

NEWSLETTER

AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Learning, loving and living together with Christ

We hope you found the Governors' Annual Report informative which was sent out yesterday via ParentMail, but can also be found on our website under "Latest News". We aim to increase the amount of information we give out about the work of the school as requested by parents in the questionnaires from last year. A copy of the collated information from the questionnaire can also be found on our website in "Latest News".

PHOTOGRAPHS



The school photographer will be in school on Monday 17th September. Children who have a brother or sister in school will have their pictures taken together during the school day. If you wish to have a photograph with younger siblings or other family members please come to the school office by 8.15am.

UPDATE OF INFORMATION

If you have moved house, changed mobile numbers, email addresses or your child has developed a new medical condition over the holiday can you please inform the school office as soon as possible.

SWIMMING



Swimming lessons for children in St John Bosco class will be starting on Thursday 13th September. Please ensure you have returned the form and your child has a waterproof coat and swimming kit in school.

BOOK BAGS

We now have St Thomas More book bags back in stock.

MEDICATION

If your child needs regular medication in school such as an inhaler, epipen, cream etc, it is your responsibility to ensure it is handed into the school office boxed with the doctor's prescription on and that it is in date.

ALLERGIES



We currently have a child's parent who is severely allergic to kiwi fruit, if the child touches the fruit then has contact with parent, this can cause a life-threatening reaction. Therefore, please **DO NOT** send kiwi fruit into school for your child. Please also remember we have children with nut allergies in school, again **NO** nut or nut products to be brought into school.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2019

Middle School - Year 4 children have been given a pack with information about applying for their middle school place. Closing date 15th January '19.

First School (Reception) - If you have a child born between 1st **September 2014** - 31st **August 2015** you need to apply for a place at a first school.

Applications for both first and middle schools have to be made on-line. **Closing date 15th January '19.**

If you are applying for a Catholic First or Middle school, proof of baptism needs to be handed in to the school as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE Our target is 96%

Percentage attendance in classes

4th - 6th Sept - 3 days

St Francis 98.1%

St Lucy 95.3%

St Faustina 92.9%

St Thomas 86.9%

St Bernadette 94.4%

St Martin 94.6%

St Theresa 96.1%

St John Bosco 95.2%

STAR CLASS: St Francis 98.1

In accordance with the law, no holidays will be authorised during term-time.


If you have emergency doctor/dentist appointments, please bring your child to school

Whole school attendance: 94.1% - Let's try harder

first/after so they get their mark and also bring their appointment card. Routine dentist/doctor appointments should be made after school or during the holidays.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Monday	10th	Sept	9.10am	School Mass
Thursday	13th	Sept	1.30pm	Swimming Lessons start @ Studley – St John Bosco Class
Monday	17th	Sept	9.10am	School Photographs – Younger Siblings from 8.15am
Monday	24th	Sept	9.10am	School Mass
Monday	1st	Oct	9.10am	Whole School Awards Assembly

 ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL 2018-19 TERM DATES	
SCHOOL CLOSED for Pupils on: Monday, 3rd September 2018 INSET 1	
SCHOOL OPENS 8.40 am Tuesday, 4 th September 2018	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.00 pm Thursday, 25 th October
SCHOOL CLOSED for Pupils on Friday, 26th October INSET 2 Half Term – Monday, 29 th October to Friday, 2 nd November	
SCHOOL OPENS 8.40 am Monday, 5 th November 2018	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.00 pm Friday, 21 st December
Christmas Holiday – Monday, 24th December to Friday, 4th January 2019 SCHOOL CLOSED for Pupils on – Monday, 7th January 2019 INSET 3	
SCHOOL OPENS 8.40 am Tuesday, 8 th January 2019	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.00 pm Friday, 15 th February
Half Term – Monday, 18th – Friday, 22nd February SCHOOL CLOSED for Pupils on Monday, 25th February INSET 4	
SCHOOL OPENS 8.40 am Tuesday, 26 th February	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.00 pm Friday, 12 th April
Easter Holiday – Monday, 15th to Friday, 26th April 2019	
SCHOOL OPENS 8.40 am Monday, 29 th April	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.00 pm Friday, 24 th May
Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May Half Term – Monday, 27th May – Friday, 31st May	
SCHOOL OPENS 8.40 am Monday, 3 rd June	SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.00 pm Friday, 19 th July
SCHOOL CLOSED for Pupils on – Monday, 22nd July 2019 INSET 5	