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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

Anything in The More Messenger that is red and underlined is a dynamic link. Click or tap the link to take you to further information or booking forms.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Wednesday 17th September	STMSA Apple Juice stall (after school)
Tuesday 23rd September	STMSA Committee Meeting - The Old Mill @ 8pm
Wednesday 24th September	OPAL Parent Workshop 3.20-4pm in the hall
Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th September	Parent Consultation Evenings - virtual 3.40-7pm
Wednesday 1st October	Learning Showcase - children's work out in class on display STMSA Cake Sale and Halloween Costume Swap in hall
Friday 10th October	STMSA Quiz Night - School hall @ 7pm
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half Term - school closed
Friday 7th November	STMSA Glow Party - after school

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 94%	THIS YEAR - 94%

MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. Our new Executive Headteacher, Mr Sallis and our new Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Johnson, were made to feel most welcome. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a short feedback form which can be found **here**. Meet the Teacher slides can now be found on the class pages of the **website**.

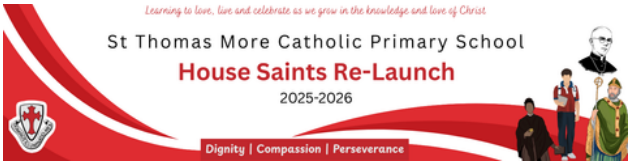
START OF YEAR MASS

Thank you to Fr Joseph who came to celebrate Mass to mark the start of the new school year for us on Monday. Thank you to those from our school and parish community who were able to join us.

FOCUS GROUP

A letter was shared earlier today about an upcoming focus group being run to help us better understand the perception and views of our school. The letter can also be found on our website **here**. If you are available and interested in taking part, please contact the school office. Thank you for your time and support.

HOUSE SAINTS RE-LAUNCH



In our Catholic faith, we're lucky to have so many amazing saints to look up to - each with their own story, strengths and example for us to try and follow. Is there a saint who really inspires you? Someone you think would make a great role model for one of our school houses? Fill out the form **here** or the banner above to suggest a saint for one of our new House names. Your ideas will be shared and voted on by members of each house to decide our new school House Saints! Thank you to those who have already shared their suggestions.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Trowbridge and all who helped with the second hand uniform sale last week. Thank you also to Ms Duggan, Mrs Hammond, Mrs Nichol, Mrs Hennis, Mrs Walsh, Ms Leahy, Mrs Moshakis and Ms Sharma for their time and help with the apple harvesting to make our lovely juice!

THANKS CONTINUED

A big thank you to the Curran family who very kindly donated a mud kitchen to our Forest School area. We know the children will get great use and enjoyment from this.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA) NEWS

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to all our STM families as we begin a brand-new school year and a special hello to our new parents and carers joining the school community for the first time. We're so pleased to have you with us! The PTA is here to help bring families together, support our wonderful school, and make sure our children have plenty of fun along the way. We've got lots of exciting events planned this term, and there are so many ways to get involved - every bit of support makes a difference.

Committee Meeting - Tuesday 23rd September, 8pm at The Old Mill

We'd love to see as many parents as possible join us for our first PTA committee meeting of the year! It's a friendly and informal get-together where we share ideas, plan fun events, and look at ways to support our lovely school community.

This year is an especially important one as we'll be starting to look for new parents to take on the PTA Chair roles in the future. It's a brilliant way to make a difference, meet other families, and be part of shaping the events and opportunities our children enjoy. No experience needed - just bring your enthusiasm and ideas. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love for you to come along and see what it's all about!

Thank You for Apple Picking!

A big thank you to Colleen for this wonderful idea and to everyone who helped with our apple harvest. The trees by the climbing frames near Year 2 were overflowing, and with your help we'll be producing **199 bottles** of delicious STM Apple Juice.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:

Apple Juice Sale - Wednesday 17th September, after school pick-up

Our freshly pressed STM Apple Juice will be on sale - 199 bottles available (they l
£5 per bottle, or 3 for £12.

Cake Sale & Halloween Costume Swap - Wednesday 1st October, after school pick-up

While you take a look at your children's books in class, come and grab some cake and pick up (or swap!) a Halloween costume. More details to follow

Quiz Night - Friday 10th October, 7pm

Our first big fundraising event of the year! Join us for a fantastic evening of quizzing, delicious food, and a great chance to get to know other STM parents. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Glow Party - Friday 7th November, after school

Don't miss our Glow in the Dark extravaganza - disco, hot dogs, soft drinks, arts & crafts, and marshmallow toasting! Pencil the date in and more details to follow.

100 Club Winners

The 100 Club is STM's very own mini lottery. For just £5 a month, you'll be entered into a monthly draw with prizes of £100, £50, and £25.

September Winners: 1st (£100) Angela Fitzgerald 2nd (£50) David Toorawa 3rd (£25) Jo Cosgrove
If you would like to be a winner, please sign up via **this link**.

Autumn 1 REMINDERS:	FOREST SCHOOL Year 2	SWIMMING Year 4