

ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER

Issue 4

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are full steam ahead into the new school year. This week saw netball, football and cross country trials, the start of the critical thinking classes for some of Y5 & 6, school journey meetings, reading tips for Reception Class parents, pta meeting...the list goes on! We've definitely got that Friday feeling.

Arty Facts Theatre

The children will be watching a performance of Eureka next Wednesday morning. Thank you for your support of this.

Year 1 and 2 Cross Country

The following children will be representing the school in a fun run at Abbey Field on Wednesday afternoon. It is quite a long run for such short legs but we took part last year and they loved it! Good luck to: Katy Ascough Youngs, Mia Jerrom, Stephanie Magill, Madeleine Claydon, Olivia Cooper, Gianni Garofalo, John Magill, Kane Smith, Elliot Stallwood McKilligan, Jacob Saunders, Freya Richardson, Louisa Hayes, Summer Finch, Mia Patterson, Alice Haigherty, Alfie Kelway, William Mabon, Mackenzie Ratcliffe, Owen Moriarty and Luke Ledwidge

Year 6 Leavers' DVD

Thank you very much to the Beatties (Colbridge Videography) for the superb DVD of the Leavers' events. A cheque for £135 was presented to the school on Thursday.

Prayers

Please pray for a speedy recovery for Richard Meara Yr10 who sustained an injury at school and needed a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour operation to

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repair his badly broken arm. Richard was a former pupil and is brother to James in Yr 1.

Year 6 St Benedict's Evening

Mr O'Hara will be visiting our school on Thursday evening at 7pm to talk to Year 6 parents and carers about the college.

Christmas Cards

I would like to let those of you new to the school know about the best Christmas cards you can buy. I know it is a little early but great works of art have to be planned well in advance! Once again all children will be making a card which can be professionally printed with their name and school on the back should you choose to order. Designs and order forms will be sent home next week. The first pack of 12 cards is £6, £10 for 2 packs or £12 for 3 packs. Your order needs to be accompanied by the full payment. (Cheques made payable to St Thomas More's please). Thank you.

School Photographer

The photographer will be visiting the school on Monday to take individual and family photos. If you would like a picture of your child with pre school siblings please come into the dining room between 8.15 and 8.35.

Harvest Festival

Once again we will be collecting produce for the local soup run. We ask you to spare a thought for the homeless as you shop this week by adding any of the following for your child to bring in from next week: Tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, instant soup, and instant hot chocolate. Please do not send in

any food items or fresh produce as the only means of food preparation is a kettle.

Thank you.

Year 3 & 4 Maths Information

Mrs Westera will be holding a meeting for parents in year 3 & 4 on Monday 5th October 3.30pm - 4pm to discuss methods of teaching maths. Topics covered will include addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please let Mrs Westera know or send a note via the office if you would like to attend.

Fair Trade

Year 6 would like to say thank you to all the parents and carers for coming in and supporting them on the first week of the Fair Trade Stall. We may introduce an order form for other gifts, toys and accessories. We are really pleased with how well everything is selling and may need to make a new order soon!

Rebecca Brooks and George Fenning

Readers

Mrs Banthorpe would like to thank the parents who have volunteered their time to help listen to the children read. She would love to hear from a few more parents so that she can cover all classes. Please let her know if you can help. Thank you.

Referees Urgently Needed

Mr Peck has entered Year 5/6 into a football and netball league. We urgently need parent volunteers to referee our home games for football, Mrs Tudor has kindly volunteered to do the netball matches, in order for this to go ahead. Please see Mr Peck if you can help - he has copies of the rules!

School Council

The school council had their first meeting today. Lorena Allen Mena has been elected Chair, Megan Pavey secretary and Joshua Cody treasurer

Worker of the Week

This week's award is for Literacy it goes to:
Zion Ateba & Theo Baker
George Armstrong & Peter Calatayud
Maddie Himsworth & Joseph Selby
Jack Kelly & Eve O'Sullivan
Alexis Atmadjov & India Finch
Tristan Nydam & Chloe Maye
Niamgh Agius & Antonio Sabini
Well done everyone!

Housepoints

Colchester 60

Lincoln 59

Bath 59

York 63

Well Done York!

Next Week

Monday - School Photos

- Yr 6 Gifted & Talented to St Ben's

- KS1 Children's Liturgy 2.30

Wednesday - Arty Facts Theatre

- Yr 1 & 2 Cross Country

Thursday - Year 6 Parents' meeting with Mr O'Hara 7pm

Best wishes

Bridget Harris

Goodbye Father Joseph

It will be Fr Joseph's last weekend in the Parish. Fr Joseph has supported the school in all its activities over the last four years. We will be very sorry to see him go but know that his new Parish in Westcliffe will look after him as he looked after us! A huge thank you Father for all you have done.

If you would like to make a contribution to a collection for him please send it in by Wednesday I'm sure he will really chuffed to receive something from the children.