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Dates for the Diary

Weds 10 Sept KS1 and KS2 Meet the Team meetings – see below

Thurs 18 Sept PTFA Meeting, 6pm in the school hall

Wed 8 Oct School photographs (siblings and Individual)

Week Beginning 27 October Half term break

Mon 15 Dec KS1 Nativity at St Michael & All Angels @ 1pm

Mon 18 May School Photo's (Class and Leavers)

Attendance

Delphinus 99.2%

Neptune 98.2%

Jupiter 98.2%

Pre-School 95.9%

Columba 95.7%

Mars 95.7%

Lyra 92.7%

Orion 91.7%

Phoenix 90.4%

Aquila 89.3%

attendance
MATTERS

KS1 Meet the Team Meetings

On Wednesday 10th September, parents of children in Years 1 to 6 are invited to attend a short 'Meet The Team' meeting at the times below.

Year 1/2 - 3.30 - 3.45 - Year 3/4 - 3.50 - 4.05 - Year 5/6 - 4.10 - 4.25

The meetings will be in Apollo Class and we ask that you enter and exit through the office doors please.

There will be a creche in Jupiter Class for school age children and we ask that you sign in and out any children at Jupiter Class.

If you cannot attend this meeting, phase teams will make the information available on their Class Pages on the school website.

Announcement

Exciting news!! Mrs Stather is having a baby and will be leaving us later this term to start her maternity leave.

You will be pleased to hear that Mrs Weston will be returning to replace Mrs Stather in January in Delphinus Class.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Junior Road Safety Officers

We are looking for a team of new Junior Road Safety Officers who can support the school in helping everyone in our community be street safe. Applications are welcome from any Year 5 or Year 6 children and forms will be available from their class teachers, Mrs Carpenter or the school office. Our new team will undertake training from the Hampshire Road Safety team in October so we would like application forms in by 18 Sept please.



To enhance the spiritual life of the school community, our staff will be sharing scripture which is personal to them and our school.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" **Psalm 121:1-2**





Tommy's Childcare

Breakfast club Sessions:

7:45am - 8:45am £5.00

8:00am – 8:45am £4.00

Afterschool Club Sessions:

3:15pm - 4:30pm £6.00

3:15pm - 5:45pm £11.00

3:15pm - 6:00pm £12.00

For bookings, cancellations and queries, please contact

tommys@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

In emergencies call:

07719 920 572

Sessions will need to be booked in advance.

No emergency bookings on a Thursday.



Chapel News

There continues to be daily prayer from **8:15-8:40 am**

Monday to Wednesday with Miss Cryer.



Your family are welcome to come and join us in praying the rosary, special devotions and hymns. This is an inspiring opportunity for parents to accompany their children for prayer.

Please meet Miss Cryer at the infant gate before **8:15am**.

Be assured of prayers for our school's intentions.

Year 5/6 Rotational lessons

On a Monday afternoon, year 5 and 6 will follow a rota for Art, Forest School and PE lessons. Please see the table below for you to use to be able to provide the correct equipment at the correct time:

Year 5/6 – Monday PM				
	8/9, 15/9, 22/9	29/9, 6/10, 13/10, 20/10	3/11, 10/11, 17/11	24/11, 1/12, 8/12, 15/12
Art	Lyra	Orion	Aquila	Lyra
Forest School	Orion	Aquila	Lyra	Orion
CM Sports	Aquila	Lyra	Orion	Aquila

School Uniform Expectations

We're often complimented on how smart our students look compared to other schools, and we're proud of the high standards we maintain. To help us continue this, please ensure your child comes to school each day wearing the correct uniform.

To support families, we have a rack of donated uniform items available outside the school office which are free for you to take. You're welcome to take items, and you are more than welcome to take items for your child to try on and return anything that doesn't fit. If you have any spare uniform pieces at home, we'd be very grateful for any donations to help others.

