



# Saint Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy

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**Love one Another as I have Loved You**  
**John 13:34**



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8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## I try to love others as I love myself

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year to you all. I hope you all had a very relaxing and peaceful Christmas holiday.

As the Christmas season comes to a close and we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on 13<sup>th</sup> January we are called to reflect on our own baptismal calling. Jesus had many women and men encouraging and supporting him during his life on earth as do each of us. As our cribs are now packed away at the end of the festivities, but for each of us Baptised into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, it is an ongoing story, to be continued throughout the year ; throughout a life time.

A new year is always a good time to reflect and think about what we can do better or change to live our lives as Jesus has taught us. Our theme this term is discipleship and in assembly we have briefly discussed what this means and the children are starting to think about what they can do differently to be more like Jesus.

### New Starters Autumn 2019

The closing date for applications to start in Foundation Stage in Autumn 2019 is **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. The supplementary form must also be completed and returned to school by this date too.

### Friends

A huge thank you to the Friends for their continued support and fundraising for the school during the Autumn term. There are lots of exciting things coming up for the rest of the year and remember everyone is welcome to be part of the Friends. The next meeting date will be announced soon.

### Uniform

Polite reminder about school uniform: Children should wear black school shoes and **NOT boots**. During cold weather children can walk to school in boots but must have school shoes to change into. **CHILDREN MUST NOT WEAR UGG STYLE BOOTS FOR SCHOOL.**

Bags- children should bring a **SMALL bag** to school, preferably a book bag for their reading books, letters etc. I appreciate some of the older children do not want book bags but please ensure it is a **SMALL** rucksack or bag. Our cloakrooms do not have the space for large bags and it can cause a health and safety risk.





## **PE Kit and lessons**

All children are expected to have a full PE kit available in school each week.

**Physical education (PE) is a compulsory part of the curriculum for all pupils at every Key Stage, from age four to 16.** Children are expected to participate in ALL PE and sports lessons at school. If your child has a serious medical condition which means they cannot participate we must be informed in writing.

## **Reading at home**

Please ensure your child is reading at home. When you have heard your child read it is important to ask questions to make sure they have understood what they have read. Remember to sign their reading record too! Just a signature will do!

Here are a list of useful websites to support with reading:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookstart/>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/tips-for-reading-with-your-child>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/>

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/top-10-tips-to-help-children-enjoy-reading.html>

## **Reading Volunteers**

Are you able to spare an hour in the afternoon to come into school to listen to some children read. Reading is such an important part of the curriculum and it would be great to have some more opportunities for some children to read on a 1:1 basis.

Please let the office know if you are able to volunteer.

## **Class assemblies/masses**

During the term each class will have their own class assembly. These will be on Friday afternoon at 2.00pm, followed by celebration assembly at 2.30pm. Please see dates below for your child's class assembly.

If your child's class is taking part in a Sunday Mass please try and support this wherever possible as it is a lovely opportunity for them and for the Parishioners to see our wonderful children.

## **Donations of plants**

Any donations of shrubs, bulbs or winter flowers would be much appreciated for our new containers. Thank you

God bless,

Mrs Crosse



**Dates for the diary**

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	School opens at 8.40
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	10am Whole school Mass
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 trip to Warning Zone 2.30 Celebration assembly
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30 Celebration assembly
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	6pm SATS meeting for Year 6 parents- details to follow
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	1pm- dental checks for a selection of children in F2/yr1
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>2pm Mr Rowlinson class assembly</b> 2.30 celebration assembly
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9am Year 3 to lead mass
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Thomas Aquinas Feast day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>2pm Miss Mackow's class assembly</b> 2.30 celebration assembly
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Height and weight checks F2 and Year 6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>2pm Mrs Langham's class assembly</b> 2.30 celebration assembly
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance festival for selection of KS2 at St Pauls
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>2pm Mr Plant's class assembly</b> 2.30 celebration assembly School closes for half term
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>HALF TERM</b>	