Summer has gone and certainly the adults are feeling the bite of winter temperatures. It is good to see so many children well prepared for play in the cold. We always aim to have the children outside for break and lunch unless rain stops play.

Hopefully parents have received positive updates about your child’s learning at school following the Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings that have recently taken place. We expect all parents/carers to be in contact with the school if they were not able to make the actual meeting due to other commitments. Regular communication between home and school is vital for the healthy growth of our children at school, as much as regular reading at home and the involvement of children in conversation and discussion to stimulate their speaking and understanding. So many families are wonderful at doing this.

In the month of November Year 6 students sold badges, snap-bands and poppies to the rest of the school to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion that does sterling work supporting the veterans and families of recent conflicts.

On Monday 11th the whole school took part in a special assembly where Year 6 students led prayers and shared presentations that they had made. The children took part in a collective 2 minute silence and considered who we remember on remembrance day and how we remember.

I hope you have the time to appreciate some of the student’s work with drawings and a display in the Front Office area.

Congratulations to Franek Sadal in Year 6 who was a winner of the national competition to design a WoW badge. Franek's winning design was one of only 11 chosen to be manufactured and distributed around schools in the country. The theme was items that inspired change and he chose the telescope. Look out for an exclusive interview in the January edition of SE9 magazine!

Pupils should still travel actively to school even though it is getting colder. Wrap up warm and wear fluorescent and reflective clothing. If you travel actively every Wednesday in December you get to wear Franek's WOW badge.

Thank you to the families that were able to attend the All Saints Mass at church on Friday 1st November, it was a great turnout for a lovely service and good for the children to be part of such a full church on a school day. I hope to see similar numbers for the Junior’s Christmas Performance on Tuesday 17th December.
**POPPY APPEAL 2019**

Thank you to all our families for their generosity with this year’s Poppy Appeal. We hope to advise you of the amount raised once we are notified by The Royal British Legion.

Please see below some of the fantastic art work created by our pupils. The main one on the left was created by all pupils in the school using felt, card and glitter and can be seen in the Front Office. The middle work was created by Year 6 who study both WW1 and WW2 as part of the curriculum and is also on display in the Front Office. The window display was created by the children in Reception Class.

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**YEAR 4 FOOD BANK MISSION**

Further to the separate letter you recently received from Year 4, which lists the donation of foods required to be donated to Greenwich Foodbank. And thank you to those families that have already been very generous with their donations.

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**REMINDER : NASAL FLU VACCINATION – FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2019**

For those Parents/Carers that have given consent please be reminded that the nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place on Friday 22nd November.

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**REMINDER : Our PTA need tombola prizes for the Christmas Fayre taking place on Friday 29th November. See details regarding the Fayre overleaf.**
Please come along and enjoy this year’s PTA Christmas Fayre taking place on Friday 29th November from 3.30 pm in the School Hall – children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a variety of stalls with Christmas items for sale. Please see posters around the school for further details.

Tickets are on sale now via the PTA (and can also be purchased on the door):
£2 per adult and £1 per child – all proceeds raised will go to the PTA Fund
RAFFLE TICKETS: Please return completed tickets to the School Office including your payment and let the office know if you would like to purchase additional tickets.

Wednesday 18th will be a non-uniform day and our Christmas Jumper Day. We ask for a donation of £1 per child in aid of “Save the Children” charity.

If your child is in Years 3 – 6 and would normally have packed lunch, please see the slip below ONLY if you would like them to have the Christmas lunch.

Children in Reception to Year 2 do not pay for school meals, but please kindly complete the slip below if they would normally have packed lunch and you would like them to have the Christmas lunch.

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO NORMALLY HAVE SCHOOL MEALS DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE A SLIP**
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2019 – “ELTHAM LIGHTS UP”

The theme this year is “Movies” for the Eltham Christmas lights switch on which will include a magical “movie themed” lantern parade.

The high street will be closed from 4 pm.

Our Y3 students last year were involved in this and they will be on a billboard somewhere in London!

Launch of Epic Portrait of the Future of London on Hundreds of Billboards Across the City

Class photographs of Year 3 schoolchildren will be displayed on over 600 billboards across London’s 33 boroughs in a city-wide outdoor exhibition organised by Artangel.

Year 3 is considered a milestone year in a child’s development and sense of identity, when 7- and 8-year-olds become more conscious of a much bigger world beyond their immediate family. Steve McQueen’s project captures this moment of excitement, anticipation and hope through the medium of the traditional class photograph, with rows of children sitting or standing alongside their teachers.

High-resolution press images can be downloaded from [tate.org.uk/press](http://www.tate.org.uk/press)

[http://www.artangel.org.uk/year-3](http://www.artangel.org.uk/year-3)
HOPSCOTCH BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Payment for Hopscotch Club sessions should be made in advance for the week ahead via your child’s School Money online account. Breakfast Club is £5 per session and Afterschool Club is £10 per session.

