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Dates for the Diary

Mon 6 July	Sports Day 9.15am -12pm KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Mon 6 July	Sports Day 1pm-3pm Year R, 1 and 2
Wed 8 July	Musical Theatre Club Gaiety Club Show
Wed 8 July	Whole School Mass @ St Michael and All Angels
Mon 13 July	First Holy Communion Liturgy
Tue 14 July	Yr 6 Wizard of Oz performance – 1.45pm
Tue 14 July	Yr 6 Wizard of Oz performance – 6.30pm
Wed 15 July	Yr 6 Wizard of Oz performance – 5.30pm
Tue 21 July	Y6 Leavers' Mass
Tue 21 July	Y6 Fun Day
Wed 22 July	Y6 Leavers' BBQ
Wed 22 July	Last day of term (whole school and Pre-school)
Thurs 12 Nov	Flu Vaccination Day (whole school)

Attendance

Delphinus	99.4%
Phoenix	99.0%
Jupiter	98.6%
Jellyfish	96.9%
Mars	96.6%
Neptune	95.0%
Columba	94.7%
Angelfish	90.0%
Pre-School	87.9%
Aquila	87.2%
Orion	85.7%
Lyra	80.0%

Mr Sendall says...

We have been closely monitoring the weather this week to see whether we feel it is safe enough to go ahead with Sports Day. Although the temperature is currently 27, this is not until later in the afternoon, and therefore, we still plan to go ahead with the event. However, we will be continually monitoring this during the day, and if we consider the conditions to be too hot, we will have to call a halt. I know that this is inconvenient to parents who have booked time off of work, but I have to put the safety of the children first.

We have some staffing changes in the main school for next year. The class teachers will be as follows;

Jellyfish: Mrs Stock	Angelfish: Miss Hennessy	
Jupiter: Mrs Coates	Mars: Mrs Lindley & Miss Boatwright	Neptune: Mrs Carpenter & Miss Cryer
Phoenix: Mr Wellington	Delphinus: Mrs Smith	Columba: Mrs Takacs
Aquila: Mrs Schofield	Lyra: Mrs Stather & Mrs Pople	Orion: Mrs Weston & Mrs Bennett

Whilst Mrs Stather finishes her maternity leave, Mrs Hill will take Lyra Class in her place.

You will see that there are some staff members missing from the list, and these people are off to pastures new...

Mrs Airey is moving to a school in Fareham.

Miss Griffin is taking her career in a new direction.

Miss Howe is taking up her second ECT year at a different school.

Mrs Robinson is having a career change, returning to her naval roots.

New faces are:

Mr Wellington and Mrs Schofield, both of whom are class teachers.

Mrs Taylor who will be our new school ELSA.

Miss Marshall, Mrs Simendeeva, and Mrs Roberts who will be joining us as LSAs.



Sports Day

New Date: Monday 6th July

We are pleased to confirm the details of our Sports Day events this year. Your child will take part in a variety of fun and engaging activities and will need to come to school dressed appropriately in:

- PE shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- A t-shirt in their house colour (see below)

House Colours:

Red – Colvin **Yellow – St. Therese** **Blue – Gandhi** **Green – Romero**

Sports Day Schedule

KS2 (year 3,4,5 and 6) 9.15am -12pm

KS1 (years 1 & 2) and Reception: 1pm-3pm

Please ensure your child comes to school with:

A full water bottle

A sunhat

Sun cream applied before arriving

Long hair tied back

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No jewellery

The PTFA will be selling refreshments on the field. Cash is preferred but card payments can be taken for purchases £2 and over. Spectators will not be able to buy refreshments for children who are participating.

Spectator Information:

Families are warmly invited to come and cheer on the children. To ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone, please follow these guidelines:

Stay within the designated spectator areas

KS2 spectators: Please wait in the Junior playground after drop-off and you will be escorted to the field for a 9:15am start

KS1 and Reception spectators: Please arrive at the junior playground at 12:45pm and you will be taken to the field for the 1:00pm start

If attending both sessions, you will need to leave the school grounds after the morning event and return for the afternoon. Children are not permitted to leave school between events

Additional Information:

- Toilets will be available on the Junior playground
- Please do not enter the school building
- The school grounds are a **no smoking/vaping** area and dogs are not allowed on site.

We respectfully ask that **no photos are taken** during the event, as some children cannot be photographed. Staff will take official photos, which will be shared on Class Dojo and Tapestry. Thank you for your support in keeping all children safe.



World Cup and Stop Domestic Abuse Campaign

This start of the World Cup, launched the **World Cup Stop Domestic Abuse Campaign** across Hampshire, and we are committed to supporting this important campaign.

