



Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

Senior Leadership Team
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KS2 Parent Information

Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back and hope you have had a wonderful summer break. The letter below provides some information and details for you to read through in preparation for the new school year.

KS2 Classes

Mrs Bargh (Miss Hughes): KS2 Lead and Y5/6 teacher	Miss Corry: Y3/4
Miss McBride: Y5/6	Miss Winnard: Y3/4
Miss Butterworth: Y5/6	Miss Newton: Y3/4

Organisation

We are encouraging children to be more independent and come to school prepared with what they need for the day.

Start and end of the school day: The bell rings at 8.40 each morning, with the register closing at 8.50. Your child will be greeted at their classroom door each morning by their teacher or a member of staff from our department. Miss Corry & Miss Winnard's class will be dismissed from Miss Corry's classroom at the end of the day (3.10). Miss Newton's class will be dismissed from the back of the building (sign posted at Mrs Bargh's (Miss Hughes) classroom). Year 5/6 classes will be dismissed from their own classrooms. All of the classrooms will be signposted so it is clear for people collecting.

If you need to speak to us urgently at this time, please wait until all children have been dismissed as this is a very busy time of day and we need to ensure children are leaving safely. Alternatively, you can always contact us via the school office or on our emails.

dhughes@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Mrs Bargh (Miss Hughes))

dmcbride@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Miss McBride)

abutterworth@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Miss Butterworth)

awinnard@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Miss Winnard)

jnewton@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Miss Newton)

ccorry@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk (Miss Corry)

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PE: The children will have two sessions of PE each week. For one PE slot, the children should come into school in their PE kits and trainers on this day (outdoor tracksuit in the winter months). For the children's second PE slot, they can wear trainers with their school uniform – **children must have a waterproof coat on this day.**

Year 5 Swimming - Year Five will be going swimming as part of their PE curriculum. On this day they will need to bring a towel and swimwear in a bag that morning. Children will need a coat when the weather is cold too. (Goggles and swimming cap if they wish but not essential). The first date of swimming is Tuesday 8th September.

	PE Kit worn to school	Trainers & waterproof coat worn to school
Miss Corry	Tuesday	Thursday
Miss Winnard	Tuesday	Thursday
Miss Newton	Tuesday	Thursday

	PE Kit worn to school	Trainers & waterproof coat worn to school –
Mrs Bargh (Miss Hughes)	Thursday	Tuesday
Miss McBride	Thursday	Tuesday
Miss Butterworth	Thursday	Tuesday and Friday

Homework Diary/Reading Record: Homework diaries are a link between home and school and we really want to encourage daily reading recorded in them every day. Children are to take them home and bring them back each day. The class teacher will sign them every morning and Dojos will be awarded for reading recorded each day. Please feel free to write any message/comment that you wish and we will respond when we sign it.

Drinks and snacks: Water Bottles (not too large) should be brought into school each day and taken home to refill. A healthy snack can be brought into school for morning break as it is a long morning before lunch time. **Please remind children that no food should be shared or given to other children.**

Birthdays: Children are allowed to come into school in clothes of their choice on their birthday.

Polite reminder: Jewellery, including earrings, are not allowed to be worn in school. School shoes (not trainers) are to be worn in school each day with full school uniform (except on their PE day). **Trainers are not part of our school uniform.**

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Curriculum

Every half term our '**What we are Learning**', will be put on our school website. This outlines what the children will be learning about in each curriculum area for that half term.

Reading Books: The children will be able to choose an appropriate reading book in school to read, or can read a book from home. Please encourage your child to read each night at home. Children can also choose a book from our range of school library books, but they need to be kept in school. Children in KS2 are heard read weekly during guided reading sessions – this is where their reading is assessed and monitored.

Times Tables: Our times table focus will change every two weeks. Within those two weeks, children will practise a range of questions including multiplication, fact families, divisions and known facts involving the times table focus for that two weeks. The times table focus will be recorded in homework diaries on a Friday. The children will have a times table test at the end of each two week focus.

Spellings: The children will be set spellings every Monday to practise and will be tested on these in school on the following Monday. The spelling patterns follow our spelling lessons in school and the children will also be practising them during the week. Spellings will be stuck in homework diaries or will be in part of a spelling workbook and should be practised regularly at home.

Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS): The children will be given their log in again at the start of the year (it will be stuck into their homework diaries) please practise at home as much as possible. TTRS is also extremely useful for Y4 to practise for the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) later in the year.

Homework Expectations: This term, we want to put an emphasis on reading regularly at home. We expect reading recorded at least 3 times a week, which will be monitored daily, as well as spelling and times table practise at home.

Each half term, there will be a creative homework based on our current topics. The children will have a number of weeks to work on their ideas and will have opportunities to present their responses in class.

After October half term, Year 6 will receive Maths/Comprehension/SPAG homework will be given on a three-week cycle – always being sent home on a Friday, to be returned the following Friday.

Homework is always uploaded to Class Dojo to be referred to.

Dojos are awarded for completing these activities and children who bring in completed homework will be recognised for regularly bringing in completed homework at the end of each half term.

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Behaviour: We expect extremely high standards at all times,

during class, at breaks, lunch and with any visiting teacher.

The children are well aware of our three school rules:

Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Our School Rules

**Ready.
Respectful.
Safe.**

Recognition/Rewards:

We celebrate positive noticing and positive behaviours in many ways;

- Star of the Week assembly-every Friday.
- Dojos awarded daily- class target-reward termly
- Hot Chocolate Friday
- Lunch time paper chains
- Sensational Learning
- Phone calls home/messages home
- Recognition Boards



Communication

Formally, there will be a parent's evening twice in the year – Autumn 2 and Spring term and then End of Year Reports in July.

Autumn 2 Parent Meeting- further information to follow.

If you are concerned or just feel like you need an update us on anything, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to seeing all of our children back!

Mrs Bargh & KS2 Team.

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