



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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I try to follow our school and classroom rules

Dear Parents/Carers,

We were sorry to hear the news that Mr Conlon passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Conlon, Cliòdhna & Sorcha at this extremely difficult time. Please pray for this former family of St Thomas More school.

Over the next few weeks we will be working together to.....

'Experience a sense of belonging within a range of communities, including the local Eucharistic Community, and play an active role as members of society.'

Governors

At St Thomas More we are blessed to have such a supportive Governing body and I wanted to inform you about a small change. Catherine Gribon and Clare Macdonald are now co-Chairs and are working closely together to support our wonderful school.

Changes to lining up in KS2

We have decided to change the way KS2 line up. They will continue to line up in houses but they will now be in year groups too, so a line of Yr3/4 and Yr5/6 for each house.

Uniform

Just a 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 to store them carefully.

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- CHANGE OF DATE

Mr Rowlinson's class assembly has been postponed so will not be on Friday 25th January. We will confirm a new date soon.

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

Monday 21 st January	6pm SATS meeting for Year 6 parents- details to follow
Tuesday 22 nd January	1pm- Dental checks for a selection of children in F2/yr1
Friday 25 th January	2pm Mr Rowlinson class assembly- postponed 2.30 Celebration Assembly
Sunday 27 th January	9am Year 3 to lead mass
Monday 28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas Feast day
Friday 1 st February	2pm Miss Mackow's class assembly 2.30 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 6 th February	Height and weight checks F2 and Year 6
Friday 8 th February	2pm Mrs Langham's class assembly 2.30 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 13 th February	Dance festival for selection of KS2 at St Paul's School
Friday 15 th February	2pm Mr Plant's class assembly 2.30 Celebration Assembly School closes for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February HALF TERM	