



Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Families,

Catholic Life of the School

This week we reminded ourselves that October is the month of the Rosary. Led by the Chaplaincy Team, many children spent time in the Prayer Garden at lunchtime making decades of the rosary and using these to help them in prayer. It was lovely to see so many children engaged in this activity in our newly repurposed space.

Harvest 'Bring and Sing' – Thursday 19th October at 9.10am

This Harvest we are supporting the Hope Foodbank at Kings Road church in Berkhamsted who provide crucial work for local families, ensuring they have weekly access to food. Please see the letter which was shared earlier today for a list of suggested items. Any donations can be brought in during the week beginning 16th October with donations being delivered on the 19th.

Thank you for your support of this much-needed community service.

Families are invited to join us on Thursday morning as we sing, share poetry and art around the theme of Harvest at our 'bring and sing'.



Reception Tours – September 2024 start

Come and see our wonderful school! School tours for Reception children beginning September 2024 will be running on:

- Wednesday 18th October @ 9.15am
- Monday 30th October @ 9.15am
- Friday 1st December @ 9.15am

Please contact the school office via admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk if you wish to attend any of our tour dates.



Year 2 host a Macmillan Coffee afternoon – Friday 13th October

Thank you to Mrs Simpson, the Year 2 team and children for the work they have put into this afternoon's fundraising event. Thank you for the donations of cakes brought into school to support this. Please join us after school in the hall.

Sports Update:

St Thomas More 0 – 2 Two Water School – Pool D (Dacorum School Sports Network) - Mr Cartwright:

STM lost 0-2 to Two Waters School in a very tight opening home game of the season. A very encouraging start by STM could have seen them take a 3-0 lead inside the first 5 minutes, but for some unlucky finishing in front of goal. A strong Two Waters team gradually got back into the game and the first half was very competitive and played in a great spirit by both sides. STM were unlucky to concede a long-range goal to go 0-1 down with the very last kick of the first half.

Despite this setback, the STM team carried on where they'd left off in the second half, playing some great football and working hard as a team. Slightly against the run of play, Two Water scored an excellent headed goal from a corner to make it 0-2. Chasing the game, STM threw players forward and created a number of good chances, but an inspired Two Waters goalkeeper made some great saves.

The final score was 0-2, but the STM players were pleased with their own performance, and it has given them plenty of confidence going into the next game

Thank you Mr Cartwright and Mr Grant



Updated Photo and Video Permissions

Please ensure if you haven't already, to update us of your photo and video permissions so we can make use of digital tools to share insights into your child's learning. You can access the form by scanning the QR code to the side or by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently **97.02%**, thank you for your support.

Reception	92.52%	Year 4	97.70%
Year 1	92.27%	Year 5	97.86%
Year 2	100%	Year 6	96.90%
Year 3	96.93%		

Congratulations to Year 2 who achieved the highest attendance this week.



Class Reps

Thank you to the class representatives who met this week. It was great to see some new representatives joining and sharing in the process, discussing how we can continue to drive school improvement for our children. Minutes will be sent out in due course.

Reading Volunteers

Thank you to the adults who volunteered to listen to our children reading on a weekly basis during the summer term. It is great to have additional adults to help listen to children read aloud. If you have any time which you could volunteer to listen to readers, please complete the link [here](#) and we will be in touch. Thank you.

STMSA News

Cinema Club

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Cinema Clubs on the last 2 Friday afternoons. We raised £330 at these 2 events, which is a great start to the fundraising year!

100 Club

Thank you to the 5 new parents who have signed up to 100 Club. There is still time to sign up if you have been meaning to get round to it - please go to <https://forms.gle/p6w6TZoL76wpEvFc7>

October 100 Club Winners

1st (£100) Jan Davis

2nd (£50) Alan Walsh

3rd (£25) Rachel Cole

Bags2School - Thursday 19th October

Don't forget to bring in your unwanted clothes and shoes (no school uniform please) - all bags can be brought into the office from Monday 16th October until Thursday morning.

Glow Party - Friday 3 November - 3:15-5:30pm

Make a note in your diary and join us for some glow-in-the-dark fun! Tickets will be £7 (£5 per sibling) and include the glow in the dark disco, professional DJ, UV lighting & party games, unlimited soft drinks, arts & crafts and marshmallow toasting. All children to be accompanied by parents or another nominated adult. Full booking details will follow next week.



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Community News:

First Holy Communion

If you have a child in Year 3 or above who has not made their First Holy Communion and you would like them to, please contact Fr Joseph at Sacred Heart Parish via josephokoro@rcdow.org.uk to arrange a meeting and find out more.

Prayer at Home

Hopefully you and your families are enjoying the Prayer at Home resources. They are all available on our school website [here](#).

Calendar dates:

Autumn Term:

October

12/10/23	Year 2 and 3 Glow Dance event at Ashlyn's school
13/10/23	Year 2 host Macmillian coffee afternoon @ 2.30pm
13/10/23	STMSA Quiz Night @ 7pm
17/10/23	KS2 Cross Country event @ Ashlyns school (Years 3 & 4 – AM, Years 5 & 6 – PM)
18/10/23	Reception Tour @ 9.15am – 2024 cohort
18/10/23	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
19/10/23	Harvest 'bring and sing' celebration @ 9.10am – <i>families welcome</i>
19/10/23	Bags2School drop off, collection day (STMSA)
20/10/23	Staff training day (All Saints Catholic Academy Trust schools) – <i>school closed to pupils</i>
23/10/23-27/10/23	Half Term
30/10/23	Reception Tour @ 9.15am – 2024 cohort

November

1/11/23	All Saints Day
3/11/23	Glow Party (STMSA)
9/11/23	Individual and sibling photos
13/11/23	Anti-Bullying Week
27/11/23	Occasional Day – <i>school closed</i>
28/11/23	Santa's Sleigh (STMSA)

December

1/12/23	Reception Tour @ 9.15am – 2024 cohort
1/12/23	Wreath Making (STMSA)
9/12/23	Christmas Fayre (STMSA)
20/12/23	End of term – school finishes at 1.30pm (<i>change of time</i>)

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Lally
Assistant Headteacher



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