

Lenten time

Every year in Lent the children receive St Joseph's Penny box, these were given out last week.

The money collected supports Salford Diocese Caritas Charity.

The final collection will be after the Easter break, week beginning 13th April.



Charity collections

Reindeer Run (for Springhill Hospice—Final total collected =£1,434.17

Save the children =£274

NSPCC Number day = £136.64

Parents group Valentines Raffle

What a selection of fantastic prizes we had raising £192.

There will be an Easter Raffle towards the end of term, details to follow.



X (Twitter) and ways to communicate

You may have noticed that we have ceased actively posting on our school X (Twitter) accounts. As a school we are aware that X (Twitter) does not align with our own values, therefore we have ceased to use it.

Staff now use Class Dojo to share upcoming information about departments and photos of activities.

We do not use Class Dojo for any communication other than that stated above. If you need to communicate with a member of staff please contact using a phone call 0161 647 7132 or email office@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

I would like to reiterate that school does not have any WhatsApp groups and Class Dojo messages will not be responded to for safeguarding reasons.

If you do not have Class Dojo please let the class teacher know in order for the account to be activated.



Essential ARBOR Information



As you are aware school has been gradually moving information to the Arbor App. We have undertaken these actions slowly in order to prepare for when we join St Teresa of Calcutta Trust.

Our contracts with school money and the email service have ended, and we are now using Arbor for information regarding school trips and payments—school is now cashless.

ANNEX CLUB

We are monitoring the Annex club bookings closely as there are times when the provision is not utilised, making it not viable as staffing costs outweigh the attendees. Although the changes we have made using Arbor have ensured that places are booked and paid for, we need to constantly review its viability.

Car parking

Despite multiple requests for respect for neighbours and consideration for each other during the morning and afternoon, I am daily receiving information about inconsiderate behaviour, including at times inappropriate actions especially in front of children.

The local traffic officers have been monitoring regularly for safety of the children.

Yesterday I received a photograph of a car parked on the pavement at pick up time, this is not safe. Please ensure if you know the driver that they are reminded not to park in such an inconsiderate manner. I am unsure if the picture has been shared with the police.



Mainway children's park

On Monday we had a visit from Councillor June West, Councillor Patricia Dale and Councillor Peter Williams who shared the plans with the children for the new park that has received planning permission on Mainway. The children were very excited seeing the plans and the equipment that is going to be installed. We have been asked to submit the ideas for names and are hoping to win the local competition to name the park.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th March

SPANISH DAY (KS2)

Wednesday 18th March

6:30 pm at St Peters Church Reconciliation

Thursday 19th March

6:30pm St Thomas More Church Reconciliation

Thursday 26th March

LKS 2 (Year 3 & 4) Easter Worship

9:15am and 6:15pm **details to follow**

Wednesday 1st April

LENTEN DAY—children to dress in purple or have a purple accessory

9:00 Mass with parishioners

Children will participate in the CAFOD Lenten Walk

Thursday 2nd April

School closes for Easter at 1:30pm

Monday 13th April

School opens after the Easter break

Week beginning 20th April

Parents meetings—details to follow

Prayer for Peace

God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.
Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them
Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

MISSION STATEMENT

As servants of God, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. through his love, we guide each member of our family on their own spiritual journey to achieve and grow.

We love, we learn, we live with Christ.