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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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Friday 17th July	End of Term 1:30pm finish
Tuesday 1st September	**INSET Day**
Wednesday 2nd September	**Children return to school**
Tuesday 8th September	**Meet the teacher meetings with parents 3:20pm**
Tuesday 14th September	**Special friends assembly - EYFS and Year 6 parents are welcome 2:40pm**
Tuesday 14th September	

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 95.59%	THIS YEAR - 95.4%

As we share our final newsletter of the school year, we look back with great pride on what has been a joyful, successful and memorable year for our whole school community. Our children have worked incredibly hard, embraced new opportunities and achieved so much, both in and beyond the classroom. We are extremely proud of the kindness, enthusiasm and perseverance they have shown throughout the year. Thank you to all our families for your continued support and partnership, and to our staff for their dedication and commitment to the children. We wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday filled with happy memories.

We also say a special farewell to our Year 6 children and their families. Thank you for everything you have contributed during your time at St Thomas More. We wish you every happiness and success as you move on to secondary school and begin this exciting new chapter. You will always remain an important part of our school community, and we look forward to hearing about all that you go on to achieve.

PRAYER AT HOME

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

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FAREWELL TO MRS BAKER

As Mrs Baker prepares to leave her role as Executive Deputy Headteacher, we give thanks for the care, commitment and leadership she has shown to our school community. Her dedication, support and contribution to our school community have been greatly valued, and she will be missed by us all. She is now looking forward to spending more precious time with her family and enjoying her important role as a mum. We pray that God will bless her and her family in this new chapter. We know this is not truly goodbye, as we look forward to welcoming her back for many visits in the future.

YEAR 6 ASPIRATIONS AND CAREERS MORNING

Last week, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and engaging Careers and Aspirations morning, where they had the opportunity to learn about a wide range of professions, including physiotherapy, community development and charity work, veterinary medicine, data analysis and artificial intelligence, and general practice. The children asked thoughtful questions and gained a valuable insight into the different skills and pathways involved in each career. A huge thank you to all the parents who generously gave their time to support this lovely event and inspire our pupils.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY AND MASS

Wednesday this week saw our Year 6 class share their fondest memories of their time at STM in our Leavers Assembly. Laughter, pride and friendship shone through as the children recounted events from Nursery right through to Year 6, highlighting the journey they have been on with us.

On Thursday, we gathered together as a school community to share the Leavers Mass. Our Year 6 students showed great confidence and reverence in participating in the Mass and were presented with a small memento of their time at STM.

EYFS GRADUATION

Last week we had the pleasure of celebrating all the achievements and experiences of the youngest children in our school as Reception celebrated their EYFS Graduation! Despite the heat, the children's enthusiasm and pride in their achievements shone through, both in their singing of songs and memory sharing. We could not be prouder of you all The celebration culminated in the highlight of the event, where the children proudly received their certificates, resplendent in their gowns and bespoke mortar board hats. After a prayer of thanks for this wonderful year, the children and their families enjoyed a light tea party. Thank you to all our Reception families, and our fabulous STMSA, for your incredible support this year. You are all amazing!

GOSH COOKIE SALE

A few weeks ago, our school community came together to support Chloé's fundraising sale, raising an impressive £102 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make the event such a success. Well done, Chloé!

OPAL RESOURCES REQUEST

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:

- **Buggies or doll pushchairs**
- **Action figures and small character toys**
- **Dress up items**
- **Suitcases**
- **Old electronics**
- **Laundry basket**

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

We're currently offering free rugby introduction sessions for primary school-aged children every Saturday morning from 10:00am to 11:00am. These sessions are designed to give children a fun, safe, and welcoming introduction to rugby, regardless of whether they've played before – we're doing this for Free – all Summer.

STMSA

A Heartfelt Thank You from the STMSA - What a Year!

As another fantastic school year comes to an end, we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the STMSA this year.

Whether you volunteered at an event, donated prizes or cakes, helped behind the scenes, came along to support, or simply bought a raffle ticket or ice cream – every contribution has made a real difference. A special thank you also goes to our wonderful teachers and staff for their continued support, and to our amazing committee members, who give so much of their time to organise events throughout the year.

Thanks to everyone's generosity and enthusiasm, we've been able to raise an incredible amount for the school and help fund projects and resources that directly benefit our children. A full break down of amounts raised and spent will be released in September but below is a little snap shot of what we've raised this term and some of the things your fundraising has made possible this year.

☀️ **Summer Fayre - £5,547.78**
🌎 **International Day - £296.35**
🏁 **Sports Day £144.38**
🍬 **Father's Day £239.99**
🐣 **Easter Trail - £306.86**

Your fundraising has either fully funded or helped towards:
Christmas Pantomime Trips, Forest School Equipment, Science Week Workshops, School Trip Contributions, OPAL Mud kitchen, Outside Sandpit, EYFS Resources, Y6 Leavers' Party and more....

As we look ahead to September, there will be a few changes within the STMSA committee, with some members stepping down from their roles and others taking them on. We'd like to thank those who are moving on for all of their hard work and commitment, and wish our new team every success. We're excited to see them build on everything that's been achieved this year. The new committee roles are listed below.

Co Chairs – Sorcha Kerrigan & Denise Leahy
Co Vice Chairs – Denise Furey & Tracie Lacey
Secretary – Sandra Hallinan
Treasurer – Shannon Wightwick

We hope you all have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to another fun-filled year of fundraising in September! ☀️