



Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Families,

Catholic Life of the School

This week we reminded ourselves of the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. We spoke about our experience of the world and how we use our five senses to help us understand things. However we recognise there are things beyond our human understanding in this world but that we hope to understand one day in Heaven, just like the apostles in the story, unsure what they were seeing before them on the hillside, but trusting in God.



Nursery Applications – September 2024

Our remaining Nursery Tour date is on Wednesday 13th March @ 9am Please contact the school office via admin@stmoresch.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.

Book Fair

Thank you to all parents and staff who helped supervise and support our book fair this week and to Miss Addison for organising this. Also thanks to the PTA for the refreshments they provided during the Book Fair session today. We look forward to finding out how much money we have raised from our sales.

EYFS Ducklings!

We were thrilled with the new additions which arrived to STM this week in EYFS. We have welcomed ducklings 'Gideon', 'Goldee' and this lunchtime 'Puddle' with another possibly on the way! The children have been incredible caring for their newest classmates. Thank you to Mrs Jevon and Mrs Samtani for arranging this lovely experience and to all the EYFS team. We look forward to seeing them grow and splash in their 'pond' (paddling pool!).



St Thomas More Footballing Triumph!

STM 10 - 1 Broadfield

STM produced a dominant display to run out 10-1 winners v Broadfield School in their first home match of 2024. First half hat-tricks from Max Petter and Benji Grant saw the home side go 6-0 up at half-time. Four more goals were added in the second half after some fine passing football. STM will feel confident going into the return fixture away at Broadfield next week.

Scorers: Max Petter (3), Benji Grant (3), Raph Musgrove (2), Henry Cartwright (1), Freddie Rattigan (1)

Huge thank you to Mr Cartwright and Mr Grant for their coaching and to Mr Allsop for refereeing the match in wet conditions!



Attendance

Whole school attendance is up to **97%** this week. Thank you for your support

Reception	97%	Year 4	99%
Year 1	100%	Year 5	99%
Year 2	98%	Year 6	96%
Year 3	93%		

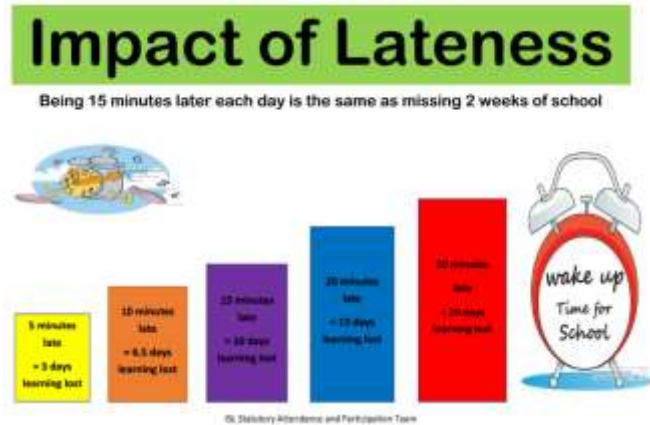
Well done to Years 4 and 5 with great results and congratulations to Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance this week!

Lateness

31% of pupils were late on one or more occasion this

week. We appreciate that road works and inclement weather can inhibit journeys, but a reminder that classroom doors open at 8.40am and the school day begins at **8.45am**.

On arrival to class, children complete morning tasks which may consolidate learning or prepare them for upcoming lessons so it is important children are prompt in their arrival to school whenever possible. Thank you for your support in this important matter.



STMSA News

We are immensely grateful for the donation of wood chips organised by Colleen Duggan, which has greatly improved the walkway to the PTA shed and forest school, eliminating the ongoing mud issue. A special thanks to our dedicated volunteers, the Nichols, Hammonds, Allens, Ives, Angel Tse, Clare Trowbridge, and Marina Hobbs, who braved the pouring rain to tirelessly spread the wood chips!



🌸 Mother's Day Gift Shop - 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 by Monday 4th. Please remember no nuts or alcohol.
- On Friday 8th March all classes will visit the gift shop to choose a gift. All gifts are £3 and can be paid via <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stmsa> or cash on the day 🌸

🕯 Easter Mass - Sunday 10th March 🕯

We are looking for helpers at our youth masses on Mother's Day and Easter Sunday. If your little one would like to read, sing, do the offertory at Mass on Mother's Day or at Easter, please contact janellavin@yahoo.co.uk and let her know.

📅 Next PTA Meeting - Thursday 21st March

Our next meeting will be to start planning for the summer term events. We would like to encourage all parents who are interested in helping, whether you are on the committee or not, to please join us - details will be communicated closer to the time.



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History Workshop Helpers – Tuesday 5th March Year 1 & Year 2

On Tuesday, Years 1 and 2 have a 'History Off the Page' workshop and are in need of some additional parent volunteers for these sessions. If you are able to help, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Science Week Helpers

Just a reminder, if you are willing or able to help with any of our Science Week workshops, w/c 11th March, please contact the school office. The workshops are running on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

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:

March

4/3/24	Year 4 to Mass
7/3/24	World Book Day – pyjama theme
8/3/24	Year 6 to Mass
8/3/24	STMSA Mothers' Day Gift Shop (during school day)
11/3/24	Science Week
12/3/24	Year 3 to Mass
13/3/24	Science Fair – <i>families welcome to come into hall after school and see entries</i>
13/3/24	Nursery 2024 tour @ 9am
16/3/24	STMSA St Patrick's Day party @ Sacred Heart parish hall
18/3/24	Year 5 to Mass
19/3/24	'Break the Rules' Day - OPAL and Lenten Fundraiser
20/3/24	Parent Consultation Evening
22/3/24	Music Assembly (KS2 performers) – <i>families welcome</i>
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	STMSA Easter Egg Hunt – after school
28/3/24	End of Term @ 1.30pm

April

15/4/24	<i>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</i>
16/4/24	Start of term for pupils
29/4/24-3/5/24	Year 5 Bikeability course

May

6/5/24	<i>Bank Holiday – school closed</i>
27/5/24-31/5/24	<i>Half term – school closed</i>

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Lally
Assistant Headteacher



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