



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

## Catholic Life of the School

This week, we listened to Jesus explaining to the disciples how to 'lovingly correct' if a friend does something wrong. Matthew 18:15-20: *'If your brother wrongs you, go and take up the matter with him when the two of you are alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.'* We spoke about the words and ways in which we might lovingly correct a friend to help them make the right choices and we considered if we were open to 'loving correction' from others which can sometimes be difficult to listen to.

Children across the school have been busy planning and leading worship for their classmates. It has been lovely to see such thoughtful, reverent conduct during these special moments of prayer within our school day.



## Meet the Teacher

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. For those unable to attend, information and resources shared will be made available to you on the school website on the class page. The remaining dates are as follows:

Date	Year Group	Time
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2	2.45-3.15pm

Nursery and Reception parents/carers – please see the dates at the end of the newsletter for a Stay and Play session this half term for your child/children.

## Play Equipment

A reminder to please ensure children do not play on the play equipment at the beginning or end of the day whilst unsupervised by school staff.

## Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently up at **98.04%**, thank you for your support.

Reception	100%	Year 4	96.55%
Year 1	100%	Year 5	98.29%
Year 2	100%	Year 6	97.40%
Year 3	97.03%		

Congratulations to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who achieved perfect attendance this week!

## Come and join our team!

We currently have two support roles advertised on the Teach in Herts website. Please see the link [here](#) if you are interested or know anyone who might be. Thank you.



## **STMSA News**

### **STMSA Quiz Night - Friday 13 October**

Come along to a fabulous evening of quizzing and delicious food! The evening will kick off at school from 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm.

Ticket price is £20 per head and includes the quiz, a curry supper and one complimentary round of Heads or Tails. Drinks will be on sale at our in-house bar, and there will be fabulous prizes on offer for quiz winners and in our Heads or Tails rounds. Maximum quiz team size is 8 people.

Please use the form below to book for you and your team, and make a bank transfer to the STMSA account for the cost of your team's tickets. Please make your booking by Monday 9

October: <https://forms.gle/Yv8JXmpRT5GTGBzq5>

### **STMSA bank account details:**

Account number: 00684112

Sort code: 30-94-08

Account name: St Thomas More School

We look forward to seeing you on 13 October!

### **PTA Meeting - Wednesday 20th October**

We would like to welcome all parents to the next PTA meeting at The King's Arms at 7:30pm. We will be planning the term's events and fundraising and we would love to hear your ideas! Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Aisling on 07753400989

## **Community News:**

### **Prayer at Home**

Hopefully you and your families received the second Prayer at Home resource yesterday. These are produced by leaders within All Saints Catholic Academy Trust to support families in praying together at home. We hope you will enjoy sharing these together each week. They will also be available on our school website [here](#).

### **Secondary Transfer Open Events - John F Kennedy Catholic School**

Applications for secondary transfer 2024-25 opens September 2023 and closes on 31st October 2023. Please view our [2024-25 Admissions Policy](#) which details the application process and supplementary forms for completion and submission to JFK.

Open Evening – Tuesday 3rd October 2023, 6.00-9.00pm – tours of the school during the evening with 2 bookable presentations by the Headteacher, at [6pm](#) and [7pm](#). Due to limited seating, please to book in advance.

Open Morning – Wednesday 11th October 2023, 9.30am – an opportunity to see the school in action (limited availability and advised to only book if unable to attend Open Evening), [bookable in advance](#)

### **Confident, happy me!**

See attachment for further information about the course and how it can support your child's wellbeing.

### **Calendar dates:**

#### **Autumn Term:**

#### **September**

20/09/23

Year 2 Meet the Teacher – 2.45-3.15pm

29/09/23

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Stay and Play – 2.15-3.15pm



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**October**

13/10/23 STMSA Quiz Night @ 7pm  
18/10/23 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening  
20/10/23 Staff training day (All Saints Catholic Academy Trust schools) – *school closed to pupils*  
23/10/23-27/10/23 Half Term

**November**

27/11/23 Occasional Day – *school closed*

**December**

20/12/23 End of term – school finishes at 1.30pm (*change of time*)

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Lally  
*Assistant Headteacher*



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