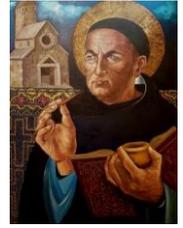


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Love one Another as I have Loved You
John 13:34

Headteacher: Mrs C Crosse

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs A Slater

12th March 2019

I can learn from my mistakes and failures

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The statement of the week helps us to think about positive changes we can make during Lent and how we can learn from things that may not have gone so well. At school we talk a lot about having a positive mindset and I like to think of the word **FAIL** meaning **First Attempt In Learning**.

Food bank Donations

There will be a box in entrance hall for children to leave biscuits, packaged cakes, crisps, anything they may have given up for Lent. Why not keep buying some of the food that you are planning to give up for Lent but to give it to food banks instead, often treats that we take for granted are never donated to food banks. Donating to food banks in this way will help us to grow as disciples and to get closer to Jesus.

Almsgiving

We will be supporting the CAFOD 'Give it up Campaign' by collecting money in our class boxes helping people like Rabiul and his family in Pakistan. The children will take part in an assembly in which we will explore the lives of the people in Pakistan whom we will support by raising money during Lent. You might like to watch it again at home together.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Lent>

Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who came in their own clothes and donated £1 for Comic Relief. We managed to raise £240!

Netball and Hockey

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 netball team. Last Thursday they managed to win all of their games with Year 5 only losing one game and that was against our Year 6 team!!! Well done and thank you to Mrs Lunn for her continued support.

Also some children from Years 3,4 and Year 5 participated in a quick sticks Hockey tournament. The Year 3/4 team came 5th and the Year 5 team came 2nd, however more impressively they won the Spirit of the Games award for their honesty and good manners towards the other teams. Well done to everyone who took part and represented the school so well.

Cross country

If your child qualified for Prestwold Hall on Saturday please make sure you have e-mailed Charlotte





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Dogs

Just a polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on school premises before or after school. This does include if you are carrying a dog.

Odd Socks Day- Thursday 21st March

World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness event...and we need you to help spread the word in your part of the world. You can help by coming to school in odd socks, bright socks or lots of socks! This year, the global theme is **“Leave no one behind”**

All people with Down syndrome must have opportunities to live fulfilling lives, included on a full and equal basis with others, in all aspects of society.

Parents evening

Thank you to everyone who came to parents evening, if you didn't manage to see your child's class teacher please pop into the office to arrange a meeting. Mrs Broomhead's parents evening is tonight and tomorrow. Mrs Wheat will also be seeing parents on Tuesday 19th.

Mother's Day service

On Friday 29th March our Foundation 2 children will be having a service at 9am. All welcome.

Friends Bingo Event

Hope you can all make the Friends Bingo event this Friday. Doors open at 5.30pm.

Twitter!

St Thomas More now has a twitter account @STMLeicester!

Please see separate letter about twitter and consent.

Please follow us on Twitter and share our amazing achievements and experiences as they happen!

God bless,

Mrs Crosse

Dates for the diary

Monday 18 th and Tuesday 19 th March	Mrs Broomhead's parents evening
Thursday 21 st March	Odd Socks Day- World Down Syndrome Day 10am Drop in Mass Mrs Whitmore and Mrs Slater's class
Thursday 28 th March	10am Drop in Mass Year 3
Friday 29 th March	9am F2 Mother's Day service in the hall- all welcome.
Friday 22 nd March	2.30 Celebration Assembly Friends Bingo event – 5.30pm
Sunday 24 th March	9am Year 4 to lead at Mass
Wednesday 3 rd April	Year 6 Bazaar in the afternoon
Thursday 4 th April	10am Drop in Mass Mr Rowlinson's class
Friday 5 th April	2pm Stations of the Cross Service 2.30 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 10 th April	Year 3 &4 Easter Play 9.30am
Thursday 11 th April	10am Whole School Mass at Church



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	Year 3 &4 Easter Play 5.30pm
Friday 12 th April	Celebration Assembly 2pm School closes for Easter 2.30pm
Monday 15th April – Friday 26th April – Easter Holidays	
Monday 29 th April	School opens 8.40
Thursday 2 nd May	Friends event- Film Night 3.30-6pm
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday- school closed
Thursday 9 th May	10am Drop in Mass Mrs Wheat and Mr Tillbrook's class
Friday 10 th May	2pm Mrs Ramsell and Mrs Cummins Class Assembly 2.30 Celebration Assembly
Saturday 11 th May	10am Holy Communion at St Thomas More Church
Sunday 12 th May	9am Mass Mrs Langham's class to lead
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 16 th May	10am Drop in Mass F2
Friday 17 th May	2pm Mrs Whitmore and Mrs Slater's Class Assembly 2.30 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 23 rd May	10am Drop in Mass Mrs Broomhead's class
Friday 24 th May	2pm Mrs Wheat and Mr Tillbrook's class assembly 2.30 Celebration Assembly 3.15 School closes for half term
Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May- Half term	
Saturday 8th June- St Thomas More Summer Fayre!	



18th March 2019

Dear Parents,

The school Twitter page will be used principally to share and celebrate the successes of the children and school with staff, parents, governors, other professionals and the wider community. The primary use of the school Twitter account @STMLeicester will be to share information detailing special events in school. The aim of this is to run alongside more traditional methods of communication e.g. parentmail and newsletters.

Each member of staff will be responsible for uploading content regularly. This could include, sharing examples of outstanding work, celebrations, achievements, education visits or residential visits and sporting events.

Twitter Protocols

- The Twitter account will be a secure account to promote school activities and primarily for parents with children at the school.
- The Headteacher will be the administrator of the account.
- St Thomas More will encourage teaching staff, governors and parents (of pupils) to be followers and will monitor and block any followers deemed inappropriate.
- St Thomas More will only follow other users who have clear benefits to the school (e.g. other educational establishments or organisations who work with children, local media). These will be decided on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of any member of the SLT.
- Only designated, trained staff users will be able to upload content for the Twitter page.
- All content should be education focused or celebrating achievements at St Thomas More.
- All posts will use appropriate and Standard English that contains correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Hashtags are permitted, but only those that are relevant and in keeping with the Catholic ethos of the school.
- Children will never be named directly in any way.
- Children with parents who have withdrawn permission for the school to use their images should never be featured on the school's twitter account. Designated users must check the list of those unable to have photos tweeted before posting.
- Only school equipment i.e. iPads/iPods should be used to post to the Twitter account. No personal mobile phones or tablets should be used.
- The Headteacher will have access to the account beyond the designated iPads to vet any inappropriate external content.
- The Headteacher will actively monitor the Twitter account @STMLeicester on a daily basis for direct messages and any tweets that require a response.
- Any inappropriate content will be deleted and its users will be removed, blocked, and, depending on the nature of the comment, reported to Twitter. Furthermore, incidents of a more serious nature may be reported to the appropriate authority.
- The direct messaging feature will only be used by the Head teacher.
- Only members of the SLT will be able to give permission for designated users to like, retweet, reply or follow other twitter accounts.
- Staff should refrain from using Twitter to endorse political positions on issues where the teaching of the Catholic Church is not clear e.g. BREXIT or where those political positions are contrary to the Church's teaching e.g. Voluntary euthanasia.

Please can the consent forms be returned to school by Friday 22nd March 2019.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Crosse



Consent for Twitter

Please tick as appropriate:

I **give my permission** for my child to have their photograph uploaded to the school twitter page.

I **do not give my permission** for my child to have their photograph uploaded to the school twitter page.

Name of child/children:

Class Teacher:

Signed _____ Parent/guardian

Date _____