

STMS Newsletter 9th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Since I last wrote to so much has happened.

We've had our Fireworks Night which was a huge success. Thank you for your support and thank you to all those volunteers that helped to make it a success. In the end, we made a fantastic profit of £1100, which is amazing given the expense involved in putting on the event.

Year 5 and 6 have been out to an Engineering Festival organised by Suella Fernandes MP. The children were able to see exhibits from a whole range of engineering backgrounds and to experience the thrill of engineering. A special thank you to Stuart Barnett of West Group in Waterlooville for helping to sponsor the coaches to the event. We are very grateful. The event has really helped to raise children's aspirations and help them to think more broadly about what they might want to do in the future.

Year 3 and 4 have been on a pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral. They celebrated Mass and learned about the history of the Cathedral and the lives of the saints the Cathedral is dedicated to.

Year 1 and 2 have been to Fort Nelson to re-enact the Gunpowder Plot and then set fire to a model village of the city of London on the school field.

We've celebrated mass together to remember the Saints that watch over us and inspire us in our faith and we have been thinking about those who gave their lives in service of their country in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. You will also see we have a display in our entrance to remember any loved one who has passed away. Please write their name on a poppy and put in on display with the others. We will pray for all those named in our whole school and class worship.

Thanks to all those parents who attended meetings with teachers this week to discuss their child's progress. We had an excellent turn out and we received lots of fantastic feedback from parents about the meetings.

I'd like to draw you attention to an event we have coming up where all parents are invited to meet with the Senior Leadership of the school to chat about our aims for development this year, what is going well and what we can do to improve. Please put the date in the diary and join us for this as we don't often have the chance to engage with parents in this way. This event will happen on Thursday 29th November at 6:30 pm.

Finally I hope to see lots of parents on our Open Morning next week. It will take place from 9:00am to 11:30am on Tuesday the 13th November. If you know of anyone whose child is due to start school next September, do bring them along.



**Children In Need
Friday 16th November 2018**



Theme for this year is "Do Your Thing"

We are having a non-uniform day at school, children can dress up in something that represents a talent, hobby or something they aspire to be.

To raise money for the charity, we will be sending home a "Pudsey Coin Fill" sheet. Just stick any spare coins to the picture of Pudsey and bring into school on Friday 16th November.

The day will consist of fun activities and learning, where teachers will be sharing their own talents and hobbies with the children.

Thank you in advance for your support

CM SPORTS - Half Term Childcare

The feedback from the half term activities has been extremely positive.

The children were delighted to have the opportunity to be a part of the drama/performance activity days, The boys in particular, relished the nerf combat activities and the sports games as always, were a great success and loved by all.

It will run again during February half term (18th-22nd) possibly with an option for extended times.

Please look out for the leaflet in the new year.

Family Quiz Night – Friday 30th November

Doors open at 6.30pm, quiz starts at 7pm

Book tickets online:

www.ticketsource.co.uk & search St Thomas Mores.

Ticket Prices: £3per person or teams of six £15.
Licenced bar with snacks and pizza.

All money raised will go towards the renovation of the Pond Area to become our Outdoor Learning Area.

Vacancy - Clerk to Governors

Required to start January 2019
£10.49 per hour,
40-54hrs per year, mostly evenings

Will need excellent secretarial skills

Closing date: 12pm 30th November 2018
Apply to school office for application pack
and full details on the role.

Church News

Sunday 11th November

Thirty-second Sunday of the Year
Remembrance Sunday 10 am Mass

First Holy Communion 2019

Application forms are available from Fr Gerard.
The enrolment Mass is on 2nd December.

ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 13 th November	09.00 – 11.30	School Open Morning – all are welcome
Tuesday 20 th November	14.45	Year R – Stay & Play (entry through Year R door)
Wednesday 21 st November	09.15	School Nurse Coffee Morning
Monday 10 th December	09.15	Year R Nativity
Monday 10 th December	10.15	Pre-School Nativity
Monday 10 th December	13.30	KS1 Nativity at St. Michael's Church
Tuesday 11 th December	18.00	Yr3 / Yr4 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 12 th December	18.30	Yr5 / Yr6 Carol Service at St. Joseph's Church
Thursday 13 th December	14.00	Yr3 / Yr4 Nativity Performance
Friday 14 th December	15.30	Christmas Craft Fair
Wednesday 19 th December		Christmas Dinners (order as normal in class on the day)
Thursday 20 th December		Class Christmas Parties