21st September 2018 – NEWSLETTER

Parents of Children in Year 6 – Please see below school transfer information from The Royal Borough of Greenwich regarding Primary and Secondary School Admissions for 2019

The primary and secondary admissions booklets 2018/19 are available on the website at:-
www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions.

Information leaflets on the admissions process are being delivered to early learning providers and primary schools over the next few weeks. Copies will also be available in libraries across the borough. Primary booklets are available from the School Office.

Early learning providers and schools are asked to distribute the leaflets to those families living in Royal Greenwich who need to apply for a primary or secondary place for entry in September 2019.

Most parents are applying online and are being encouraged to do so. Alternatively, parents can download a printable copy of the common application form from our website.

The deadlines for submitting applications are 31 October 2018 for secondary and 15 January 2019 for primary.

For further details, contact our Families Information Service at fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or on 020 8921 6921.

REMINDER

St Thomas More Catholic Comprehensive Open Evening is Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 5.30 pm with the Executive Head’s address to parents at 6.15 pm.

Attendance

It is vital that your child attends school every day and also that they are punctual in arriving in the morning on time. The school has engaged the South East Attendance Advisory Service (SEAAS) to help monitor and support us with student attendance.

There will be an introduction letter coming soon to explain further.
Friday 28th September – 3.15 pm: MacMillan Cake Sale

(Please note: Parents/carers of children in the **Reception Class** will be invited to join us for refreshments at 2.45 pm)

As older children finish school they will also be able to join us in the hall with Parents/Carers.

The event is part of the “World’s Biggest Coffee Morning” and is Macmillan Cancer Support’s Annual Fundraising Campaign. We are only as successful as the quality of cakes that we as a school community can make. Please do come along and buy a home made cake to support a very worthy cause.

See if you can identify the show stopping cakes that your child’s class teacher has made.

If you would like to support the event by contributing any donations of cakes, muffins, scones, biscuits or cookies – even if you are not a whizz in the kitchen – pop into one of your local stores and pick up something delicious. **Please bring all donations into school on the morning of Friday 28th September.**

Let’s make this a great fund raising event!

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**STM PTA**

The PTA Core Committee has asked us to communicate that there is a vacancy within the committee. The school would like to add their voice to that of the Core Committee in thanking the outgoing Joint Chair, Danielle Holmes, for all of her hard work last year. Ms Holmes led from the front and was always available to support the school at the PTA events, and there to help clear away afterwards!

The PTA Core Committee is a group of volunteers who help to organise events over the year. As well as these events being a fun part of our school community life, it helps to raise money for the school and various charities. This money is vital in funding school trips for each class as well as paying for student awards and treats. If you think that you have the skills, time and motivation to be more involved with school events, please pass your name onto your child’s class teacher or any of the staff at school. Minimum requirements are a positive attitude and a desire to help!

Please do not hold back and assume that someone else will stand up, we always tell the children how important it is to be an active member of the school community.
We had a fantastic start to the School Book Fair yesterday. Please note that it will be running until Wednesday 26th September.

Please come along and buy a book, or 2!

Key Dates

20th – 26th September – School Annual Book Fair
28th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning – further details to follow
The month of October – Black History Month
Monday 12th October – Cultural Day/Evening
Thursday 18th October – Parents Evenings
October Half Term – Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October
Friday 2nd November – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 5th & Monday 12th November – 11 am – School Tour for 2019 Prospective Parents
Friday 9th November – Individual Photographs – Full School Uniform please
Week Commencing 12th November – Anti Bullying Week

Yours sincerely

Mr G Jamieson
Head of School