



Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear Families,

Catholic Life of the School

This morning we had our Harvest 'Bring and Sing' to gather donations for the Hope Foodbank run by the Kings Road church. Thank you for your generosity providing food, hygiene items and other items from the foodbank's wish list. It was lovely to see so many parents join us this morning for our Harvest Bring and Sing – we even ran out of chairs! We hope you were entertained by the performances and impressed with the confidence and composure of our pupils, particularly our new Nursery and Reception children who also participated. Thank you to the class teachers for preparing the children.



Reception Tours – September 2024 start

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

- 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.

Thank you and goodbye!

Today we said thank you and goodbye to Mrs Boot who has worked in our Year 3 class and Nursery classes. We will miss you and hope to see you again soon!

Thank you to the STMSA

Thank you to all the organisers and volunteers who have helped out at events over the course of this half term to raise money for our school.

Site Access

Following on from the letter shared earlier today, a reminder that the adjoining gate between St Thomas More school and Greenway school will remain closed from after half term. This is to make the school sites more secure and to lessen the footfall during busy times. Access to our school site will be via the main entrance off Greenway road and the side gate off Gilbert Way road. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is **96.84%** thank you for your support.

Reception	94.58%	Year 4	95.57%
Year 1	99.29%	Year 5	97.80%
Year 2	96.24%	Year 6	98.86%
Year 3	94.12%		

Congratulations to Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance this week.



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Class Reps

Minutes of the most recent class rep meeting will be emailed out as an attachment to this newsletter for your reference. Thanks again to the Class Reps for their input and Mrs Capes for taking the minutes and for her governor representation.

Year 1 shout out

Ms Gabbitas has asked if anyone has any vet's equipment - bandages etc. if Year 1 can please have them for their role play corner in their classroom. If you are able to help provide anything, please speak to Ms Gabbias in Year 1. Thank you

Berkhamsted Fireworks - Saturday 4th November 2023

On Saturday 4th November, there is a fireworks display at Berkhamsted Cricket Club. Tickets to this event will be on sale at the School Office after half term. Please do purchase your tickets from School if you are intending to go as the school get a percentage of the sales. A family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) - £23.00, Adult - £9.00 and Under 16 - £6.00, children under 5 are free. We can only accept cash on this occasion.

STMSA News

We hope everyone has a lovely half term and we look forward to a great second half to the term with all our festivities in the lead up to Christmas. Please make note of all the dates highlighted in red at the end of this newsletter to ensure you have them in your diary and don't miss out!

Quiz Night

Thank you to all of the parents, teachers and members of the school community who came along to the STMSA Quiz Night. It was a fantastic evening and we raised just over £1000!

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

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.

Bookings to take place via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmsa/> from midday on Friday 20th October.

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

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
30/10/23	Other Faiths learning in RE Years 1-6 (Judaism)

November

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

December

1/12/23 Reception Tour @ 9.15am – 2024 cohort
1/12/23 Wreath Making (STMSA)
4/12/23 KS1 Nativity Dress rehearsal @ 9.30am (*families welcome, limited capacity*)
6/12/23 KS1 Nativity @ 9.30am (*families welcome*)
8/12/23 Year 2 & KS2 Pantomime Trip
9/12/23 Christmas Fayre (STMSA)
11/12/23 EYFS Nativity Dress rehearsal @ 9.30am (*families welcome, limited capacity*)
12/12/23 EYFS Nativity @ 9.30am (*families welcome*)
13/12/23 KS2 Carol Concert Dress rehearsal @ 9.30am (*families welcome, limited capacity*)
14/12/23 KS2 Carol Concert @ 6pm (*families welcome*)
18/12/23 School Christmas dinner – *children to wear school uniform with a Christmas jumper ontop if they wish*
19/12/23 EYFS and Year 1 Pantomime Trip
20/12/23 End of term – school finishes at 1.30pm (*change of time*)

January

4/1/24 and 5/1/23 INSET Days – school closed
8/1/24 Start of term – children back to school

Have a lovely half term,
Miss Lally
Assistant Headteacher



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