If you're finding it difficult to source uniform, please don't hesitate to contact us — we're here to help.

To remind you, here is an extract from our school's uniform policy:

- White tailored shirt
- School tie (dark blue with narrow red and yellow diagonal stripes)
- Tailored school trousers, skirt or pinafore in mid grey
- Navy blue V-neck sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan embroidered with school logo
- Grey socks or grey tights (White socks preferably only with summer dresses)
- Flat, closed black shoes



FAQ

If your child is absent from school

Please call 02392 475909, select option 1 and leave a clear message stating your child's name, class and reason for absence before 9am.

Do not send a message to class Dojo or tell the teacher at the door or email the school office.

If your child arrives at school at 8.45am, you are late!

You must escort them to the main office and sign them in at the front desk. They will also need to give their dinner order. Try to arrive onsite at 8.30am so when the doors open at 8.40am your child can go into class without being late.

If your child has an appointment which means they will arrive late into school

You must notify the office by emailing adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk (with a photo of the appointment card/letter/text) at least 48hrs before the appointment, if not sooner. You will also need to confirm your child's lunch arrangements by stating which option they wish to choose.

Lunch orders are given to the kitchen at 9.30am each morning, so if you arrive after this time and have not ordered, you will need to supply a packed lunch.

If your child has an appointment and will need collecting from school during the day

You must notify the office by emailing adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk (with a photo of the appointment card/letter/text) at least 48hrs before the appointment, if not sooner.

You will also need to confirm at what time you will be collecting, so office staff can ensure your child is ready for collection.

If you are taking your child on holiday

Please be honest. Ask at the front office for a holiday form and return completed at least a week before the holiday. Even though you believe the holiday to not be approved, the form is used as a confirmation of absence which gives staff the permission to insert an absence mark into the register without chasing parents for daily absence updates.

If your child needs medicine during the school day

An adult/parent will need to sign the medicine into the front office as they drop off the medicine. Do not put it in your child's bag or give it to the teacher. If handing into Tommy's Childcare, the team will ask you to complete the paperwork and then they will pass it to the office at 8.30am.

Medicine will not be administered by school staff before 12pm, you will need to ensure you give the morning dose at home before they come to school and only medicine needing to be administered 4 times a day or a specific time (set by the doctor) can be given by school staff.

If you have a question about Scopy, finance, school trip payments, waterbottles

Email finance@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

If you have a question about Tommy's Childcare (breakfast and afterschool club)

Email tommys@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk. If you wish to book or cancel childcare, try to advise at least a week in advance to avoid being charged.

If you have a question about the Pre-school, email psadmin@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

Any other queries can be sent to adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk



Class PE Days

Children can come into school wearing their PE kit on the days that their class has PE. Please see the table below for designated PE days. Any changes will be published via Dojo (years 1-6) or Tapestry (year R).

Angelfish:	Will be confirmed by Tapestry at a later date
Jellyfish:	Will be confirmed by Tapestry at a later date
Mars:	Wednesday and Friday
Jupiter:	Wednesday and Friday
Neptune:	Wednesday and Friday
Columba:	Tuesday and Friday
Delphinus:	Tuesday and Friday
Phoenix:	Tuesday and Friday
Aquila:	Monday and Thursday
Lyra:	Thursday
Orion:	Thursday

As a reminder, school PE kits includes the following items:

- Navy/Black PE shorts or jogging bottoms
- White t-shirt
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Navy jumper if cold weather – No hoodies
- Long hair tied back and no jewellery

Stop Domestic Abuse

All staff have now received training on identifying and supporting victims of domestic abuse.

If you have any worries about your own or someone else's home situation, please speak to any member of staff and we can signpost you to support or visit <https://stopdomesticabuse.uk/>

Staff will ask whether there is anything at home which is making you feel unsafe, so please do take the opportunity to talk with us if you need to.

We will ask this question to all parents at different points throughout the year, especially at each individual parent's meeting.



