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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....

Friday 7th February	Number Day - children invited to dress as a number
w/c 10th February	Other Faiths Learning - Islam (Years 1-6)
Thursday 13th February	Nursery Stay and Play Teddy Bears' Picnic - **8.45-9.30am**
	Reception Stay and Play Teddy Bears' Picnic - **2.30-3.15pm**
17th-21st February	Half Term - school closed
Tues 25th- Fri 28th February	Book Fair - sales after school Tues/Weds/Thurs/Fri Click **here** to see the event poster

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 94.81%	THIS YEAR - 96.40%

ASCAT TORCH OF HOPE - HANDING ON

This week we marked the end of our time with the Torch of Hope. We celebrated with a whole school liturgy on Monday morning before pupil representatives from our school travelled to meet pupils from John F Kennedy school. We gave thanks for our time with the torch and offered prayers for the children and communities the torch will travel to on its journey over the course of this Jubilee Year. A working link for the lovely Jubilee Launch video shared last week can be found **here**. Thank you for your patience.

LEARNING SHOWCASE

Thank you to all those who were able to join us for our Learning Showcase and STMSA Cake Sale on Wednesday. It is lovely to see so many children proudly sharing their learning with their families. Thank you to the STMSA and all those who donated delicious cakes - they were very popular!

FAMILIES FIRST SUPPORT

See flyer **here** for information on how to access support for issues including: parenting advice and courses, school attendance and anxiety, money advice, domestic abuse, SEND Local offer and much more. Any questions can be sent directly to familiesfirst.support@hertfordshire.gov.uk

PRAYER AT HOME

This week's resource, reflecting on Holocaust Memorial Day, can be found **here**.

SPRING IS COMING

Please take care to avoid walking on the grass on the school driveway to give our planted bulbs the best chance of survival as they begin to spring up so we can enjoy their colourful blooms.

SACRED HEART YOUTH MASS - 1ST FEBRUARY AT 5PM

Join other young people in the celebration of Mass. After Mass there will be a social for children in Years 7-13. The poster with more information can be found **here**.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (STMSA)

Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes and attended our Learning Showcase and cake sale on Wednesday. Thanks to your support we raised around £200 in a very short space of time.

Thank you to parents and staff who attended our AGM. The financial update showed a healthy and successful year with £18,000 raised and the same amount disbursed to the school for forest school, school trips, science week and other enrichment activities. A massive thank you to our outgoing treasurer Liz Jaggs and secretary Clare Trowbridge for their many and varied contributions to the success of the PTA. A warm welcome to our new treasurer Sorcha Kerrigan and secretary Denise Leahy and to Jules Yeomans who will be taking on Supermarket vouchers and 100 club. Thank you to longstanding committee member Monica Murray and welcome Ann Moshakis. We are very lucky to continue to have such a great team!

Following the AGM we held a regular committee meeting and outlined planned events for the calendar year. Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer in any way. If your employer offers employee volunteering days you can use these for PTA activities.