



NEWSLETTER

AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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*Our Virtues and Values for this term are
"Intentional & Prophetic"*

SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY AND RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS ON TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021

Catholic Life

We are now in the third week of Advent and on Sunday and in our school Mass, we saw the three candles including the single rose candle lit which represents joy. As the term comes to an end and we come closer to Christmas Day we can see the joy and excitement building in the children. Working in schools with children is a privilege and it has been a wonderful end to the year to have been able to share the Nativity and singing with you all as well as the smiles and laughter of the children around school.

Joy is a gift from God that is held in our hearts, and kept strong by our faith, despite the challenges that the world throws at us. So at the end of what has been a most unexpected year, when we have seen both isolation and fear alongside amazing acts of kindness, generosity and appreciation, let us continue to hold fast to our faith and move into the future knowing our God is always with us.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing everybody in 2021.



ST THOMAS MORE NATIVITY

Our Christmas Nativity video is now available to watch on our school website www.stthomasmorefirst.com. Thank you for all the lovely comments we have received so far. Please take the time to sit with your child and enjoy.



CHRISTMAS MASSES AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

Christmas Eve

5.00pm – Live stream Mass

If you wish to attend any of the Masses below there is a booking system in place. Please either email the Parish office on office@mtcarmel.co.uk or telephone 01527 63096 to book.

7.00pm & 9.30pm

Christmas Day

8.15am & 11.15am

9.45am – Polish – If you wish attend the Polish Mass, please contact the Polish Priest.

MAC CHRISTMAS MASS

The Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Christmas Mass can be watched by clicking on the YouTube link. Our children sang and read beautifully. <https://youtu.be/shp2DdQixLk>

MEAL ORDERING VIA PARENT PAY

Thank you to those of you who have placed your orders for meals via Parent Pay. If you have not done this, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child when they return to school on 5th January 2021.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL GAMES

Congratulations to Key Stage 2 who took part in the Worcestershire School Games Y3/4 Pentathlon. Our school came 6th in the Redditch District Competition and 16th overall with 73 teams entered. Fantastic achievement.



CHANGE TO DETAILS

If you move house or change any other contact details, please ensure you inform the school office on 01527 525821 or email office@st-thomasmore.worcs.sch.uk. This is particularly important at the present time if you have to self-isolate we will need to deliver work to your house and communicate with you.



WEDNESDAY WORD

Please find a link to this week's Wednesday Word, Christmas holiday edition.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=13.4>

PE DAYS CHANGE – SPRING TERM

Some classes will be having a change to their PE days starting when we return in January. Please see below the PE days for each class for the Spring term. Changes are highlighted in blue.

St Francis – Wednesday & Friday

St Faustina – Monday & Wednesday

St Thomas – **Monday** & Friday

St Bernadette – **Wednesday** & Friday

St Martin – Tuesday & Thursday

St Teresa – Tuesday & **Friday**

St John Bosco – Tuesday & **Thursday**

FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your donations on Christmas jumper day. £81.00 was raised for school fund and £81.00 for Save the Children.



CORONAVIRUS IMPORTANT HOLIDAY INFORMATION

IT IS VITAL YOU CONTACT US SO WITH CAN INFORM OTHER PEOPLE

You will have already received a detailed letter about reporting Coronavirus during the Christmas holidays, these are the key points below.

Public Health England has agreed a 6-day **window after the final day of teaching** in which schools and further education providers are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced. We are clear that beyond 6 days after the final day of teaching, school and further education staff are not asked to play a role in any contact tracing.

- Should your child have symptoms and you book a test please inform the school up to and including **Wednesday, 23rd December** on the school mobile number: **07436 816 015**.
- Should anyone in your household have a positive test result up to and including **Wednesday, 23rd December** please inform the school on: **07436 816 015**.
- For any reason should your child not be returning to school on **Tuesday, 5th January 2021** please either email the school office@st-thomasmore.worcs.sch.uk or contact via the mobile number above.

Admissions

Middle School – Year 4 children have been given a pack with information about applying for their middle school place.

First School (Reception) - If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 – 31st August 2017 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 '21. Parents & Carers will be advised of the outcome on the National Offer Day on 16th April 2021

If you wish to apply for a school place mid-year, please follow the link below for the latest guidance.

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions/706/in-year_applications;

Learning, loving and living together with Christ



Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Multi-Academy