As you are aware, we have been in partnership with St Thomas More Catholic Comprehensive School for the last three years and with Holy Family Catholic Primary School for two years. The understanding is that we will form a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) in the near future and each Governing Body has voted for this to happen. At the formation of the Partnership, an understanding was agreed that we would work to formalise the admission arrangements over the three schools. In order to fulfil this commitment, the secondary school aim to amend the admission criteria at Secondary Transfer (Year 7) to the school by naming the two partner schools as ‘feeder schools’ above the distance sub-criteria. It should be made clear the Catholic practice requirement will not change.

This should be welcome news to our parents. St Thomas More Comprehensive is the most popular destination for our Year 6 leavers and allows students to continue education in an Outstanding Catholic School.

Consultation will be undertaken in due course.

Please note that Parents/Carers Evening will be taking place on 13th March.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we move into the colder part of the year, I would like to remind you of the following school rules regarding uniform:

- School coat – black or navy blue only
- Plain navy jumper or cardigan
- Boys – black school shoes – NOT BOOTS
- Girls – black school shoes – NOT BOOTS

It is important that your child is dressed for outdoor play. They may wear a hat, gloves (or mittens) and a scarf also. **Jewellery is not permitted**

***Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled as we currently have a huge amount of lost property***
SPONSORED READ

The school will be holding a sponsored read week commencing 4th March.
Letter to follow from Mrs Barnes.

***REMINDER***

Please can we remind all Parents / Carers that all varieties of nuts and sesame seeds are prohibited in school i.e. in packed lunches or in birthday treats/gifts. This is due to some of our children having very severe allergies.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE
Child Protection at
St Thomas More Primary School

Please note, if you have any safeguarding concerns regarding any child at St Thomas More Primary School please report your concern immediately to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) at the school.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads are:
Mr G Jamieson, Mrs L Collins
and Mrs S Barnes

WORLD BOOK DAY
7th MARCH 2019

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2019. On this day, please can all children come to school dressed as a character from a book and if possible, bring the book with them to school. We very much look forward to seeing all the children in their creative costumes.

***SCHOOL MEAL REMINDER***

School meals should be paid for in advance for the week ahead. The charge is £2.00 per day (£10.00 per week). Please access your child’s online cashless account to make payments.

If you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch, you must notify the office in advance and children can only change at the end of a half term.

If notification is not received you will incur charges of £2 per day

LATE PROCEDURE

If your child is late getting to school in the morning for any reason, Parents/Carers are required to bring the children in via the School Office and ensure that the Late Arrival Register is signed.

At the end of the school day, if children are collected late they may automatically be put into our Hopscotch Afterschool Club. This will then incur a charge of £10 per child.

Please try to avoid being late as it is embarrassing for the children.
HOPSCOTCH BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Payment for Hopscotch Club sessions should be made in advance for the week ahead. Breakfast Club is £5 per session and Afterschool Club is £10 per session.

All sessions should be booked at least 24 hours beforehand. If you are unable to do this or are having difficulty accessing your child’s online account, please call the School Office and they will be able to manually book the session for you, if there are spaces available.

PARKING

Further to a recent email from a parent. Parents are responsible for the welfare of their children until they are admitted onto the school premises. I understand that it can get crowded on the path and parents should take steps to wait where they feel there is enough space, possibly around the corner on Appleton Road. If there are too many children waiting in one place, I would advise keeping children back until the press dissipates.

I will remind students that they need not crowd the gate while they are waiting for it to open. We have been in contact with the council to volunteer for a scheme that allows some schools to close a road next to their school for an hour in the morning and in the afternoon. Parents will be informed if this becomes likely.

In the interest of child safety, I ask that parents try to avoid using a vehicle to drop off/collect children. If it is essential, then please park your car appropriately before walking in. It is very dangerous to drop off in the road, many are doing this on Shortway.

SHARING ASSEMBLIES
Fridays at 10.10 am

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Parents/Carers of children in the relative years are welcome to attend

Share the light of Jesus, by learning together and loving others
KEY DATES

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ADVERSE WEATHER

As with previous years and in the event that we experience adverse weather conditions, should we need to close the school, please be advised that the school website will be updated.

Unless stated otherwise, the school will be open.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Jamieson
Head of School

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**TERM DATES 2018/2019**

**Spring Term 2019***

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* INSET to be confirmed
Christchurch Priory, Eltham
Parish Administrator (Finance Lead) required

In addition to handling general administration tasks, the Finance Lead will also be responsible for processing the parish’s transactions and maintenance of the financial records. The post holder will also interact with volunteers and parishioners visiting the office.

The successful applicant will have substantial experience in office organisation and use of financial systems. S/he will be a good team player with excellent organisation and communication skills. MS office skills, intermediate level, are also required.

It is important that applicants are flexible, self-motivated, can multi task and work to deadlines. S/he must be able to work on their own initiative within this role.

The position is for 4 days a week, 24 hours in total. Salary will be in the range of £20,480 - £22,200.

Closing date for applications: Friday 23rd February 2019.

Applicants should contact the Parish Office by email for an application form:

parishoffice@christchurcheltham.org.uk
Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools by police prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident involving police intervention.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, whilst ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Signed

G Jamieson
COME ALONG AND JOIN OUR VERY OWN
“STM BAKE OFF”

Each child/parent/carer who would like to enter will need to bake a cake and bring into school for the judges to decide a winner.

LOCATION: School Hall

DATE: Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} February 2019
TIME: Straight after school - 3.30pm

£2.00 to enter competition – please put money in a named envelope & hand into the school office

*😊* All money raised will go towards our children and the school to give your children the best*😊*

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR PTA

Teas & Coffees will be on sale at the event

Please NO nuts. Most ingredients for cakes may say contain nuts so please make sure you have clearly labelled all ingredients for your cake.

There will be 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2nd, 3rd places and all cakes will be sold as either individual slices or as a full cake.

Please deliver bake off creations to the School Office by 9am Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} February 2019

Our very own “Bake Off” Judging Panel – Mrs Worley, Mrs Collins & Mr Jamieson 😊

Let the competition begin ........................................