

# St Thomas More



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (14<sup>th</sup> February) at 2.15pm, all are welcome.





#### Nursery Applications - September 2024

Nursery Tour Dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am

Please contact the school office via <a href="mailto:admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk">admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk</a> 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: <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/</a> Thank you to Ms Gabbitas for organising this themed day.









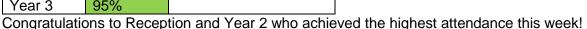
#### **Sports Update**

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.

#### <u>Attendance</u>

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

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



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school		Choir			
During the school day	Girls' Football Years 5 & 6	Chess club	Chess club	LAMDA	
Affer school	Netball KS2 Forest Club	Code Club Years 5 & 6	Yoga Peaches Tennis Years 2 & 3 Year 5 & 6 football	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@stmore.herts.sch.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!





# Calendar dates:

Spring Term:

**February** 

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 – families welcome

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

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 – families welcome, limited capacity

27/3/24 Year 3 & 4 Easter Production @ 6pm – families welcome

28/3/24 End of Term @ 1.30pm

April

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



