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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**

Monday 13th April	Children return to school
Wednesday 15th April	**Year 6 - Football Tournament - Kings Langley 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
Monday 11th May	**SATS Week**
Thursday 14th May	Mass for the feast of Ascension at school - parents are welcome
Thursday 14th May	**Year 5 Residential to Phasels Wood Root'd**
Tuesday 19th June - Wednesday 20th May	Class photo day
Monday 18th May	Sport Day
Thursday 18th June	

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SCHOOL TARGET - 97%	THIS WEEK - 96.51%	THIS YEAR - 95.5 %

As the spring term draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our children, staff and families for the support, encouragement and commitment you continue to show to our school community.

It has been a rich and rewarding term, with many opportunities for the children to learn, reflect and take part in memorable experiences. From moments of prayer and worship during Lent to exciting events such as Science Week, World Book Day and our Easter production, there has been a great sense of energy across the school. It has also been wonderful to see the children responding so positively to our continued focus on pride in presentation, both in the care they are taking with their work and in the way they wear their uniform with pride.

Preparing to celebrate Easter reminds us of the joy, hope and new life that this season brings. It is a special time to pause, reflect and enjoy precious time with family and loved ones.

I wish all of our families a happy and peaceful Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back for the start of the summer term.

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

RECEPTION TRIP - WHIPSNADE ZOO

Yesterday, our Reception children had a fantastic trip to Whipsnade Zoo. During the visit, they took part in a life cycles workshop where they dressed up and acted out the different stages of a butterfly's life cycle. It was a fun and engaging experience that helped bring their learning to life, and the children represented the school beautifully throughout the day.

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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ARTS WEEK RESOURCES REQUEST

As part of our upcoming Arts Week, we are excited to give the children a range of creative opportunities and experiences.

If any parents or family members have artistic skills, work in an art-related profession, or would be willing to support us during the week, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office if you may be able to help.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LED BY YEAR 6

Today, our Year 6 pupils led the Stations of the Cross for the whole school with great reverence and maturity. They read and presented each station thoughtfully, helping everyone to reflect on the importance of this special time in the Church's year. We were very proud of the respect and understanding they showed, and of the way they helped to lead our school community in prayer.

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STMSA News

Thank you to everyone who has supported our activities over the last term!

What we raised this term:
Cake Sale - **£200**
Mother's Day Shop - **£310.29**
St Patrick's Day event - **£1600.45**
Easter Trail & Clothing sale - **tbc**

What we have funded:
Ongoing funding towards Forest School lessons
New Mud Kitchen
Science week funding contribution

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to many fun activities next term!

Save the Date – Summer Term

STMSA Race Night - Friday 15th May (adults only!)
Following last year's successful event, will be hosting another exciting STMSA Race Night where we bring the thrill of the Grand National to you! Pop the date into your diary, and more details will follow next term!

International Day - Friday 22nd May (straight after school)
This wonderful celebration of our school's culture, heritage and diversity is back! International Day is a celebration for all children and families to enjoy. More details to follow!

Summer Fair and Footballathon - Friday 12th June
Our biggest event of the year is happening on the 12th June straight after school so save the date and start thinking about teams! Keep a look out on the Whatsapp groups for more info after Easter!

Happy Easter from the STMSA!

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