



NEWSLETTER

AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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**SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY FOR HALF TERM AND RE- OPENS ON
MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER 8.45AM**

ST THOMAS MORE LAUNCHES CHILDREN IN NEED 2017



Our Children in Need fundraising will get under way when we return after half term. Pin badges, glow in the dark wristbands and Pudsey wristbands will be on sale from the school office for £1.00 each. Send your money in a named envelope stating what you would like to order.



Dig deep and donate your old £1.00 coins to Children in Need.



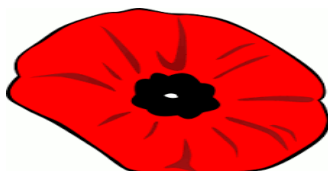
Look out for details of our school disco on Children in Need day Friday 17th November.



REMEMBRANCE

After half term poppies will be on sale in the form of a sticker. Please send a donation (minimum 50p) into school in a named envelope or come round to the school office.

Remembrance Mass will be celebrated in school on Tuesday 7th November 9.10am, all are welcome. Last year we raised £94.90, let's try and beat that this year. Thank you for your support.



HARVEST 2017

It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers at our Harvest Mass on Tuesday. Thank you for all your kind donations. The Trussell Trust Redditch Food Bank have collected all our goods to distribute to families in Redditch.



NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you for all your £1.00 donations we have raised £177.00 towards our Peace Garden.

MEAL FORMS

New meal forms will be sent out on Monday 30th October and need to be returned by Thursday 2nd November. If you do not receive one, more are available from the school office.

MASS

All Saints Mass will be celebrated in school on Tuesday 31st October 9.10am. All are welcome to join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first Mass and initial meeting for those on the First Holy Communion programme will be on Thursday 2nd November Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. **Please note the time is 7.00pm.**

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2018

First School (Reception) - If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 - 31st August 2014 you need to apply for a place at a first school. We are holding Open Days for parents and carers to visit school on **Friday, 10th November 9.45 - 11.15 am and Tuesday, 14th November 1.15 - 2.30 pm.**

Middle School - Year 4 children have been given an information pack about applying for

their middle school place. Closing date 15th January '18.

Applications for both first and middle schools have to be made on-line. **Closing date 15th January '18.**

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:

9-13th October

Willow	95.7%
Holly	87.0%
Sycamore	99.0%
Beech	93.5%
Acer	100%
Silver Birch	97.3%
Maple	97.0%
Oak	99.3%

STAR CLASS - Acer 100% 
School average is 96.4% - Fantastic

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 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

Fri	20 th	October	3.00pm	School Closes – Half Term
Mon	30 th	October	8.45am	School Re-Opens
Tues	31 st	October	9.10am	School Mass
Wed	1 st	November	1.15pm	Parent Consultations – Whole School
Thu	2 nd	November	7.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Mon	6 th	November	PM	Beech Class Visit to Woodrow Library
Tues	7 th	November	9.10am	Remembrance Mass
Mon	13 th	November	PM	Sycamore Class Visit to Woodrow Library
Tues	14 th	November	9.00am	Whole School Awards Assembly
Fri	17 th	November		Children in Need Day
Mon	20 th	November	PM	Holly Class Visit to Woodrow Library
Tues	21 st	November	9.10am	School Mass
Tues	21 st	November	6.00pm	First Holy Communion meeting in school
Mon	27 th	November	PM	Willow Class Visit to Woodrow Library
Tues	28 th	November	9.00am	Whole School Awards Assembly
Friday	1 st	December	AM	Jump Rope UK more details to follow
Tuesday	2 nd	December	9.10am	Advent Mass

