



Welcome Back!

September 2020



AUTUMN 2020

St Thomas More R.C. Primary Newsletter



Thank you

I want to say a huge thank you for the support you have all shown during this challenging time. Our systems and routines seem to be working well.

The children have been so sensible and understand that, although some aspects are time consuming and frustrating all is being done to keep them safe.

Google classroom and Class Dojo (Tapestry for Nursery & Reception)

All children across school now have Google Classroom.

This is used for homework and for children if isolating. If a full class or department has to close this will be used plus Zoom lessons. We will not be doing Zoom lessons for those individual isolations.

We are going to be extending our use of Class Dojo, this will be for you to communicate with your child's class teacher and for them to share information with you.

Coronavirus update

If any of your household is having a test your child must not attend school until a negative result is received.

If you are contacted by Track & Trace and asked to isolate you must follow the Stay at Home advice <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If we have to close a class or department the children must follow the Stay at Home advice <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Due to the increased transmission rate parents may see staff wearing face masks, also you personally may feel more confident when entering and leaving the site by wearing a face mask.

PTA

Obviously due to the pandemic a number of planned events were cancelled last year, the PTA are keen to continue their support of school.

Monday 5th October there is a clothing collection. There are no bags being given so please bring your clean items in bin bags or carrier bags.

Official forms of Communication

As a school we try to ensure you are kept fully informed, we do not have any school WhatsApp groups, please see the emailed PowerPoint about ways to communicate with school.

Parents Information Meetings

We are going to be holding Parents Information meetings via ZOOM details from each department to follow.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Information

- Monday 5th October— PTA Clothing collections
- Monday 12th October—Virtual Bake off for Macmillan entries
- Wednesday 14th—October Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 19th October—**INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**—Due to the current situation the **photographer will only be taking individual photos when he comes to school. There will be no sibling photos being taken.**
- **Half term close Friday 23rd October and re-open Monday 2nd November**

Geography Congratulations

Well done to Mrs Craven on successfully achieving the Silver Geography mark .



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sadly we cannot hold a Macmillan Coffee morning . But as you know we are still wanting to participate with raising money, so we are holding a virtual Bake off. Some of the entries look amazing already.



Head Girl and Boy and prefects

Today I spoke to the children in Year 6 and asked them to consider applying for the roles in school. They are to write a letter to share why they feel they are appropriate for the position, if they do not want head girl or boy they can apply to be a prefect. They will then have a short interview as part of the selection process. I look forward to reading their letters.

Thought for the month...

Stay with us Lord on our journey!

