



NEWSLETTER

AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

27th January 2012 No 9



Dear Parents,

Kung Hei Fat Choy – Happy Chinese New Year!

27th January: St Angela Merici

In the 15th & 16th Century that Angela lived in, education for women was for the rich or for nuns, so she founded a religious order (the Ursulines) to teach poor young girls in her hometown in Italy.

Saint Angela you were not afraid of change. Help us to overcome our fear of change in order to follow God's call and allow others to follow theirs. Amen

CHINESE NEW YEAR

It's the year of the Dragon! This term, the children have been working with Redditch Chinese Association to extend their knowledge of Chinese art & culture. On Thursday the Redditch Chinese Association presented a Chinese New Year assembly with the most amazing dragon which danced! Our Chinese themed hot meal day on Tuesday was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff.

The Redditch Chinese Association are holding a New Year Celebration at the Palace Theatre, Redditch on Sunday, 12th February 2012, 3.00 - 5.20pm (doors open at 2.15pm) Tickets are £5 adult £3 child £14 Family. See the school notice boards for more information.

MEDICAL & HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

Please ensure all routine medical appointments are booked outside of school hours. If your child has an unavoidable hospital appointment during school time, please inform the school in advance and bring the appointment letter with you.

UNIFORM

Please may I remind you that children should be wearing winter uniform and black/brown school shoes.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council have been busy thinking of ideas for their next fundraising event.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Our new outdoor classroom has arrived and is in place for all to use.

RAGTEX

Advance Notice - Clear out your cupboards over the half term break. Our next Ragtex collection will be on Thursday 23rd February, please drop any bags into the school office any time during that day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Reminder - Listening & Caring Mass will take place on Saturday, 4th February 5.00pm & Sunday, 5th February at 11.30am at St George's Church, St Georges Road, Redditch B98 8EE.

COME AND SHARE A STORY

Reading in School with your child has started again, all are welcome to come along. It will take place on the following days:-

Foundation Stage - Fridays 9.00-9.30am

KS1 - Wednesdays at 2.30pm

KS2 - Mondays at 2.30pm

FRENCH LIBRARY

Please remember the French Library is open every Wednesday from 3.00 - 3.30pm.

MASS

Whole school mass will be celebrated in school on **Thursday, 2nd February at 9.20am.** All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

DANCE CLUB

The reception & Y1-4 dance clubs on a Tuesday & Thursday are enjoying practising their 'mini musicals'

ATTENDANCE

Percentage attendance in classes :

16th - 20th January

Rec	NN	97.1%	Rec	SRP	90.0%
Y1	KA	94.0%	Y1/2	RT	96.8%
Y2	JS	95.7%	Y3	SMcG	95.2%
Y3/4	RC	99.6%	Y4	JP	97.4%

School average 95.8%

Our school target is:- 95.5%

Well done to Miss Cox's Class

Our Education Welfare Officer is Robert Webber Tel: 01527 556223

SPECIAL AWARDS

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

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Neve Cattell - Trying really hard to learn her words

Abbie Dixon & Wesley Manders - Using Clicker paint to create a winter clothes picture

Ashleigh Parkes - Using pastels to create a winter scene picture

Ellis Gaskins - Great help in the classroom - tidying up sensibly & quickly

Owen Essex - Trying hard to write a descriptive sentence in Literacy

George Rowand - Listening well to three different miracles in RE & putting the sentences into his own words

Carmena Riley - Always sitting smartly on the carpet & putting her hand up to answer questions

Jessica Hobbis & Lily Manders - Super painting of Monet Garden

Jacob Prodanovic - Good Literacy work, creating a blurb for a Julia Donaldson book

Savannah Whyte - Good Maths work - understanding how to partition a 2-digit number

Ciaran Lee - Producing an excellent charcoal picture of a Monet Painting

Alesha Bennett - Working hard to join in with numeracy lessons

Sebastian Randzio - Carefully creating a piece of Aboriginal art using pastels
Elijah Hudson - Working hard to create dance movements to accompany different music

DIARY DATES

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

February

Thu 2nd - Whole School Mass 9.20am - All welcome

Sat 4th - 5.00pm Listening & Caring Mass - First Holy Communion

Sun 5th - 11.30am Listening & Caring Mass - First Holy Communion

Wed 8th - Reception Classes Height & Weight checks

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

Tue 6th - 2.00pm - School Nurse Drop in

Thu 8th - 9.20am KS1 Service

Thu 15th - Reception classes vision screening

Mon 26th - Parent Consultations Y1-4

Wed 28th - Parent Consultations Y1-4

Wed 28th - French Café

