



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Families,

## Catholic Life of the School

This week we entered into the season of Lent by celebration Mass on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to Fr Joseph for helping us mark the start of Lent and to all the parents and parishioners who were able to join us for this special occasion. Thank you to the readers and pupils involved in the Mass.



## EYFS Tea Party

On Friday afternoon, the children in Nursery and Reception put their faith into action by planning and putting on a tea party for their loved ones. Following in the footsteps of Jesus who cared for others, they decided to show their love to their families by putting on a tea party to raise money for their chosen charities, CAFOD and The Trussell Trust. Thank you to Mrs Jevon, Mrs Cohen, Mrs Samtani, Mrs Florkova and Mrs Trowbridge for their hard work and thank you to all the families who supported this lovely event.

## Nursery Applications – September 2024

### Nursery Tour Dates:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 9am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am Please contact the school office via [admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto: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.



## OPAL Update

We have really been enjoying our 'free play Fridays' and look forward to rolling this out across the week. See attached a copy of our OPAL Play Policy. This is also available on our website for your reference.



## Book Fair

After half term, the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to school for the week. The link below lists available books and has a wish list which children can download. Children will visit the book fair during the day and books will be available to buy after school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>,

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. A percentage of money from all sales comes back to the school. Please see the attached flyer for more information and examples of available books

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

## Primary science fair

Please see the attached letter from Mrs Simpson with information about our upcoming Science fair during Science Week.

## Mr Dewey

This week we said thank you and goodbye to Mr Dewey as he leaves his role teaching music for Herts Music Service. We thank him for his work with piano lessons and the choir and wish him the best in his new role.

We are pleased to share that a new piano teacher has been found to take on Mr Dewey's pupils. Herts Music Service will be in touch with families involved.



### **Class Reps**

Thank you to the Class Reps who met for our Spring Term meeting. Thank you to Mrs Capes, our Vice Chair of Governors, who has kindly taken minutes in the meeting. These will be shared in due course.

### **Attendance**

Whole school attendance is **91%** this week.

Reception	94%	Year 4	90%
Year 1	95%	Year 5	93%
Year 2	86%	Year 6	89%
Year 3	93%		

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

### **Policy Reviews**

- New OPAL Play Policy as mentioned above (attached and available on school website)

### **STMSA News**

Thank you to all the parents that attended the PTA meeting last night. We have plotted out the events for the rest of the year and will communicate these to the wider community after half term.

We wish all families a lovely half term break!

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

Donations needed for the Mother's Day Gift Shop: every year the STMSA hosts a gift shop during the school day for children to choose presents for their special mother figure.

👉 To help make the event a success, if you have any new / unused gift items suitable for adults, please drop them off at the office over the coming weeks. Please remember no nuts or alcohol.

### **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](#).

### **Calendar dates:**

#### **Spring Term:**

#### **February**

19/2/24-23/2/24      Half Term  
27/2/24              Nursery 2024 tour @ 9am  
27/2/24-1/3/24      Book Fair after school

#### **March**

7/3/24              World Book Day – pyjama theme  
8/3/24              **STMSA Mothers' Day Gift Shop (during school day)**  
11/3/24              Science Week  
13/3/24              Science Fair – *families welcome to come into hall after school and see entries*  
13/3/24              Nursery 2024 tour @ 9am  
16/3/24              **STMSA St Patrick's Day party @ Sacred Heart parish hall**  
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              **STMSA Easter Egg Hunt – after school**  
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

Wishing you a lovely half term break,  
Miss Lally  
Assistant Headteacher



*Learning to love, live and celebrate as we grow in the knowledge and love of Christ.*

