Welcome back to all of our pupils and families. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas together. It was a pleasure to welcome back all of our smiling children on Monday and witness how keen they are to see their friends (and Teachers) after the break.

As well as the other notices included in our newsletter please be advised that the school is trying to reduce how much paper we use and move to electronic communication. To that end, we shall not be placing newsletters into all book bags but instead send them to you via e-mail. As such, please ensure that you have provided the School Office with an up-to-date email address. If you are not receiving communication from the school please contact us.

**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***

**PE KITS**

**ALL PUPILS MUST HAVE A PE KIT IN SCHOOL**, ready to take part in sport activities on any day of the week. The sportswear consists of a white t-shirt, red shorts and plimsolls or trainers. It is important that all pupils are ready to take part in their PE lessons. During colder weather, pupils may wear a plain navy track suit for outside activity.
***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.

FRIDAY 11th JANUARY 2019

Our Epiphany Mass will be taking place at the church of SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Arbroath Rd, London SE9 6RR. Parents/Carers - Please ensure that children are taken directly to church for 8.50 am for a prompt start at 9 am. Children that attend the Hopscotch and Henwick Breakfast Clubs, will be taken to church by school staff.

ALD Life

Because of the generosity of all of our parents/carers during our Christmas shows, I am pleased to announce that we have been able to raise just over £460 to go to this very worthy charity.

PREMISES TEAM

Thank you to Mr Pete Singh for all his work with us this half term. We welcome Mr Tom Collier who will be our Premises Manager until February half term.

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

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.

15th January : Admissions Deadline

Please remember, you must apply for a primary school place for children starting school in September 2019 by Tuesday 15th January 2019

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***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.

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**After School Clubs** (run by external providers) will start again from Monday 14th January. If for example, you would like your child to attend Pro Kickers, All Kids Can etc. please contact the School Office and complete a permission slip.

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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.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr G Jamieson
Head of School

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**TERM DATES 2018/2019**

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