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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...

***New dates in green**

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
Monday 27th April - Friday 1st May	**Arts week**
Tuesday 28th April	Y5 Retreat @JFK
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday - Schiool Closed
Wednesday 6th May	Y4 Retreat @JFK
Thursday 7th May	**Reception Trip to St Albans Cathedral**
Thursday 14th May	**Mass for the feast of Ascension at school - parents are welcome**
Monday 18th May	**Class photo day**
Thursday 18th June	**Sport Day**

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK -96.6 %	THIS YEAR - 95.5 %

We introduced our whole-school focus on Pride in Presentation earlier this month, encouraging children to take care in how they present themselves and their work through smart uniform, clear handwriting and thoughtful presentation. Since launching this focus, we have been very pleased with the response in school. Children have taken it seriously, staff have already noticed a positive difference, and we have also received lovely feedback from parents. It has been wonderful to see pupils showing such care, effort and pride, with many children already receiving certificates in recognition of their hard work.

As this focus has been going so well, we have decided to extend it until the end of half term so that these positive habits continue to grow and become firmly embedded.

PRAYER AT HOME

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

FOLLOW US Find us on social media:
Instagram - @stmorecps
Facebook - St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

GIRLS FOOTBALL NEWS - MR BROOKS

Lots to be proud of on the football pitch this week, as our Girls' team won both their matches this week. A 2-nil away victory vs Bovingdon on Monday was followed by a 5-nil home win against Greenway on Thursday! Mr Correa and Mr Brooks are exceptionally proud of the performances from every single player who represented the school so fantastically!

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:

- **Kitchen utensils and equipment such as pots, pans, baking trays and mixing bowls**
- **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.

SCIENCE RESOURCES REQUEST

With the warmer weather arriving, our Laudato Si' Squad is beginning to plan how we can further develop our eco garden. We would love to create a welly wall filled with plants and a spiral herb garden to enhance the space. We would also love to hear from any parents, carers or family members who may be willing to support the Laudato Si' Squad as we continue our work towards sustainability.

We are currently looking for:

- **Small spare wellies**
- **Spare bricks**
- **Parent or family volunteers to help support our eco projects**

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STMSA News

St. Patrick's Day Event

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make this another fantastic event! There was such a lovely atmosphere and it is always wonderful to see our wider community coming together. A special shoutout to Aisling Hilsdon and her team for all their hard work in planning and making it happen - we truly appreciate it!

Easter Trail - Friday 27th March 1:30-2:30pm

Join us for some end of term fun at our Easter Egg Trail! 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 - £3 per child. Book below or via Whatsapp

https://tinyurl.com/22yz7rwr

PLUS! We'll also be holding a school uniform & summer clothing sale - a great chance to stock up for the warmer months! Hope to see you there!

Next term - *Save the date*

Fri 12th June – Summer Fair and Footballathon – Pop the date in your diary for our biggest event of the year! Details and how you can get involved to follow!

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