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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...

***New dates in green**

Wednesday 18th March	Reception pupils for the annual screening at 9.15am
Tuesday 24th March	Easter Production - Parents - 6pm
Friday 27th March	PTA Easter Trail - after school
Friday 27th March	End of Term 1:30pm finish
Monday 13th April	Children return to school
Thursday 16th April	HMS Singing CPD Workshops
Friday 17th April	OPAL Parent meeting/stay and play 2:45pm
Tuesday 28th April	Y5 Retreat @JFK
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday - Schiool Closed
Wednesday 6th May	Y4 Retreat @JFK

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 96.92%	THIS YEAR - 95.4 %

SCIENCE WEEK

Our children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Science Week, with every year group experiencing exciting and engaging workshops throughout the week. Activities included learning about bubbles, materials and moving toys, which sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm. We would like to say a special thank you to our parent volunteers for supporting the workshops, to Mrs Allen for leading a fascinating Year 2 talk on physiotherapy, to Mrs Firim for organising the week so successfully, and to the PTA for funding such a valuable and enriching experience.

PRAYER AT HOME

This week's resource can be found here to share with your families.

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BIKEABILITY

Our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Bikeability. The sessions were a great opportunity for the children to build their confidence, develop their cycling skills and learn important safety knowledge with the support of the excellent instructors. We are proud of how well they took part and look forward to Year 6 enjoying the course in the summer term.

FOOTBALL NEWS - MR CORREA

Last week saw both football teams in action for St Thomas More. First up were the girls who, despite having had a long break due to the weather and pitches, produced a real team performance with total commitment on show alongside some wonderful skill. Led by captain Emily, the girls played ever so well in recording a 3-0 win over Hobletts Manor. Our goals were scored by Margot (2) and Elise with player of the match was awarded to Margot.

Later in the week, the boys picked up the baton to play their A&D Cup quarter final. In a back-and-forth encounter, the boys recovered from 4-2 down at half-time to force extra time. A solitary goal in the additional period gave STM a 6-5 victory and progression to the semi-finals. Goalscorers were Nicholas (4), Otto (1) and an own goal. Picking a player of the match from the boys was so difficult once again, with the Year 5 contingent including Elijah, Elliott and Marcus all standing out. Eventually, it was awarded to Nicholas.

Congratulations to all of our boys and girls who represented our school, worked hard, worked together and achieved fantastic outcomes. The qualities of dignity, compassion and perseverance were visible throughout both games.

FUNDRAISING - TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Our Mary's Meals fundraiser for the Teddy Bears Picnic has finished and we raised over £100 (which was double our target). This means we have fed 6 children for a whole year.

OPAL

We are continuing to develop our OPAL playtimes and would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted items from home.
If you have any of the following in good, safe condition, please consider bringing them in:

- **Kitchen utensils and equipment such as pots, pans, baking trays and mixing bowls**
- **Buggies or doll pushchairs**
- **Action figures and small character toys**

Thank you for your support in helping us enrich playtimes for all children.

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STMSA News

St Patrick's Day Event – Saturday 14th March, 12 – 5:00pm.

Tickets for this event are selling fast so if you would like to come and haven't got tickets yet they can be booked after mass, via 07753 400 989 or aislinghilsdon@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Easter Trail - Friday 27th March (after school, last day of term)

Follow the clue sheets on a fun trail around the school grounds! Complete the trail and claim a chocolate Easter egg. All children and siblings are welcome to join in the fun.

PTA Committee Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined our planning meeting on Thursday. It was great to see new parents getting involved, and we're excited about the fantastic events ahead!

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