

# ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER

Issue 10

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

We seem to be well and truly into the Christmas season with carols and preparations for plays throughout the school. No doubt you will become familiar with all the songs we've been preparing and will be humming along on the night. Tickets for the O2 were given out to parents during the week, if you have not received yours please collect from the office.

**Early Morning Rush**

I hate to nag as we approach the season of goodwill but .... It would help the office greatly if children were to arrive on time and avoid the queue at the desk.

Additionally, it would also help us if you are there just to hand something in you use the green box on the wall. I have noticed that the front desk has been a little congested this week and do worry that children may slip in or out unnoticed. Your help would be much appreciated.

**Football**

The team played yesterday at Thurstable in the final round of the Year 5/6 Football tournament. Once again they played brilliantly winning all their games which got them through to the semi final where they lost 1-0. Well done to: Michael Collins, Louis Dunne, George Fenning, Tristan Nydam, Gianni Sabini, Sophie Tudor and Connor Welfare. And Mr Peck!!

**Open Day**

Thank you so much for supporting our Open Day on Tuesday. There were 8 tours in all, competently hosted by 4 of the Y6 pupils. Very well done to: Anna Maria Zepeda,

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Kieran McCartney Jones, Olivia Thorpe and Gianni Sabini.

**Dads' Lunch - Curry and a beer!**

Dad's are invited to book lunch with the children on Thursday November 26.

Following the success of the Grandparents' Roast Lunch we thought we would try another event. If you fancy a Curry, plus a free drink, meals must be booked by Friday 20 November. Please send your name and payment to the office. Cost £2.50.

**Brentwood Choir Concert**

If you are planning to come along to the Brentwood Concert this year please book tickets early. Basil Meade and his Gospel Choir are world famous with a huge following. Schools have been sent a letter informing them of unprecedented ticket sales for the forthcoming concerts. Fr. Dominic feels they will be sold out before the concert. Great for the Children's Society!

Please check your bank statement after booking as one of our Mums was charged twice but not on the same date!!

**PTA News**

**Christmas Family Disco on Friday 27th  
November 6.30 - 8.30pm (NOT 6-8pm)  
Santa's grotto, bar, sweets, raffle prizes  
and more  
Tickets are £1.50 per person (adults and  
children)**

**We need as much help on the night as possible...please volunteer as we need face painters and help behind the bar.**

**Please see Gail or one of the PTA members to volunteer.**

**Calendars will be on sale within the next couple of weeks at £5 each.**

**Look out for them after school in the playground...there's limited stock so first come first serve**

### **Tree of Angels**

If you would like to add the name of a loved one you have lost to our tree please give the name to the office.

### **Ask me what I did badges!**

We will still be giving housepoints, flowers, certificates and stickers to the children in recognition of their hard work however we have added an extra award...the 'Ask me what I did!' badge. These bright yellow badges will be given to the children to wear during the school day if a member of staff feels they have gone that extra mile in any aspect. The idea being that the staff in the school passing someone wearing the badge will indeed ask the question!

### **Fair Trade Orders**

Please let the Fair Trade Team have your orders at the beginning of next week. If you haven't had the chance yet, do take a look at the colour catalogue in the shop or visit the web site [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) there are some lovely gift ideas.

### **Christmas Dates for the diary**

Slight change to the dates published in September we have split the evening nativities over two weeks. First performance Thursday 3 December 6.30, afternoon performance 7 December 1.45 and final performance Tuesday 8 December 6.30. Choir performance Tuesday 15 December 6pm. Some of the choir will be singing on Wednesday 16 December in the town centre, more details nearer the time.

### **Colchester United After School Club**

Just to remind you that the club finishes at **4.15pm** now. If you haven't already paid for

this half terms session please let the office have your payment on Monday. Thank you.

### **Worker of the Week**

This week's award is for Good Manners it goes to:

Paige Calver & Euan Zammit

Fernando Allen Mena & Natalie Farah

Jessica Stebbing & Joseph Guild

Sam Lee & Rose Jones

Roman Carvell & Ella Haskell

Mia Sonny & Joshua King

Luke Easter & Olivia Thorpe

Well done everyone!

### **Housepoints**

Colchester 71

Lincoln 66

Bath 68

York 70

Well Done Colchester!

### **Next Week**

Monday - Year 4 Sports' Festival at St Bens

### **Your Prayers**

Please remember three of our six pupils who have all had operations in the last two weeks. Rebecca Brooks, Antonio Sabini & Kieran McCartney Jones (last week and fully recovered).

Best wishes

Bridget Harris

### **Child Minder**

Rosie McGibbon, a registered child minder and ex STM mum has vacancies for after school care and possible day care for younger children.

For more details contact Rosie on 01206 871365 or 07875592440