



NEWSLETTER

AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10th February 2012 No 10



School closes today for half term - We wish you all a safe and peaceful half term holiday

10th February: St. Scholastica

St Scholastica was the twin sister of St Benedict, the Patriarch of Western monasticism. She was born in Umbria, Italy, about 480AD. Under Benedict's direction, Scholastica founded a community of nuns near the great Benedictine monastery Monte Cassino. Inspired by Benedict's teaching, his sister devoted her whole life to seeking serving God. She died in 547 and tradition holds that at her death her soul ascended to heaven in the form of a dove. *St Scholastica, pray for us.*

WILD WEATHER AT ST THOMAS MORE!

Thank you for all your patience during this week whilst snow and ice has disrupted arrival and leaving school. All changes are made in light of the safety of your children and we appreciate your co-operation.

MASS

Ash Wednesday mass will be celebrated in school on **Wednesday, 22nd February at 2.00pm**. All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Some Y4 child recently took part in the First School Basketball Tournament, which was held at Woodfield Middle School. Our team came 2nd overall - well done to all those who took part! What a fantastic result.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday, 1st March. "Bedtime Stories" Come to school in your pyjamas! Bring your favourite bedtime story to read in school and your teddy and pillow. Donations of at least 50p to wear your pyjamas - this is part of the School Councils fund raising for the playground and the stage. Please support this and help the School Council raise money.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will take place for Years 1-4 on Monday 26th March & Wednesday 28th March. A separate letter will be sent out. The school nurse will also be in school at this time, if you have any concerns about your child's health.

INTERNET SAFETY DAY 07.02.12

In KS2 we have been learning about how to stay safe online. The children have watched a very informative video on the subject. Please remember children should not be registered with social networking sites until they are 13 years old.

RECEPTION DANCE PERFORMANCE

What a wonderful first performance from our Reception dance club this week. Well done to all who took part.

KEY STAGE 1 DANCE PERFORMANCES

Thank you to all the parents who turned out to watch Key Stage 1 Class performances on Thursday. It was a fantastic dance and well done to all the children who took part.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Thank you to all who braved the weather on Saturday & Sunday to attend the First Holy Communion Masses. A special thanks goes to Mrs Hicks who attended both and had to walk some considerable distance to get to the services to support the children.

NEW STAGE

The new stage has arrived in school. Thank you to everyone who helped raise the money! KS1 are looking forward to using it for their Spring performance.

PTFA

Thanks to those who replied to the request for a PTFA. A meeting will take place after half term. Anyone else who would like to be involved is welcome to join us.

NEW-TO-YOU UNIFORM

Please let us have any good quality unwanted uniform for our new to you shop after half term.

CHARITY CAR WASH

There is a charity car wash at Redditch Fire Station on Saturday, 18th Feb, 10-2pm in aid of Fire Fighters Charity & Bromsgrove Armed Forces Memorial fund.

DANCE CLUBS

Dance club for years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will continue with the same children after half term for 6 weeks up to Thursday 29th March, as they are continuing the same routine - Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang. Reception classes club will start again with a new routine on Tuesday 21st February.

RAGTEX

Our next Ragtex collection will be on Thursday 23rd February, please drop any bags into the school office any time during that day.

WATCH FOUND

A watch with a blue strap was left after Football club a couple of weeks ago. Please collect it from the school office, if you think it may belong to you.

ATTENDANCE

Percentage attendance in classes :

30th Jan - 3rd February 2012

Rec	NN	93.8%	Rec	SRP	99.1%
Y1	KA	92.7%	Y1/2	RT	96.4%
Y2	JS	97.9%	Y3	SMcG	100.0%
Y3/4	RC	97.7%	Y4	JP	93.3%

School average 96.3% - Wonderful!

Our school target is:- 95.5%

Well done to Miss McGoldrick's Class - Excellent

Our Education Welfare Officer is Robert Webber
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SPECIAL AWARDS

Well done to the following children who have received awards recently.

09.02.12

Shay Leggatt - Working really hard on his reading and learning his stage words

Keeley Powell - Trying hard to take part in lessons on the carpet. Keeley's confidence is growing

Tia Bryan - Great Literacy work writing The Three Little Pigs story.

Ronnie Ellis - Learning how to write his name independently

Colin Saji - Super writing in Literacy. Tried really hard with connectives

Nimisha Reji - Excellent sounding out & spelling in phonics

Sophie Butler - Great work when reviewing other artists work in Topic

Jae Walsh - Completing his work on time when working on a simile poem

Thomas O'Connell - Super work on multiplying & dividing in maths

Charli Rodgers - Writing a lovely poem using similies
Gabriel Kubon - A big improvement in behaviour & attitude to work

Emilia Kalinowska - Trying hard to write a riddle in Literacy

Ciaran Village - Trying hard to join his handwriting & numeracy work

Katie Ellis - For a positive approach to all aspects of school life!

Aidan Johnson-Oldacres - Writing a funny nonsense rhyme

Andrew McIntyre - Creating a good riddle in Literacy

DIARY DATES

All the holiday dates are available on our website www.stthomasmorefirfirst.com

February

Fri 10th - School Closes - Half term

Mon 20th - School Re-opens

Wed 22nd - **2.00pm** Whole School Mass - Ash
Wednesday

Thu 23rd - Ragtex Collection

March

Thu 8th - 9.20am KS1 Service

Thu 15th - Reception classes vision screening

Tue 20th - KS1 performance - PM

Wed 21st - KS1 performance - AM

Thu 22nd - Whole School Mass

Mon 26th - Parent Consultations Y1-4 & School Nurse drop in

Wed 28th - Parent Consultations Y1-4 & School Nurse drop in

Wed 28th - French Café

