Welcome Back

I would like to welcome parents and carers to a new School Year and wish the students a happy and productive first term. We especially welcome those that are new to our school community as well as wishing the best of luck to those that have left us to move to Secondary school. As I start this year as the Head of School, I would like to thank Mrs Wood for all that she has done to make St Thomas More Primary school a happy and caring place for all of your children.

I bring a range of experience from my previous employment; some parents may know that I spent seven years in the army and three years as a Telecommunications Engineer before training as a Teacher in 2005. Although I spent 11 years at St Thomas More Secondary School as a PE and History teacher, I did spend three years working with and sometimes in local Greenwich Primary schools. As part of our partner work with Holy Family and St Thomas More Secondary, I am excited by the prospect of leading a highly skilled and motivated staff, to work to help all of the children in the school grow through shared Catholic values to realise their potential.

I plan to host a few open door sessions where I can meet with parents to introduce myself and a little more about where I hope to take the school. Times and dates will be sent out soon.

Our prayer to begin our first day:

Bless us as we start this New Year with our friends and teachers.
May we show love to one another and to all.
May the new school year remind us that you give us chances to start over again.
Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness.
Help us to learn and to work together, help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak and when it is better not to speak.
We thank you for our friends; help us to be good friends this year, help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.
Bless all those who care for us in school and at home.
Help us show our care for them and to say sorry when we need to.
May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us and help us to live as well as we can.
Giving thanks and glory to God as she did.

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

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**School Uniform**

As pupils are to return to school please ensure that all clothing is labelled, including PE kits and book bags.

All uniform sales are through JK Clothing
148 Well Hall Road
Eltham SE9 6SN
Tel No: 020 8859 4004

Please be reminded that no jewellery is allowed, including earrings.

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**School Book Fair**

The school's Annual School Book Fair will run after school from Thursday 20th September – Wednesday 26th September: 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm.

Please come along and buy a book, or 2!

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**Hopscotch Clubs – Breakfast & After School**

Our in-house Hopscotch Club started last week – thank you to all the parents that have already made use of this service.

**Hopscotch Breakfast Club** runs from 7.30 am and children will then go directly to class for the start of the school day. The cost for each session is £5.00.

**Hopscotch After School Club** runs from 3.30 pm until 5.50 pm when we require children to be promptly collected. The cost for each session is £10.00.

All sessions are to be booked and paid for in advance using your child’s online cashless account. Alternatively, the School Office can book ad-hoc days if there is availability.

Please give the school as much notice as possible if you require additional days or wish to reduce days. Failure to cancel booked sessions will incur a charge.

**Full details, including how to register for the clubs, can be found on the School Website.**

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**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.
**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.

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### Late Procedure

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<th>If your child is late to school for any reason, can parents/carers please ensure that they are dropped off via the School Office and that you sign the Late Arrival Register.</th>
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### ***REMINDER***

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<th>As a pupil last week included peanuts in their packed lunch, can I please remind all parents/carers that nuts, of any variety, are not permitted in school in either packed lunches or birthday treats, as many of our children have very severe allergies.</th>
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### Prescription Medication

We often have prescription medicines brought into school that needs 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 return via children’s book bags.

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### School Meals

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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### Extra Curricular After School Clubs

All extra curricular after school clubs will be commencing next week. Please look out for letters in your child’s book bag.

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Key Dates

28th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning – further details to follow

20th – 26th September – School Annual Book Fair

The month of October – Black History Month

Monday 8th October – Cultural Day/Evening

Thursday 18th October – Parents Evenings

October Half Term – Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

Please check the school website for the full calendar

Yours sincerely

Mr G Jamieson

Head of School