

STMS Newsletter 28th September 2018

Dear Parents,

I trust all our pupils have well and truly settled into the swing of things by now. I have been especially impressed by how our Year R pupils have settled in. I have been in and out of the setting a number of times and each time they seem happy and highly engaged in play and learning.

At St Thomas More's we are always very proud of how smart our children look in their uniforms and I want to thank you all for the lengths you go to in ensuring your children are adhering to the school uniform policy.

A short reminder however, that children cannot use their school P.E. Kit for after school sports clubs. They will need to ensure they take extra kit in on the days of their club.

Also a note for parents of our older children in Year 5 and 6. At the risk of sounding like an old 'fuddy duddy', last year I was concerned by the number of girls wearing very short skirts as part of uniform. Our policy does not yet stipulate a minimum length for skirts but can I ask parents to please remember that we are a primary school and that older children should be an example to younger children. We don't believe young children should be encouraged to wear short skirts as part of uniform. I fully accept that it is common place at secondary school, but we do not encourage this at St Thomas More's. Could I therefore ask that if your child does grow and the skirt gets shorter that you buy a new one so that the skirts are never any shorter than just above the knee. I thank you for your support with following our uniform policy which ensures that our children always look smart and have a strong sense of self respect that makes children want to look smart.

Thank you to the fantastic number of parents who came to our coffee morning on Wednesday led by Mrs Miller and the School Nurses. If you haven't been to one before, please watch out for the date for the next one in the newsletter.

Our fireworks night will be held on Thursday 1st November. The PTA will be selling tickets soon so keep the date in your diary and do join us for this highlight in the year.

Our Year 5 and 6s have been invited by Suella Fernandes, MP, to attend an engineering event at Fareham Leisure Centre on the 8th November. The event sounds fantastic and is aimed at encouraging children to take an interest in engineering, maths and science. Because of the number of children and the distance, we will need to hire a coach to transport children there and back. If you know of anyone, perhaps an engineering firm who would like to support this venture by sponsoring the coach travel, we would love to hear from you.

On the 13th November from 9.00am until 11:30am, we have our OPEN MORNING for all parents, family and friends and anyone who is thinking of joining our school. Please do come along and see your school in action that morning. Bring a friend, especially those with children who will soon be of school age.

A number of parents have been entering the school building after their children have been collected to find lost property or to retrieve something left behind. In the interest of safeguarding children, could we ask you to come to the front desk if you need to re-enter the building.



CM Sports Childcare

During October half term,
(22.10.18 – 26.10.18)

CM Sports will be running childcare
at St Thomas More's School for the
children of St Thomas More's.

Information on how to book a place
and prices will be sent out next
week in book bags

Harvest Fast Day

Friday 5th October 2018 marks our School Harvest Celebration
as well as a 'Family Fast Day'. A letter has been sent home this
week.

If you would like to order soup and a roll and come into
school to eat with your child at 12.45 on 5th October, please
ensure you have returned your reply slip by
Wednesday 3rd October.

Tommy's Childcare

A polite notice regarding breakfast and after
school care bookings and cancellations...

All bookings will now need to be made by
midday on the Friday for the following week
as last minute booking can no longer be
accepted.

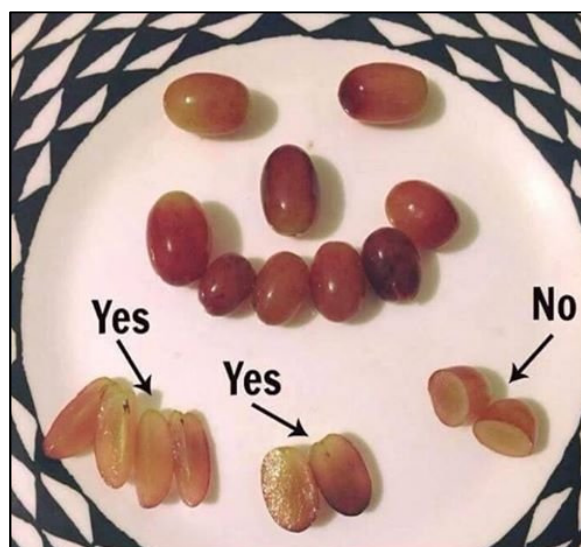
Cancellations for after school care and
breakfast care will need to be made more
than 48 hours before the session to avoid
being charged.

