Cultural Evening

Thank you to all of our parents / carers and extended family members for a wonderful event on Friday 26th January. We were treated to a magical evening where so many of our pupils performed for us, not only giving us an insight into their culture but also showing us how extremely talented they all are. You must be very proud of your children, as are we.

Thank you once again to Mrs Dada for co-ordinating such a fabulous event.

Open PTA Meeting – Friday 2nd February

Thank you to those parents / carers that attended our first PTA meeting this term on Friday 2nd February. It was a very productive meeting with lots of ideas and suggestions made.

Please note a date for your diaries - Summer BBQ – Friday 6th July – dates for other events will be notified soon – please watch out for a separate PTA Newsletter.

Those parents / carers present were advised that a new “Core Committee” is to be elected for the following roles: Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

As such, it was agreed at the meeting that the following parents / carers will form our new Core Committee – Ms Danielle Holmes (parent of Gabrielle in Reception), Mrs Sophie Teeley (STM Staff) / Mrs Toni Adams (parent of Lucie in Year 4), Ms Ruta Svagzdiene (parent of Laura in Year 2) – who was unable to attend the meeting but had advised of her interest. Delegation of roles to be advised.

Thank you to our previous Committee for their time and assistance during the last school year.

Thank you to the other parents / carers who advised that they would like to be part of the PTA “Working Committee” to be involved in preparation and planning.

As parents / carers of children at St Thomas More Primary School, you are automatically a member of the PTA and any help is greatly appreciated and welcomed, be it as part of the Working Committee or for a “one-off” event.
## Forthcoming Diary Dates & News

### Sharing Assemblies
- **Friday 9th February** – Year 2
- **Friday 23rd February** – Year 3
- **Friday 2nd March** – Year 5
- **Friday 9th March** – Year 1
- **Friday 16th March** – Year 4
- **Friday 23rd March** - Reception

*Parents / Carers of children in that year group are welcome to join us on the day*

### Safer Internet Week
- **5th – 9th February 2018**

Further to my recent letter, **Monday 5th – Friday 9th February** will be Safer Internet Week.

### From Wednesday 21st February 2018

**NFL in Collaboration with University of Greenwich, will be in lessons for Years 4 & 5.**

### Week Commencing 19th February

**Dance classes will be starting for all classes.**

### World Book Day – Thursday 1st March 2018

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March 2018. 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.

### Friday 2nd March

**Bishop Pat** will be visiting our school. Further information / details to follow.

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*Share the light of Jesus, by learning together and loving others*
Monday 5th March

Meet our new School Nurse Tea & Coffee Morning: School Hall from 8.30 am – 9.45 am

Please see a brief biography below:

“My name is Richard Ainsworth-Masiello and I would like to introduce myself as the new School Nurse for St Thomas More Primary School. I have experience and a degree as a nurse with additional specialist post graduate qualification to practice as a School Nurse (or Specialist Community Public Health Nurse).

As the School Nurse, I am here to support school, children and families with promoting good emotional and physical health.

I am also here to help make sure that children with disabilities or other long term illnesses can receive extra support when they need it. If I can’t provide the help myself, I will discuss alternative support that can be offered.

I look forward to working with everyone in the future. If you wish to contact me, please leave a message with the School Office on 020 8856 9153 or sao@stmprimary.org and I will get back to you as soon as I can”.

Childcare Arrangements

Can I remind parents / carers that if the childcare arrangements of your child/children changes (for whatever reason) and you give permission for a relative to have temporary care, you must inform the school providing us with all the relevant information: name, address and contact numbers. For safeguarding reasons, we must have all the details in place.

Summer BBQ

Friday 6th July 2018

Swimming Gala
4th July 2018
Eltham Leisure Centre
Further details to follow

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Parking Problems

Once again, following on from a recent incident last month, the School Governors and I urge all families to park considerately and safely for the sake of all children in school, local residents and pedestrians using the pavements.

***REMINDER***

Please can we remind all Parents / Carers that nuts 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.

February Half Term Week

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February.

School re-opens to students on Monday 19th February.

TERM DATES

SPRING TERM

Term 4 School Holiday
Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March 2018
Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April 2018

SUMMER TERM

Term 5 School Holiday
Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May 2018
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018

Term 6
Monday 4th June – Friday 20th July 2018
Monday 2nd July INSET DAY NO ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS
SCHOOL REOPENS FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Snow

Should we need to close the school due to adverse weather conditions I will update the school website. Unless stated otherwise, the school will be open.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wood
Head Teacher

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