



Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Families,

Catholic Life of the School

This week we were discussing Peace and Solidarity, our Catholic Social Teaching theme.

The Mini Vinnies have been planning their 'Post Pals' correspondence to offer our support to children who are unwell and the School Council met to discuss charitable causes which we might like to support as we approach Lent in the coming weeks.

We will be celebrating Mass in school to mark the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday (14th February) at 2.15pm, all are welcome.



Nursery Applications – September 2024

Nursery Tour Dates:

Monday 5th February @ 9am Friday 16th February @ 9am
Tuesday 27th February @ 9am Wednesday 13th March @ 9am

Please contact the school office via

admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk if you wish to attend. If you are unable to make the available dates, please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Rocktopus

On Wednesday we had a 'rocking' day when Rocktopus came to school. The children made and recorded songs about some of our school gospel values: compassion, peace, kindness and forgiveness. Password protected access to these will be shared once they are ready. Thank you to the STMSA who kindly funded this fun-filled experience for our pupils and to Miss Addison for organising it, I think we have some future rock stars in our midst!

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday, we celebrated Number Day in school! We played a whole school version of Play Your Cards Right in assembly and spoke about lots of the different places we find and use numbers in our lives and other jobs. The children did lots of number-based activities and games throughout the day to raise money for the NSPCC. If you still wish to donate, please do so directly via: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/>
Thank you to Ms Gabbitas for organising this themed day.



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Sports Update

On Thursday the Girls' Football Team played against South Hill school. They won 3-1 with Abi scoring all three STM goals. Huge well done to the team and to Miss Addison for her coaching and support.



Attendance

Whole school attendance is **95%** this week. Thank you for your support.

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| Reception | 98% | Year 4 | 93% |
| Year 1 | 95% | Year 5 | 97% |
| Year 2 | 98% | Year 6 | 90% |
| Year 3 | 95% | | |

Congratulations to Reception and Year 2 who achieved the highest attendance this week!

| Clubs and Activities – Spring Term | | | | | |
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| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Before school | | Choir | | | |
| During the school day | Girls' Football Years 5 & 6 | Chess club | Chess club | LAMDA | |
| After school | Netball KS2 Forest Club | Code Club Years 5 & 6 | Yoga Peaches Tennis Years 2 & 3 Year 5 & 6 football (beginning end of term) | Ross & Andy's football KS1 | Ross & Andy's football KS2 |
| If you would like to find out more about any of these clubs, please contact the school office via admin@stmoreschools.co.uk | | | | | |

Clubs and Activities

See below for our current offer of clubs and sports. If you would like to find out more about joining any of the below, please contact the school office.

Community News:

Prayer at Home

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

STMSA News

Valentine's Day: Touch of Pink / Red - Wednesday 14th February

Join us in celebrating Valentine's Day by encouraging children to wear a touch of pink or red with their uniform on Wednesday 14th, and spread the love by donating £1 towards the St Thomas More School Association fund.

PTA Meeting - Thursday 15th February

Our new co-chairs Cath Hammond and Terri-Ann Nichol would like to invite all parents (even if you are not on the committee) to our first planning meeting on Thursday 15th February. We would like to plot out the events for the year, brainstorm new ideas for fundraising and chat through how we can further support the school and enrich our children's learning experiences. Please keep this date free in your diary - details to follow. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mother's Day Gift Shop - Gifts needed for 8th March

Mother's Day is around the corner and we look forward to celebrating all the mother figures in our children's lives. Each year we run a gift shop where all children are able to choose a gift to give to their special person and need gift donations to make this day a success. If you have any unwanted gifts at home, please start bringing them into the office from next week. Please remember no alcohol. Thank you!



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Calendar dates:

Spring Term:

February

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| 5/2/24 | Nursery 2024 tour @ 9am |
| 7/2/24-9/2/24 | Year 5 Trip to St Cassian's Centre |
| 14/2/24 | Ash Wednesday – Mass in school @ 2.15pm – <i>families welcome</i> |
| 14/2/24 | Children to wear a touch of pink/red accessory - £1 donation to STMSA |
| 15/2/24 | STMSA (PTA) Planning Meeting – all welcome, details TBC |
| 16/2/24 | Nursery 2024 tour @ 9am |
| 19/2/24-23/2/24 | Half Term |
| 27/2/24 | Nursery 2024 tour @ 9am |
| 27/2/24-1/3/24 | Book Fayre after school |

March

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| 7/3/24 | World Book Day – pyjama theme |
| 11/3/24 | Science Week |
| 13/3/24 | Nursery 2024 tour @ 9am |
| 20/3/24 | Parent Consultation Evening |
| 26/3/24 | Start of Holy Week |
| 26/3/24 | Year 3 & 4 Easter Production Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am– <i>families welcome, limited capacity</i> |
| 27/3/24 | Year 3 & 4 Easter Production @ 6pm – <i>families welcome</i> |
| 28/3/24 | End of Term @ 1.30pm |

April

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| 15/4/24 | INSET Day – school closed to pupils |
| 16/4/24 | Start of term for pupils |

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Lally
Assistant Headteacher



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