22.11.24

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....

Saturday 23rd Nov 2024	STMSA Christmas Forest Craft - **cancelled**
Friday 29th Nov 2024	Occasional Day - School Closed
Monday 2nd Dec 2024	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 3rd Dec 2024	EYFS & Year 1 Panto - Search for Santa (in school)
Thursday 5th Dec 2024	Reception Class Tour (2025 Cohort) @ 10am
Thursday 5th Dec 2024	STMSA Wreath Making
Friday 6th Dec 2024	Christmas Music Concert @ 9am
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

On Monday, we reflected on St Mark's Gospel reading heard at Mass on Sunday. St Mark encourages us to be ready for Jesus' return to earth. We 'will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory...to gather his chosen' (Mark 13:24-32). We considered how we can best be ready for Jesus to come again - ideas shared by the children included receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation to seek God's forgiveness for our sins as well as suggestions that we should more readily share and be kinder to our siblings.

PRAYER AT HOME

Each week, colleagues from within our academy trust prepare a prayer resource to be shared with families across our group of schools to support them in praying together at home. This week's resource can be found by **clicking here**.

SACRED HEART YOUTH MASS

Youth Mass and social - Saturday 23rd November at 5pm Sacred Heart church Berkhamsted. All ages welcome at the Mass, the social afterwards is for Years 7+ with pizza and fun.

MP VISIT TO SCHOOL

On Friday, we were honoured to have the newly elected Victoria Collins MP for Harpenden & Berkhamsted visit St Thomas More school. Victoria had a tour around our school and met with our school council pupil representatives who got to ask questions about life as an MP and working in the Houses of Parliament.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please book your child's meal for our school Christmas dinner by **Thursday 5th December** using the following online form - **click here** to access the menu and order form.

OPAL UPDATE

A big thank you to the Year 6 pupils and their families from 2023-2024 who kindly purchased a selection of items to replenish our OPAL play stock including stepping stones, boom-box and a bubble machine as a leaving gift to the school, we are very appreciative.

STMSA NEWS

School Uniform and Cake Sale – TODAY – Friday 22nd December - 3.15-4.00pm
Please join us in the hall after school to buy pre loved school uniform along with delicious cakes baked by Year 6. Proceeds to go to the school pond.

Christmas Forest Craft and Campfire with Colleen – Saturday 23rd November - **CANCELLED.**
Sadly we have had to cancel this event due to the forecast for high winds.

Christmas Wreath making - Thursday 5th December 7pm – LAST FEW SPACES AVAILABLE
Join our wreath making evening to craft your own stunning Christmas Wreath. £38 per adult. Bring a friend and enjoy a mince pie and a glass of prosecco on arrival. RSVP by Monday 25th November to contactstmsa@gmail.com

Christmas Cards designed by your child – DEADLINE midday Monday 25th November
The online shop has reopened. Last chance to buy Christmas cards and other gifts featuring the design drawn by your child. Please contact Clara Child Y5 if you have any questions.

Christmas Fayre – 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. We need your help to make the Christmas Fayre a success. This weekend please help the PTA Elves prepare for Christmas by doing the following - By 27th November bring in:

1. Jar of sweets for Lucky Jars
2. Bottle for the Bottle Tombola
3. Gift to be re-gifted at Elfridges
4. Your contribution to your Themed Class Hamper
5. Buy Raffle tickets (pay cash or online)
6. Plan or design your spectacular cake for our Bake off competition (bring in on 6/12/24)
7. Volunteer to help on your class stall
8. Book your slot for Santa's Grotto and face painting
9. Buy your child's Christmas decoration made in class
10. You also have the option to make a donation to the PTA

Click here to book. All the details can be found on your class WhatsApp groups