



# Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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Assistant Headteacher: Sarah Cassidy

10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

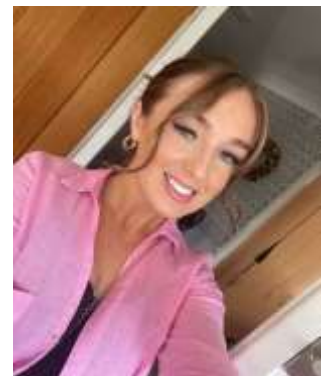


## Mary's month

May is the month of Mary as we know, how fitting that we had a beautiful service crowning our blessed lady assisted by James (Y6) and Ruby (Nursery) and led by Mrs Weekes. As she has decided to retire in summer, this would be her last time planning and leading this ceremony. Thank you to all who attended, Mary's Meals collection on Eduspot is still open for donations.

## Our butterfly, Miss Young

This year has been like a rollercoaster ride with the pandemic continuing to effect life in school and out. It has certainly made us all reflect on what life means, this has led Miss Young to plan a new adventure. After nearly 11 years at St Thomas More, in a variety of roles including leading the Nursery and supporting a great many children in their early years at school, she has decided to travel to Australia. We are all going to miss her greatly, but are very excited for her. She sets off on her journey shortly before half term, but leaves school this Friday to make her final preparations. It was fitting that Nursery had watched butterflies grow and fly last week. We wish Miss Young, our own butterfly, strong wings to take flight on her brave new adventure.



## Jubilee Day



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school. The children will participate in a number of activities in class and a garden party. We are inviting them to wear red, white and blue clothes or accessories on the day.

## Mellors

Our kitchen staff have worked tirelessly this year, through their own challenges including illnesses but more especially delivery issues with ingredients. Tracy always ensures that the children have meals available. As a school we pay Mellors weekly, however recently we have had to carry a lot of debt through the school budget as meals are not being paid for regularly by parents, this is putting an added strain on our budget. Please can meals be paid for on time, we are sending out regular reminders regarding many weeks of debt, but will be increasing our reminders after 1 week to try to alleviate the situation.

## Covid Update

We have had confirmed cases within school in Reception and Mrs Craven's class, but we do not need to send out Warn and Inform letters, however Rochdale PHE have asked us to text to remind you to be vigilant regarding symptoms.

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## Dates

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 sleep over

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Class photographs

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Reception height and weight

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – School assembly about the June Mission

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – 1st Gold badge breakfast

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee day

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - School closes for half term break 3:10pm**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June - School reopens after half term**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – STM Mission mass 10am

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Mission mass @7pm at STM church

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – St Thomas More Feast Day @9:30am in church

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Open evening for new Nursery parents

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Open evening for new Reception parents

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Open Day for parents (details to follow)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> Gold badge breakfast

Week 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 leavers week

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Awards day

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Mass @9:30am in STM

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 Guard of honour at 12:00

**School closes for Summer at 1:30pm (No Annex Club)**

Best wishes,

Mrs Butterworth

Headteacher

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