



Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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

Wednesday 11th September 2024

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.

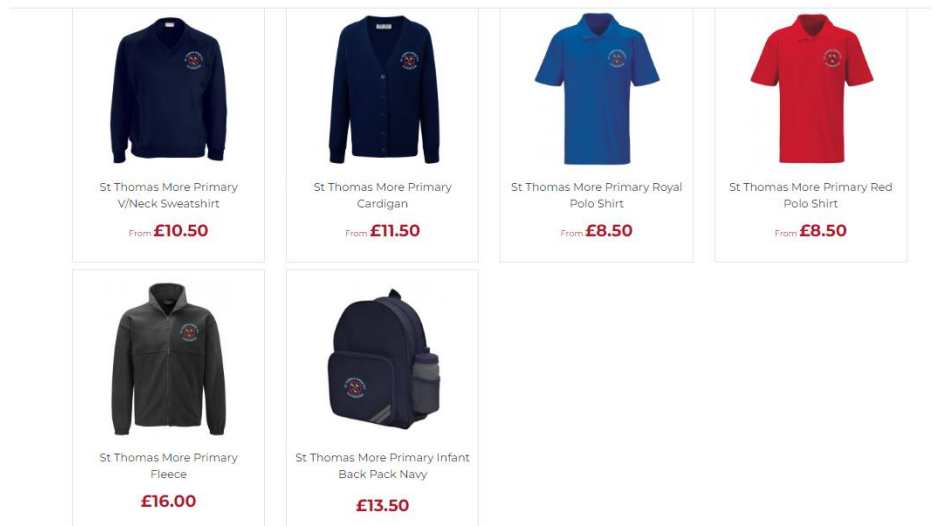
During the summer the Main Building was completely rewired and had new lighting, there have been a few issues, but I must say a HUGE thank you to the staff who worked so hard in the last week and late nights before the children returned on Wednesday.

Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children so smartly dressed in school uniform.

A few reminders:-

- Colours of uniform shown
- Link to Touchline below
- Black shoes
- No jewellery – especially earrings
- PE kits to be worn on appropriate day
- Birthdays – children can wear their own clothes. If it is a weekend or during holidays children can choose a day close to the date



<https://www.touchline-embroidery.com/shop-by-school/st-thomas-more-rc-primary-school-middleton>

Phone number **01925 413777**

Opal Play

Opal Play continues to provide much enjoyment at playtimes. The weather is becoming more inclement as we move into Autumn and Winter, so we will ask the children to bring in a change of clothes for their Opal bag.

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Class Dojo

During the summer our Class Dojo account suffered a fault. Mrs Quigg has been communicating with Class Dojo, however it is based in the USA so there is a time delay with communication. She is hoping that we can solve the issue, but it maybe set up differently.

Some of you may recall we started using Class Dojo during the pandemic, since then Class Dojo have made changes to their systems, hence it may be different once the fault is solved.

Positive behaviour

Our new Behaviour Policy is based on recognising positive behaviour and our 3 rules

Ready; Respectful; Safe.

Be Ready:

- Be ready to learn by sitting correctly, not talking and ready to listen
- Wear the correct uniform at all times and have the correct equipment for school
- Be ready to accept the sanctions when you break the rules

Be Respectful:

- Show respect to all adults in school
- Show respect to other children
- Treat the school buildings and school property with respect

Be Safe:

- Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way
- Follow adult instructions from all members of staff
- Tell a member of staff when they see or hear something they don't think is right

We will be sharing the policy with you as we want to work together to ensure that the policy is successful.

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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Art club

Mrs Owen is running an Art club for Y5 and Y6 across the year. There are 15 places in each block, however there is an opportunity for the whole department to participate. A letter from Mrs Owen has been sent with more details.

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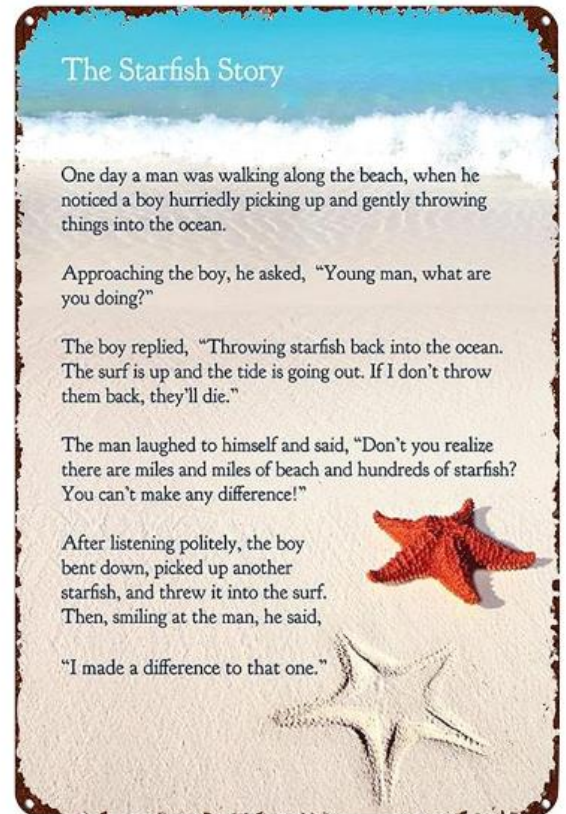
Making a difference

I have been talking to the children about the bravery of St Thomas More when he made his decision to go against King Henry VIII, being "God's faithful Servant".

I have shared the Starfish Story with children and all staff as we are all trying to 'Make a Difference'. This applies in our play, learning, environment and with each other.

Bishop John has a prayer he asks us to say
"Stay with us Lord on our journey"

Bishop John has explained that 'The Season of Creation' presents an opportunity to promote our understanding of the complexity of Nature and the environment and to show, as Pope Francis says, how "each and every one of us has our part to play". encompasses Pope Francis's message about Our Common Home.



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

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Dates for your Diary

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There are some dates below for your diary. If parents are attending an evening or school event during the day, please use the Main Entrance.

Thursday 26th September

6:00pm EYFS information evening

This is a chance for the EYFS team to share information for Nursery and Reception.

Monday 30th September

9:15am Phonics coffee morning

Mrs Craven and Mrs Butterworth to share information about the resources used in school

Wednesday 2nd October

2:00pm MEET THE TEACHER

This is an opportunity for parents to visit their child's class and collect any relevant information from the teacher.

Friday 4th October

Y6 Crucial Crew – details to follow

Wednesday 9th October

9:00 – 11:30 EYFS parents meetings

Appointments to follow

Thursday 10th October

3:30 – 6:30 EYFS parents meetings

Appointments to follow

Monday 14th October

Individual school photographs

Friday 18th October

9:15am Macmillan Coffee morning – details to follow

Friday 25th Oct

3:10pm FINISH FOR HALF TERM BREAK

(Annex club open as usual)

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