

STMS newsletter October 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

I was browsing through our Facebook page last night at all the amazing things our children have been getting up to in recent weeks and all the lovely comments parents have posted. I'd like to reiterate the thanks to the staff for the enormous lengths they go to in order to provide exciting learning opportunities for the children. I do hope you share the same outlook. If for any reason you feel more could be done than please do let me know. We are always evaluating what we do and want to provide the best possible education for your children.

I also noted from my posts about our extra-curricular clubs that parents seem very pleased on the whole with what is on offer. I have noted requests for more clubs for Year R children, a cookery club or cake club, dodgeball, sewing and photography. I have passed this on to Mrs Miller and we will try to arrange these for next term.

I am delighted to say that having conducted a thorough review of our risk Assessment and Health and Safety procedures for our annual Firework Event, it will go ahead, provided we have enough volunteer stewards. We could also do with some flood lighting so if anyone knows where we could borrow some please let the PTA team or myself know. We also need to trim back some of the trees next to the rugby field so I was wondering if we could have some volunteers to help with this on Saturday....

We are also planning to restore our Nature Zone this term so that we can use it again to support learning across the curriculum. We have a fantastic pond with decking designed for pond dipping but some of the boards need replacing. Several of the trees are over-grown too and need to be cut back. The paths are covered in weeds that need to be removed and the meadow needs to be managed. If you like gardening or just want to help out, we are hoping to organise a couple of Saturdays after half term when we can all get together for a STMS does DIY SOS! Please keep an eye out for this.

I am also keen to get our Gardening Club working on some of the flower beds over the coming weeks. If anyone has any spare Spring or Summer flowering bulbs at home, we would love to plant them to add a bit of colour to our grounds.

Jasper has been attending school a couple of times a week now and is doing really well. More importantly, the children's treatment of Jasper has been excellent. I know only too well how difficult it is to resist making a fuss of him but the children always manage to keep their distance, they say a quick 'Hello Jasper' and allow him to go on his way. Consequently he is much calmer around the school and responds to my commands far more readily. He loves to wander the playground at the end of lunchtime and now sits very obediently at my heels waiting for everyone to line up. It's amazing how much more sensible everyone lines up when he's watching!

I have noted that a couple of boys have bleached/dyed their hair. While the styles in question are very nicely done, we have a policy in school that rather fairly insists that we have no extreme haircuts. There is a fine line between what is acceptable and what is not. In the continued spirit of fairness can I ask that parents do not have their child's hair bleached or dyed to avoid any challenge to our policy?

Inset Day

Please note the next inset day is Friday 3rd November 2017. If you would like to book childcare for the day please email tommys@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

Tommy's Childcare

Please ensure your booking is made in advance by email or by completing the red book in the office no later than 1.30pm on a Friday for the following week.

Cancellations should also be emailed to tommys@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk or if it is on the day please call the office before 10.30am, so we know not to expect your child at After School Club. No shows and late cancellations will be charged for.

Clubs

Please note we will contact you if your child has not gotten a place for an after school activity/club.

If you do not hear from us, and you have sent in your slip and money your child will be on the club register.

Children should be collected from the junior playground for all after school activities / clubs except for Tommy's Childcare.

P.E. Kit

Please ensure your child has the correct P.E. Kit in school at all times.

If your child has pierced ears, please ensure they have surgical tape in their bag and that they are able to self-apply. If not please remove the earrings before they come to school.

ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 19 October	08.45 -15.15	KS1 & KS2 –Rock Star day – come to school dressed as a Rock star.
Friday 20 October	08.45 – 15.15	Last day of Half-term
Monday 30 October	08.45	First day of new Half Term
Thursday 2 November	17.30 – 20.00	Fireworks Display & Family event
Friday 3 November	08.45 – 15.15	INSET Day
Monday 6 November	Times TBC	Parents' Meetings Y6 only
Tuesday 7 November	Times TBC	Parents' Meetings Y1 – Y6
Wednesday 8 November	Times TBC	Parents' Meetings Y1 – Y6
Wednesday 29 November	09.30 – 12.00	School Nurse YR, Y1, Y2 Y3, Y4 - Flu Vaccine (Nasal Spray)

St. Michael's & All Angels Church

Everyone is welcome to come to our Alpha Taster Evening this Thursday 19th October at 7 pm