The Hopscotch Clubs are very popular and are full on a number of days. To avoid disappointment, please be aware that unless you have accessed your child’s online account to book sessions in advance, a place cannot be automatically guaranteed.

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.

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, Head of School
- Mrs L Collins, Deputy Head Teacher
- Mrs S Barnes, Assistant Head Teacher

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

We often have prescription medicines brought into school that need to be administered during school hours. Please be aware that the medicine must be dropped off to The School Office and a form then needs to be completed advising of dosage and permission to administer the medicine etc. Medicine can only be collected from The School Office by an adult, for safeguarding, medicines cannot be returned via children’s book bags.

OPEN DAYS FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020

The final tour of the school will be taking place on the following date

**Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 11 am**

**REMINDER** : Applications for a primary school place must be submitted by **15th January 2020**
SCHOOL MEALS

School meals should be paid for in advance for the week ahead. The charge is £2.30 per day (£11.50 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 £2.30 per day.

MOBILE PHONES

Students are not allowed mobile phones in school under any circumstances. By carrying a phone to and from school they present themselves as a target.

AFTER SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Parents/Carers are reminded that these clubs all finish at 4.30 pm. Please ensure that children are collected promptly at that time. Children not collected, will automatically go into the schools Hopscotch Afterschool Club and a charge of £10 will be incurred.

***REMINDER***

Following serious concerns from parents, please can we remind Parents / Carers that all varieties of nuts and sesame seeds are discouraged in school i.e. in packed lunches or in birthday treats/gifts. This is due to some of our children having very severe allergies. If you are bringing food/treats in to give to any child, other than your own, please bring in via the School Office and not directly to the children. Please do not give treats to children, other than your own, after school in case of unknown allergies.

PARENTS/CARERS

Please advise the School Office of any changes to your contact details & ensure that you complete a new form.
**WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As the weather is now starting to turn colder, parents/carers are reminded that all children should now be wearing the school’s winter uniform. Please see below:

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Dark Blue / Navy Blue Overcoat

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NO JEWELLERY IS TO BE WORN INCLUDING EARRINGS

ALL CHILDREN – WINTER PE KIT

Children may wear a plain navy blue track suit – no fashion logos – when outside with trainers or plimsolls. Not to be worn once inside or as part of the main school uniform
## KEY DATES

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Yours sincerely

Mr G Jamieson
Head of School
CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 3RD DECEMBER
YEARS 3 – 6 ONLY

I would like my child ___________________________ (child’s name)
to have the school Christmas Meal on Wednesday 19th December
My child is in Year 3 □ Year 4 □ Year 5 □ Year 6 □ (please tick as appropriate)

PLEASE PAY £2.30 VIA YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL MONEY ONLINE ACCOUNT

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 3RD DECEMBER
RECEPTION – YEAR 2 ONLY

I would like my child ___________________________ (child’s name)
to have the school Christmas Meal on Wednesday 19th December
My child is in Reception □ Year 1 □ Year 2 □ (please tick as appropriate)

NO PAYMENT REQUIRED NUMBERS NEEDED FOR CATERING PURPOSES

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE:
TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT 2 PM
YEARS 3 – 6 ONLY
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please tick as appropriate

☐ My child ___________________________ (child’s name) in Year _____________ will be collected from church after the service

☐ My child ___________________________ (child’s name) in Year _____________ will be collected from school at 3.30 pm

☐ My child ___________________________ (child’s name) in Year _____________ attends St Thomas More Catholic Primary Hopscotch After School Club

☐ My child ___________________________ (child’s name) in Year _____________ attends an alternative After School Club _________________________ (insert club name)

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## TERM DATES 2019/2020

### Autumn Term 2019*

| Term 1 | Tuesday 3 September – Friday 18 October 2019  
|        | *Wed 4 September - Term starts for pupils  
|        | Tues 3 September INSET DAY (no attendance for pupils)  
| Term 2 | *Monday 28 October – Friday 20th December 2019  
|        | (Thursday 19 December 2019 1pm finish)  
| Half Term Holiday | Monday 21 October – Friday 25 October 2019  
| Christmas Holiday | Monday 23 December 2019 – Friday 3 January 2020  

### Spring Term 2020*

| Term 3 | Monday 6 January – Friday 14 February 2020  
| Half Term Holiday | Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2020  
| Term 4 | Monday 24 February – Friday 3 April 2020  
| Easter Holiday | Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April 2020  
|            | Friday 14 February 2020 INSET DAY (No attendance for students)  

### Summer Term 2020

| Term 5 | Monday 20 April – Friday 22 May 2020  
| May Day |  
|        | **Friday 8th May 2020**  
| Half Term Holiday | Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2020  
| Term 6 | Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2020  
|        | (1pm finish)  

*Twilight Sessions  
9th September – Staff Training  
6th November – Staff Training

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