Also, Friday 2nd November (INSET Day), we will
be offering childcare. Forms can be obtained
either from the office or Breakfast/after
school care.

Packed lunch Safety

Please ensure grapes and cocktail sausages are
cut up before putting them in your
child's lunch box.

Below is an example...



ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Friday 5 th October		Harvest Fast Day
Friday 12 th October	TBC	Year 6 Nethercott Farm trip to depart
Friday 19 th October	TBC	Year 6 Nethercott Farm trip return
Friday 19 th October	15.15	Last day of half- term
Monday 29 th October	08.45	First day of half-term
Thursday 1 st November		School Photographs (Sibling groups at 8am if required)
Thursday 1 st November	Time TBC	Fireworks Night
Friday 2 nd November		INSET Day
Tuesday 13 th November	9.00 – 11.30	School Open Morning – all are welcome

St. Thomas More's Extra Curricular Activities



AUTUMN TERM 2018

CLUB	DAY	TIME	Year Group	TUTOR	MEETING PLACE
Football	Monday	3.15-4.30	KS1 & KS2	CM Sports Start date 17/9/18 Finish 10/12/18	Football on field
Forces Club	Monday	3.15-5.00pm	Selected Children	Miss Shaw & Ms Eastman Start date 17/9/18 ongoing	Jupiter
Homework Club	Tuesday	3.15-5.30	Selected Children	Class Teachers & Teaching Assistants Ongoing	Classrooms
Ball Skills	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	Yr 2	Miss Warrener & Mrs Somhegyi Start date 2/10/18 Finish date 30/10/18	Mars
Netball	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	Yr 5 & 6	Miss Moon Mrs Miller Start date 25/9/18 Finish date 27/11/18	Pegasus
Sudoku	Tuesday	12.30-1.00	KS2	Mrs Airey Start date 11/9/18 Finish date 5/12/18	Phoenix
Boys Football	Wednesday	3.15-4.15	Yr 5 & 6	Mr Harrison Start date 12/9/18 Finish date 17/10/18	Pegasus shared area
French	Wednesday	3.15-4.15	4 & 5	Mrs Seabrook Start date 19/9/18 Finish 7/11/18 Not on 17/10/18	Aquila
Choir	Wednesday	3.15-4.00	4, 5 & 6	Mrs Gibson Start date 31/10/18 Ongoing	Orion
Homework Club	Thursday	3.15-5.30	Selected Children	Class Teachers & Teaching Assistants Running all year	Classrooms

CLUB	DAY	TIME	Year Group	TUTOR	MEETING PLACE
Ultimate Frisbee	Thursday	3.15-4.15	Yr 4 & 5	Miss Carpenter Start date 20/9/18 Finish date 11/10/18	Venus
Karate	Thursday	3.15-4.15	KS 1 & KS2	Darren Instructor Start date 13/9/18 Ongoing	Hall
Basketball	Thursday	3.15-4.15	Yr 5 & 6	Miss Ridd & Mrs Barnden Start date 21/9/18 Finish date 29/11/18 Not on 1/11/18	Aquila
Badminton	Thursday	3.15-4.15	Yr 3 & 4	Mrs Carpenter & Mrs Miller Start date 8/11/18 Finish date 29/11/18	Hall
Badminton	Thursday	3.15-4.15	Yr 5 & 6	Mrs Carpenter & Mrs Miller Dates 6/12/18, 10/1/19, 17/1/19 & 24/1/19	Hall
Forces Club	Thursday	3.15-5.00pm	Selected Children	Miss Shaw & Ms Eastman Start date 20/9/18 ongoing	Jupiter
X Factor	Friday	3.15-4.30	4, 5 & 6	Miss Ridd & Mrs Miller Start date 14/9/18 Finish date 7/12/18	Hall
Tag Rugby	Friday	3.15-4.30	5 & 6	Mr Dennis, Mr Mills & Mr Flanagan Start date 28/9/18 Ongoing	School Field/Rugby Field

Success

Opportunity

Stewardship