

STMS newsletter 25th January 2018

Dear Parents

As I write this the wind is howling and the rain is lashing against the window and yet all is warm and peaceful inside. It is so easy to lose sight of just how settled and happy our children are and how much they enjoy each day. It makes me very proud of them and very proud of the staff that help to make them feel so secure, whatever the weather.

Next week we will be taking some of our children to an anti-bullying conference in Portsmouth. It is hoped the children will be able to gain lots of ideas and strategies for tackling bullying and return to share those ideas with staff and children. We always strive to ensure children at St. Thomas More's are never exposed to bullying, but sometimes, things happen beyond our control and it's always good to review how we deal with those incidents. We are also thrilled to be attending the conference with a group of Year 7 past pupils and some of our Year 6 children who have been asked to perform a song set with drama at the conference to over 600 school children and teachers.

We also have our annual visit from our LA Primary Phase Inspector next Monday, when she will tour the school and work with senior leaders to determine what the school is doing to maintain standards and improve wherever necessary. I will let you know how that goes but we are looking forward to the visit and proud to share all we are doing.

In this wet weather, please be aware that we will only open the school door early to pupils if it is pouring with rain to the point where parents and children will be soaked. Parents are reminded that if you are waiting on the playground on cold, wet, drizzly mornings, you and your children must be appropriately dressed in warm waterproof clothing.

Finally, I am very sad to announce that Mrs Cannell, whom almost all parents will know as one of our longest serving teaching assistants, has decided to take early retirement to look after her mum. We are of course deeply sorry to hear this and will miss her dearly. I'm sure you will want to wish her well and keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Colin Haraga



To prepare for Lent,
Fr Gerard Flynn will lead a time of reflection at St Michael's,
Leigh Park, 3pm - 5pm on Saturday 10th February.
Everybody is most welcome.
If you wish to attend please let Fr Gerard know,
for preparation purposes, on 023 9248 4323 or
at gerardflynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Thank you.

Church News

St Patrick's, Hayling Island, Quiz Night

Saturday, 27th January, 7pm for 7.30pm start.
Tickets @ £10 include a 2-course supper of chilli and
dessert. Bring your own drink.

Up to 8 players per team.

Please contact clareahill@yahoo.co.uk or
023 9246 6782 to book and give Clare the name of your
team and any dietary requirements.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Letters will be sent out to confirm
exact dates for the parent
teacher meetings which will take
place week beginning 19th March
2018.

Childcare

Please ensure all bookings are made by the Friday before
you require the childcare and this will need to be paid in
advance.

All childcare accounts must be cleared by Friday 2nd
February 2018. Cancellations of childcare bookings must
be made 48hrs before the session or you will be charged.

ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY		
Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 31 January	9.00am - 11.00am	Reception Family Learning
Friday 2 February	1.30pm	Family Learning and Titanic Day
Wednesday 7 February	2.00pm	Aquila Mass
Friday 9 February	3.15pm	Last day of half term
Monday 19 February	8.45am	First day back after half term break
Wednesday 21 February	2.00pm	Pegasus Mass
Tuesday 27 February	10.00am	Reception Liturgy
Thursday 1 March		World Book Day
Monday 19 March	TBC	Parent Teacher Meetings commencing this week
Thursday 29 March	3.15pm	Last day of term
Friday 30 March		Good Friday
Monday 16 April	8.45am	First day back after Easter holidays
Monday 23 July		INSET DAY

St. Thomas More's Extra Curricular Activities

SPRING TERM 2018

CLUB	DAY	TIME	Year Group	TUTOR	MEETING PLACE
Football	Monday	3.15-4.30	KS1 & KS2	CM Sports Start date 8/1/18 Finish 26/3/18	Hall Football on field
Gymnastics	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	Year 3 & 4	Miss Francis Start date 6/2/18 Finish date 13/3/18	Hall
Homework Club	Tuesday	3.15-5.30	Selected Children	Class Teachers & Teaching Assistants Ongoing	Classrooms
Gymnastics	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	Year 1 & 2	Miss Shaw & Miss Warrener Start date 30/1/18 Finish date 6/3/18	Hall
Netball	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	Yr 4,5 & 6	Miss Moon Mrs Miller Start date 20/2/18 Ongoing	Pegasus
Crafty Readers	Tuesday	3.15-4.00	Reception	Mrs Silk & Mrs Tyler 30/1, 6/2, 20/2, 6/3/18 Not running on 27/2/18	Saturn
Football	Wednesday	3.15-4.15	Yr 4 & 5	Mr Harrison Start date 17/1/18 ongoing	Orion
Choir	Wednesday	12.30-1.05	KS2	Mrs Ward Start date 10/1/18 ongoing	Columba
Irish Dancing	Wednesday	3.15-4.30	KS1 & KS2	Mrs Boyle Start date 10/1/18 Ongoing	Hall
French	Wednesday	3.15-4.00	3 & 4	Mrs Seabrook Start date 10/1/18 Finish 21/2/18	Pegasus

Junior PCSO	Various days	3.15-5.50	Selected Children	Local Police, Mrs Miller & Mrs Gibson	Orion
Lego & Games	Thursday	12.30-1.00	Selected children	Mrs Sparks & Mrs White Start date 11/1/18 ongoing	3 / 4 shared area
Karate	Thursday	3.15-4.15	KS1 & KS2	Karate Coach Start date 11/1/18 Ongoing	Hall
Athletics	Thursday	3.15-4.15	KS2	Miss Ridd 25/1/18 & 1/2/18	Delphinus
Homework Club	Thursday	3.15-5.30	Selected Children	Class Teachers & Teaching Assistants Running all year	Classrooms
Racket Skills	Friday	3.15-4.15	Yr 1 & 2	Mrs Carpenter Start date 23/2/18 Finish 16/3/18	Hall
Tag Rugby	Friday	3.15-4.00	Yr 1 & 2	Miss Carpenter Start date 2/2/18 Finish date 16/3/18	Venus
Tag Rugby	Friday	3.15-4.15	Yr 5 & 6	Miss Ridd, Mr Flanagan & Mrs Miller Start date 19/1/18 ongoing	Delphinus
Dance	Friday	3.15-4.20	Yr 4 & 5	Gem Dance Start date 12/1/18 Finish 9/2/18	Hall

Letters will be sent home for the children to sign up for the clubs.

This was correct at the time printing

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Stewardship