

ST THOMAS MORE'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy week has flown past. You may have noticed the builders vans in the carpark. They have been in to the Convent measuring up etc. We are still in the process of negotiating the Lease but for every 2 steps forward it is 1 back at the moment. The latest hurdle is the lack of an asbestos survey on the building. We have arranged one for the weekend just to keep things moving.

Liturgy of the Word

Thank you for joining the children on Monday in the Church. They were great.

Reading Meeting

Thank you for coming along to Mrs Banthorpe's meeting yesterday about early reading. I hope you found it useful. The most important thing you can do for your child is to help them foster a love of books. It is just as important, if not more so, for you to read to them and share the knowledge, wonder and magic that comes from a book. So keep those bedtime stories going as they have positive impact on their ability in the classroom.

Cake Sale

Thank you so much for supporting our cake sale in aid of Haiti yesterday. We made £204. An even bigger thanks to Jayne and Tina for doing the baking. If not challenged enough by the task itself they also had to contend with a powercut in the middle of

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the preparations. Mrs Green made lunch for the staff today in return for a set fee for Haiti. Our fundraising has come to an end now and with the Mums' lunch we raised £450!

Thank you.

Winter Sickness Bug

This seems to be a particularly virulent strain. Poor Jamie Morgan from year 4 ended up in hospital because of complications. Please keep the children off for at least 24 hours, ideally 48, from when the last sickness or diarrhoea occurs to prevent them passing it on to others. Thank you.

Earrings

Just to remind you that if the children have to wear earrings to school they must be small plain stud type. No loops or earrings that can catch are permitted for reasons of Health & Safety. All earrings must be taken out for PE. Thank you for your help with this.

Year 5/6 Athletics

Well done to the squad of 20 who took part at Charter Hall on Wednesday. They performed really well in all events coming 4th out of the 6 schools. It was a really close finish with only a few points between them, there was a first, a joint second, then us. The team looked fantastic in the bibs donated by the Kelway family.

Bikeability

Year 6 will once again have the opportunity to take part in this training scheme which includes on the road cycling. If you would like your Year 6 child to take part you must be able to bring in and collect a bike and cycle helmet each day. It usually takes place in the Summer Term over a set week. Please let me know in writing by Friday 5 Feb. Places are limited and will be drawn from a hat.

Year 5 Visit

Some classes go to the Science Museum, some to the seaside nevertheless I am sure Year 5 will have a lovely day today at the Chelmsford Sewage Works. Let us just hope that they do not have too much to say about it afterwards. Seriously though it is to support their studies on recycling.

Admissions for 2010

The Governors will meet on Monday to rank the applications for next year according to the Admissions Criteria. Once again we are heavily oversubscribed, therefore, I cannot stress how important it is to attend Mass weekly as even if you have siblings in the school those without siblings who attend weekly will be ranked higher than those who do not.

PTA News

A reminder that the next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th February**
7.30pm in the Slug & Lettuce

PTA Events

Coming Soon...
Dress to impress day for the children!

Adults Quiz Eve – Friday 5 March

Reception Photos

We were really pleased with the lovely shots of the reception class children from our new

photographer. Please return any orders to the school by Friday 5 February. Thank you

Worker of the Week

This week's award is for Numeracy it goes to:

Theo Baker
Scarlett Mallett
Lyle Miano
Stephanie Magill
Tia Smith
Hannah McKay
Marcus Knight
Romilly Blacker
Freddy Richardson
Joseph Zepeda
Brandon Mosconi
Freddie Murfin
Finn Ryan
Anna Maria Zepeda
Well done everyone!

Housepoints

Colchester 118
Lincoln 88
Bath 111
York 85

Well Done Colchester!

Next week

Monday - STM v Gosbecks
Friday - Year 4 Mass 9.15am
- Reception Shrub Planting 2.15

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Bridget Harris