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THE MORE MESSENGER

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning to love, live and celebrate as we grow in the knowledge and love of Christ*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

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| **Saturday 7th Dec 2024** | STMSA Christmas Fair @ 2pm to 5pm |
| **Sunday 8th Dec 2024** | School Choir performing at St Albans Abbey |
| **Monday 9th Dec 2024** | Year 4, 5 & 6 Reconciliation |
| **Monday 9th Dec 2024** | Key Stage 1 Nativity Dress rehearsal @ 9:30am |
| **Tuesday 10th Dec 2024** | Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 9:30am |
| **Wednesday 11th Dec 2024** | Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Pantomime Trip |
| **Wednesday 11th Dec 2024** | EYFS Nativity Dress rehearsal @ 9:30am |
| **Thursday 12th Dec 2024** | EYFS Nativity @ 9:30am |
| **Friday 13th Dec 2024** | Year 4, 5 & 6 Reconciliation |
| **Tuesday 17th Dec 2024** | Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - Scared Heart Church @ 6pm |
| **Wednesday 18th Dec 2024** | Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumpers |
| **Friday 20th Dec 2024** | End of Term - School finishes at 1:30pm |
| **Sat 21st Dec 2024 - Sun 5th Jan 2025** | Christmas Holidays - School Closed |
| **Monday 6th Jan 2025** | Inset Day - School Closed |
| **Tuesday 7th Jan 2025** | Inset Day - School Closed |

**Please check the calendar on the school website for updates and future dates.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

This week, we marked the start of Advent as we lit the first candle on our Advent wreath. We know the first candle represents hope and we pray we remain hopeful, just as Mary and Joseph were, during the season of Advent. *God of hope, awaken our hearts to You this Advent season and fill our hearts with hopeful anticipation of Your coming so that when Jesus arrives, we are ready to receive Him in our hearts and minds. Amen*

## EYFS AND Y1 PANTO SHOW

On Tuesday, our youngest children had a super time watching their pantomime show in school. Thank you to the STMSA and your support of their fundraising which paid for this experience.

## YEARS 2-6 PANTOMIME TRIP

Following on from the recent communication, if you haven't already done so, please click **here** to give consent for your child/children in Years 2-6 to attend their Pantomime trip on Wednesday 11th.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR - THIS SATURDAY 2-5PM

Join us on Saturday from 2-5pm at our school Christmas Fair. The STMSA have been very busy organising the many stalls and activities including Santa's Grotto, face-painting and much, much more. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

## NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

We are looking forward to sharing our school Nativities with you next week. Friends and families are invited to attend the main performances on Tuesday (Years 1 and 2) and Thursday (Nursery and Reception) at 9.30am. There will be refreshments available beforehand, after school drop off. You are also welcome to watch the dress rehearsal performances, however there will be limited space due to the rest of the school being in attendance. There will be retiring collections for chosen charities.

## MUSIC CONCERT

Thank you to all the children from who performed for us on Friday morning. Thank you to Mrs Harris, Mrs Gordon and Mr Perera for their support and to the large number of parents and family members who were able to join us.

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thank you to all those who have selected their child/children's meal for our school Christmas Dinner. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to have Christmas Dinner and have not yet responded.

## PRAYER AT HOME

This week's resource is available **here**. We hope you enjoy using it.

## ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

**Christmas Fair – Saturday 7th December 2-5pm**

Festive Fun for all the family to enjoy featuring Santa's Grotto, Christmas crafts, fun with Science, Elfridges Gift Room, raffle, food & drink, festive stalls, face painting.

Santa's Grotto and face painting can be booked online where you can also find the Christmas decorations the children have made.

**Click here** to pre-book slots for visits to Santa's Grotto and face painting on the day of the fair. All the details about the above can also be found on your class WhatsApp groups.

**Wreath Making**

Thank you to all those who attended the wreath making last night and thank you to Mrs Hennis and her team for organising such a wonderful event.