DIARY DATES

- Wednesday 26th May
 - Friday 28th May
 - **Monday 31st May**
 - **Monday 7th June**
 - Friday 11th June
 - Thursday 24th June
 - Friday 25th June
 - Tuesday 29th June
 - Thursday 1st July
 - Tuesday 6th July
 - Monday 12th July
 - Thursday 15th July
 - Wednesday 21st July
- May Procession. **(CHANGE OF DATE)**.
Year 6 Bikeability course.
HALF TERM.
Teacher Training Day. School Closed.
Own clothes day for Bottles for our Funday.
Year 6 Leavers Mass.
Sports Day / Funday. Reserve date 2nd July.
Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip. (Date Change)
Year 6 Trip to Holocaust Museum.
Year 6 Confirmation. 7pm St. Mary's Church.
Reports to parents.
9.30am & 2.15pm Signing assemblies. (times subject to change).
Year 6 Leavers assembly. **School closes at 2pm.**