With the football tournament taking place in the coming weeks, we want to ensure that our school community is aware of the support available and knows where to turn for guidance and help if needed. Major football tournaments and sporting events, bring people together, creating excitement and a sense of community. However, for many people, domestic abuse is a hidden harm that can intensify behind closed doors.

Research and local data consistently show that incidents of domestic abuse increase around major men's football tournaments, with reports rising by approximately 25% following matches, regardless of whether the team wins, loses or draws.

A range of factors can contribute to this increase, including changes in routine, heightened emotions, alcohol consumption, financial pressures and gambling-related stress.

Raising awareness helps people recognise the signs of abuse and understand that support is available before, during and after match days, whether this be the World Cup or another sporting event.

Domestic abuse can affect anyone and is not always physical. It can include emotional or psychological abuse, controlling or coercive behaviour, financial abuse, threats and intimidation, and online or digital abuse. Children too are affected by domestic abuse.

The Stop Domestic Abuse Campaign aims to raise awareness, support those affected and encourage everyone to take action. St Thomas More's are committed to promoting the safety and wellbeing of all children and families and ensuring that those who need support know where to access help.

If you are worried about yourself, a child, a family member, a friend or a neighbour, support is available. You do not have to face this alone.

There are a range of professionals who can offer advice, guidance and support, including: school staff, your GP, health visitors, school nursing services, Children's Services, Domestic Abuse Support Services, the Police (if there is an immediate risk to safety).

Speaking to a trusted professional can be the first step towards getting help and support. All staff are here to listen, care and work with you to find the support you need.

Together as a school community, we can raise awareness, challenge domestic abuse and help keep our family, friends and communities safe.



Faith Corner



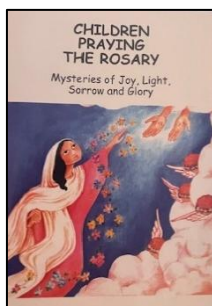
Teach me to pray

Last Monday, was the last meeting for our Teach me to Pray group. We meditated on the final luminous mystery of the Institution of the Eucharist.

We are very thankful for The Grandparents Association and their generosity of time, prayer and gifts. Over the year they have donated rosaries, prayer cards, Jesus icons and most recently a rosary booklet. All of which were so warmly received by our prayer group. Most importantly, we have been coming together every Monday afternoon in our chapel for prayer.

Children from Year R through to Year 6 are free to join and we really have had a growing number, week on week. Favourite moments from this prayer group according to the children, 'we are all friends,' 'praying together,' 'the gifts,' and 'the Glorious mysteries'.

Our Monday meetings have finished for this school year but we look forward to restarting next September. Our continued prayers will be for our school community. May the graces and love of Our Father be with us all and the intercessions and miraculous aid of Our Lady and all the Saints remain strong.



Lost Property

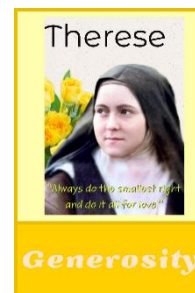
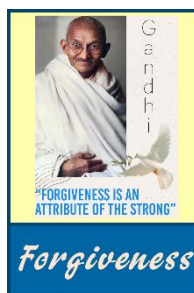
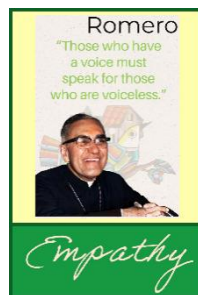
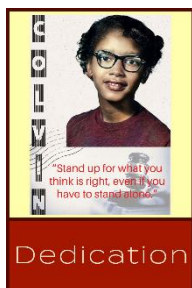
Lost property will be out on the Junior playground for all of next week (weather dependant).

Please do take anything that belongs to your child. At the end of term, anything left will be disposed of.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING

Can we also take this opportunity to ask parents to label your child's clothing clearly. We are receiving so much school uniform with no names, which we are having to dispose of at the end of each term.





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;

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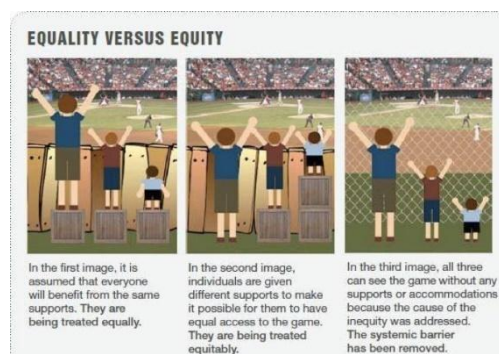
Our values are qualities which we endeavour to show in all we do. They are;

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.