Stop Domestic Abuse
Advice Line

 **0330 0533 630**

This number will also get you through to the
Hampshire Advice Line (0330 0165 112)
– you are in the right place!"

Friends of St Thomas More's PTFA

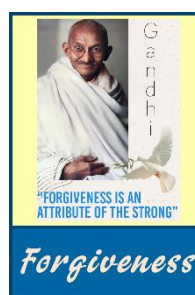
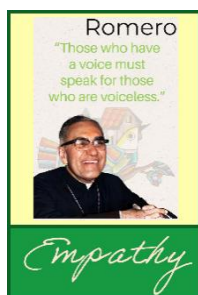
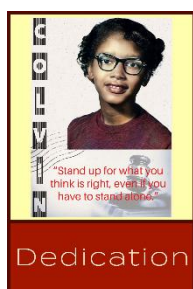
Our PTFA has been running for 2 years now and we're about to enter our third.

We're a small team made up of staff, parents, grandparents and friends who each do what we can and when we can. There is no pressure to join and sign up for events...Just come along and get a feel for what we're about.

All are welcome.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 18th September in the school hall at 6pm.

We will discuss our fundraising plans for this term, set some dates, reveal our current fundraised figure and have a cup of tea/coffee and a few giggles. Email adminoffice@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk if you have any questions.



We have recently updated our School Mission and Vision Statements.

For us, the **Mission** of the School is for the staff and states:

Our mission is to inspire every child by ensuring SUCCESS, providing OPPORTUNITY and fostering STEWARDSHIP within a loving, Catholic community.

The **Vision** is what we want everyone in our school community to strive towards. It states;

Our vision is that everyone will leave our school feeling they have **achieved** more than they ever thought possible, and they will **make a difference** to the world by **serving God by helping others**.

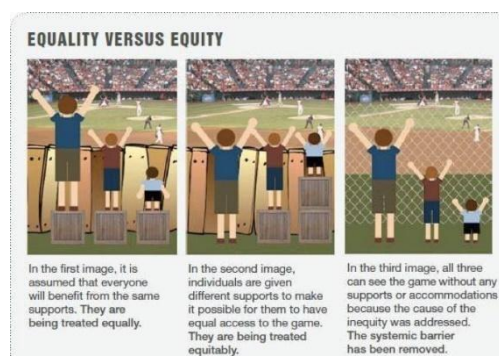
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

Dedication, Empathy, Forgiveness and Generosity.

Our House Patrons are role models of these values:

Claudette Colvin - Nine months before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, Colvin did the same. She wasn't being rude or selfish (as there was a seat free across the aisle from her), but this was a stand for all humans to be treated with dignity and respect during segregation in 1960s America. Colvin was only 15 when she took her stand against racism, and so she is an excellent role model for our pupils - to be dedicated to what is right, even if it means standing alone.

Oscar Romero - Catholic Social Teaching calls us to give preferential treatment to the poor - not just those who are poor in monetary value, but those who are disadvantaged in any way. Oscar Romero spoke out for the voiceless, which ultimately cost him his life. He serves as a reminder to us to be that voice for those who can't make themselves heard, to empathise with how they may be feeling and take action to put things right. We teach the children that equity is more important than equality.



Mahatma Gandhi - The Indian political ethicist is often quoted as saying "Be the change you wish to see in the world" - a motto which fits so well with the teachings of the Catholic faith. However, Gandhi is our patron for the value of Forgiveness. He said, "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong." We teach children to forgive, but it is important that they also recognise forgiving shows great strength. It isn't always easy to do, but forgiving is something Christ taught us, therefore we must strive to do this.

St Therese of Lisieux - St Therese struggled in many ways, something which we all do, but she lived her life doing random acts of kindness for people, calling people to love Jesus. This is something very simple for the children to understand and emulate. We teach the children to be stewards of all that they have been given - their time, their talent, their treasures, and to be generous with all of these things, just like St Therese.