

# STMS Newsletter 13th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another year at St Thomas More's. I trust you had a wonderful summer break. It's been fascinating listening to the stories of the children's summer adventures.

The term appears to have gotten off to a very positive start. Our New Year R children are settling really well. We have some new children who have joined various classes and have also settled in beautifully. It feels like our new staff have always been here and teachers plans for the term sound very exciting.

On Wednesday we had the 'Meet the Team' meetings for parents and we heard of very exciting projects, particularly linked to reading and writing. Our second INSET day last Monday should prove transformational in making links between, reading writing and topics while at the same time integrating high quality highly engaging texts. Details of these topics are in the Phase Newsletters and in the Phase Blogs. A link to the blogs can be found on our website.

This Sunday, all staff are invited to St Michael and All Angel's Church for a blessing. It would be lovely to see as many children and families join us at the 10 o'clock mass this Sunday.

We welcome Mrs Cryer and Mrs Bennet to Columba class and Miss Bainbridge to Aquila class. Miss Ridd plans to take maternity leave just before half term and God willing will return in the second half of the summer term. Mrs Barnden and Mrs Somhegyi have moved from Nursery to our infant classes and seem to be very comfortable in their new roles.

Sadly, at the end of the term, three much loved members of staff left us very suddenly to take up new posts. Mrs Fry has been appointed to a promoted role at another of our Catholic schools, Mrs White has moved to a specialist role in another school and Mrs Osmond, who was Leo's 1:1 support assistant also moved to a new role. She has been replaced over the summer by Mrs Jessep. She and Leo are getting on fantastically well and we welcome Mrs Jessep to the team.

Sadly this week, I received a resignation from one of our long standing childcare workers, Michelle Wrightson. Michelle has worked in our kitchen and in Tommy's childcare for some time and moves to an Early Years setting as Cook and Early Years Assistant in a job with significantly more hours. We wish her well.



### School uniform

Please remember, long hair should be tied back with a very **SMALL** plain navy blue or white hair bands, small bobbles or clips.

**Large bows and hair accessories are not allowed. Extreme hairstyles and colouring are discouraged.**

### Tommy's Childcare

We offer breakfast and after school club every day. Breakfast club starts from either 7.45am (£4.00 a session) or 8am (£3.00 a session), the children are offered a range of breakfast cereals and toast and there are plenty of games and fun to be had!

After school club runs until 4.30pm (£5.00) or 5.45pm (£10.00) the children are provided with a range of snacks and entertained with fantastic games and activities.

If you are interested in hearing more about our childcare, please contact Mrs Miller.

### Church News

#### St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church

Please join us after 10 am Mass this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September to reflect on how our Parish worships, spreads the Word, and shows love for our neighbours.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we have our Harvest Supper at St Clare's Church Hall at 6pm; everyone is welcome after St Michael's Vigil Mass.

Quiz Night on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm, at St Clare's Church Hall. Everyone is very welcome!

### School Photographs Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November

If you wish to have sibling photographs taken, please come along to the school hall at 8am.

Individual school photographs will be taken as normal during the school day.

The option to purchase school photographs online will be made available.

Details on how to do this will be on the order form.

### ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	14.00	Year 6 Mass
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	17.00 – 20.00	Oaklands Open Evening
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	11.40 – 13.40	Oaklands Open Morning
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	11.40 – 13.40	Oaklands Open Morning
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	Year 6 Nethercott Farm trip to depart
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	Year 6 Nethercott Farm trip return
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		Half Term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October		First day back after half term
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November		School Photographs (Sibling groups at 8am if required)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		INSET Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30-11.00	Year 1 and 2 Open Morning (details to follow)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019		INSET Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019		INSET Day