

Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

Headteacher, Joanne Butterworth, Deputy Headteacher: Anna Quigg Assistant Headteacher: Sarah Cassidy

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK

What a wonderful start to the year with all the children now having joined us, smiles and laughter have been a joy to see and hear across school.

During the summer the KS1, Nursery and cleaning staff worked extremely hard to prepare their environments for September. However, the Main Building had the whole heating system changed this meant all furniture was in the middle of the rooms, we had been promised access Tuesday after the Bank Holiday, but this was delayed until Thursday. Many staff attended school to ensure that the classrooms, hall and outdoor play areas were ready for school to open. I am so grateful to them all for helping prior to the summer holiday and during their holidays to prepare school for Wednesday 6th September.

We started this week joining the parish for morning mass to start our new year. The parishioners were thrilled to see the children and commented how fantastic they all were in church

<u>Opal Play</u>

On Tuesday before the children returned all staff were introduced to Opal Play, we are all very excited to start our journey with the children to develop playtimes and our outdoor environment over the next 18 months.

Please check out https://twitter.com/OPAL_CIC. & https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 24th September

FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS MORE – coffee morning after 11am mass at St Thomas More Parish Centre

Monday 25th September

8 Day Bikeability course starts for Year 6 @9:00 -3:00

Wednesday 27th September

2:00 MEET THE TEACHER

• KS1 (Mrs Craven, Miss Winnard & Miss Harrison) & KS2 (Miss Hughes, Miss Corry, Miss Newton, Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Hickman & Miss McBride) – this is an invitation for you to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. <u>Please enter the building via the main entrance</u>

5:30 Nursery Information Evening

• This is a chance for the EYFS team to share information. <u>Please enter the building via the main</u> <u>entrance.</u>

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Thursday 28th September

5:30 Reception Info Evening

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Friday 29th September

9:30 Macmillan Coffee Morning & Bake Off

• Competition details to follow

Monday 16th October

School photographer day

Wednesday 18th October

9:00 - 11:30 EYFS (Nursery and Reception) settling in parents meetings

• Appointment information to follow

Thursday 19th October

3:30 - 6:30 EYFS (Nursery and Reception) settling in parents meetings

• Appointment information to follow

Friday 20th Oct

• FINISH FOR HALF TERM BREAK

Thank you so much for beautiful presentation of your children. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs Butterworth

Headteacher



SCHOOL 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 and learning journey to achieve and grow.

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