Forthcoming Diary Dates & News

**Parent / Carers Teacher Meetings**

Parent / Carers Teacher meetings will be taking place on Wednesday 7th March 2018. As previously, parents will need to book appointments using the folder that will be available in the School Office from Wednesday 28th February. Alternatively, if you are unable to get to school to make your time selection, please contact the School Office via phone or email. Each class will also have an additional date/time available which will be listed in the folder.

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

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March 2018. On this day, children may 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 the children in their creative costumes.

**Friday 2nd March – Bishop Pat Visit**

Bishop Pat will be visiting our school on Friday 2nd March. He will be here during the morning and following the Year 3 Sharing Assembly, he will be taking a tour of the school.

**New PTA Core Committee**

Following on from the recent Open PTA meeting, please now be advised that the following parents/carers have taken on the roles of the Core Committee:-

**Joint Chair**: Mrs Toni Adams (parent of Lucie in Year 4), Ms Danielle Holmes (parent of Gabrielle in Reception Class)

**Joint Secretary**: Ms Sophie Teeley (STM Staff), Ms Karolina Bruzgaite (parent of Esme in Reception Class)
Joint Treasurer: Ms Ruta Svagzdiene (parent of Laura in Year 2), Ms Natasja Molcanova (parent of Dara in Year 2)

Thank you to all of the above parents and also to those who have 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.

The next Open PTA Meeting will take place on Friday 9th March at 6.30 pm in the School Hall. All parents are welcome. Please note the new PTA email address: stm.pta@hotmail.com

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.

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”.

Sharing Assemblies

- Friday 2nd March – Year 3
- Date to be Advised – Year 5
- Friday 9th March – Year 1
- Friday 16th March – Year 4
- Friday 23rd March – Reception
- Thursday 29th March – Year 6 (Stations of the Cross)

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

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<td>As we move into the colder part of the year I would like to remind you that pupils may wear a plain navy jumper or cardigan, a plain blue coat and black 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.</td>
<td><strong>All pupils must have a PE kit in school</strong>, 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 tracksuit for outside activity.</td>
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<td><em><strong>Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled as we currently have a huge amount of lost property</strong></em></td>
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Staffing Updates

**Miss O’Brien**
As you will be aware, Miss O’Brien is our Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO). As part of the school’s partnership with St Thomas More Catholic Comprehensive and Holy Family School, Miss O’Brien has now been appointed to serve as the SENCO across all three schools. If you have any concerns about your child’s additional needs, initially speak with your child’s Class Teacher. If you wish to contact Miss O’Brien please do so via the School Office of senco@stmprimary.org. The Year 5 class are now being taught by Mrs S Ingram and Miss G Wright.

**Mrs Kent**
Following many years’ service at St Thomas More Catholic Primary school, Mrs Kent will this year be retiring. Mrs Kent’s last day at school will be Thursday 16th March. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and support over the years and wish her a long and happy retirement.
Mrs Tragheim

Mrs Tragheim will be leaving us at Easter having worked across the school for a number of years and in particular as a lead teacher of French in Key Stage 2. She has also helped and supported many of our children with additional learning needs to assist their progress. We would like to thank Mrs Tragheim for all her help and support and wish her every success for the future.

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:
Mrs A Wood, Mrs S Barnes and Miss A O’Brien

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wood
Head Teacher