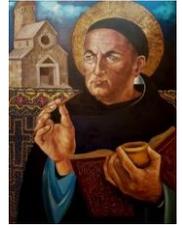


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Love one Another as I have Loved You
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30th August 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and on behalf of myself and the staff we hope you have all enjoyed the very hot summer holiday! It is an exciting time for St Thomas More as we join St Thomas Aquinas academy trust and as I have the privilege of being headteacher of this fantastic school and coming back to a school that is very special to me. I have met many of you already but over the next few weeks I hope to meet you and your family in the playground or at our school events. A letter will be sent on Monday with further details about the St Thomas Aquinas academy.

As we start a new term you and your child/children may be feeling a little apprehensive about the year ahead, this is perfectly normal and I would encourage you to talk to the class teacher about any problems, concerns or questions and I have every confidence that they will have the answers, but if you have any further concerns please come and see me. As an inclusive catholic school we live by our ethos to Love one another and every child is special and deserves the very best education. We are lucky to have the support of Father Michael and the amazing Parish community of St Thomas More. However from time to time you may still have a concern and at such time we will make every effort to respond to you within 10 days.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Kelsall who will be a teaching assistant with Mr Rowlinson in Year 6, Mrs Palfreman who will be a teaching assistant in Year 1 with Mrs Wheat and Mr Tillbrook and Miss O'Halloran who is a teaching assistant supporting in Foundation stage 2. We also have a new kitchen assistant, Miss Peacock who will also be helping with Breakfast Club.

Celebration Assembly

This will now be every **Friday at 2.30** as I would love parents, carers and family members to join us to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful children. Each week teachers will choose 2 children in their class to award them as the Stars of the week, this could be for academic performance, attitude or effort. Each Wednesday those parents will receive a text message to inform you that your child is receiving a certificate in assembly and we hope you will be able to join us. Even if your child isn't getting a certificate you are still more than welcome to join us at 2.30 to celebrate the wonderful things that happen during the week! We will also present certificates for the class with the highest attendance that week and all staff can also award lunchtime awards. These could be for good manners in the dinner hall to being helpful and kind in the playground.





Dates for the diary

Thursday 30 th August	School opens Reception parent meetings with Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Asher
Friday 31 st August	Reception parent meetings with Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Asher NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
Monday 3 rd September	A-MAH surname Reception children start school at 8.50
Thursday 6 th September	Whole school mass at church 10am
Friday 7 th September	Celebration Assembly 2.30- parents welcome
Sunday 9 th September	Mrs Burbela taking 10x Year 5 children to watch Joseph and his Technicolor dreamcoat at Kilworth house
Monday 10 th September	MAS to W surname Reception children start school at 8.50
Thursday 13 th September	Drop in mass at 10am with Mr Plant's class
Friday 14 th September	National teaching assistant's day! Celebration assembly 2.30- parents welcome
Thursday 20 th September	Drop in mass at 10am with Mrs Whitmore & Mrs Slater's class
Friday 21 st September	Celebration Assembly 2.30- parents welcome
Sunday 23 rd September	9am Mass led by Mr Rawlinson's class
Thursday 27 th September	Drop in mass at 10am with Mrs Davidson's class
Friday 28 th September	Celebration Assembly 2.30- parents welcome
Thursday 4 th October	Drop in mass at 10am with Mr Rawlinson's class
Friday 5 th October	2.15- Harvest and Celebration assembly- All parents welcome
Monday 8 th October	Bikeability all week for Year 6- more details to follow
Tuesday 9 th October	Book fair delivered to school
Thursday 11 th October	Drop in mass at 10am with Mrs Wheat/Mr Tillbrook's class
Friday 12 th October	12.30 cross country Yr 3-6 Celebration Assembly 2.30- parents welcome
Sunday 14 th October	9am Mass led by Miss Mackow's class
Monday 15 th October	Bikeability all week for Year 6- more details to follow
Tuesday 16 th October	Book fair collected
Wednesday 17 th October	Flu immunisations Parents evening 3.30-5.50pm- further details to follow
Thursday 18 th October	Parents evening 3.30-7pm- further details to follow
Friday 19 th October	Last day! Celebration assembly at 2.30 parents welcome School closes 3.15
Half term Monday 22nd October- Friday 26th October	
Term starts Monday 29th October at 8.40	
Thursday 1 st November	All Saints- 10am mass whole school



Communication

Good communication between parents/carers and school staff is our priority. Regular newsletters will be sent out and I will include dates for the diary and other important information.

We have also signed up for the School jotter App. Details are on posters around the school and further information to follow.

The website will be updated soon so please use this too as a way of finding out information about school and events.

It is always a good idea to check book bags daily as there may be information from the class teacher.

Uniform

Thank you for continuing to support the school uniform. A uniform list is available on the website. Please note it is just white t-shirt for PE and the normal navy tracksuit and NOT the hoody top that was on the M&S website. We have been in contact with them about that and sorry for any confusion. Please remember to name all items of clothing! Children MUST have a PE in school.

Summer holiday cleaning

A huge thank you to Mr Taylor and the cleaners who have worked tirelessly over the summer holiday to clean our school. We have also had the school hall painted so it is looking very bright and fresh!

Playground

As you were informed before the summer the trim trail was delayed so unable to be fitted during the summer holiday. However the good news is that it is still going ahead and we hope this will be during the next school holiday!

Over the holiday we have noticed some damage to school sheds and areas around the prayer garden. Can you please make sure that children are respecting the equipment and using the prayer garden appropriately before and after school. I will be speaking to all children about this during an assembly and thank you for your support with this.

The St Thomas more team and I look forward to the year ahead and working together to ensure all children fulfil their own potential and have an opportunity to shine!

God bless,

Mrs Crosse
Headteacher