

STMS newsletter 23

22nd March 2017

Dear Parents

Just as the signs of Spring emerge, the clouds descend and the wind and rain return. Still the signs of Spring are very much alive in school. Everyone is bright, cheery and busy beavering away and busying themselves with being the best they can be.

Thank you to all our families for supporting the Lenten Appeal: Turn Little Fish into Big Fish. This week alone, we collected £108. Our little fish, including the sharks, arrive this week and we look forward to watching them grow over the remainder of Lent on beyond. Do take a look next time you are in the library. Thanks also to the PTA for funding the beautiful new tanks and the general redecoration of the library which looks so much brighter and inviting.

This week, breakfast club will begin selling little fish scales for 50p which will be stuck onto huge cardboard cut-out fish. Our aim is to cover a little fish, then a middle sized fish and then a big fish with these little scales. Please give up any loose change you have to buy as many scales as you can so we can grow these fish one by one.

The proceeds of all our Fishy Fundraising is of course going to Cafod to fund the development of sustainable fish farms among poor communities in Zambia.

I do hope you've seen the invitation to the School Quiz Night. I can't say I have ever come away from a quiz night with the prize money. My knowledge is just too limited for that but I do enjoy a night out at a quiz. I do hope you can come along to this event. It's one of several events we will be organising to mark our 60th anniversary and it should be a really good laugh. So why not collar a few people and sign up a team!

A huge well done to all those who took part in the annual St Thomas More's Got Talent Contest. The entries were fantastic and I know the judges really found it tough picking a winner. A special well done to Baltimore Babes and Marley, Betsy, Nia and Star who were our winners and will now go through to the Leigh Park Ace Talent contest in April.

Esti Haraga

QUIZ NIGHT

St. Thomas More's Quiz night on Friday 7th April at 7.00pm in the School Hall – quiz starts at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale in the playground on Tuesday 21st, Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th March or from the school office

Please remember to notify the office if you have changed your contact number or email address.

Easter Raffle

Every class has an Easter Egg to win! Tickets are 20p each and are available from the class teachers. All proceeds will go to our Lenten CAFOD appeal. Thank you for your support!

We have been notified by Hampshire County Council that School Dinners will increase from £2.10 to £2.15 from 1st April 2017

Earrings on PE days

Please can you remove your child's earrings on PE days, if this is not possible, can you please send a roll of medical tape into school so we can tape the earrings up for the PE lesson.

Hall Hire

The school hall is available to hire in the evening and also at weekends. Please contact Mrs Wilson for further information.

Red Nose day Friday 24th March 2017

Children are asked to come to school wearing RED in exchange for making a donation. We will also be holding a cake sale at morning playtime, so we would love as many children as possible to bring in small, individual cakes that can be sold to raise funds. The cost of these cakes will be 20p each. There are some great recipes on the Red Nose Day website for any budding bakers!

Representatives from our School Council will also be on the playgrounds in the morning with collection buckets for any spare change that you may be willing to donate. We really appreciate your support and and hope that you will help us raise lots of money for Red Nose Day

CHURCH NEWS

St. Joseph's Church, Havant

Saturday 1st April – Jumble Sale at St Joseph's Church Hall from 11.00am to 1.00pm

1ST Holy Communion Programme at St. Michael's and All Angels Church continues as follows:-

- 1st April – "Body of Christ" (*No parent meeting*)
- 13th May – "Do this in Memory of Me" (Parent meeting)
- 10th June – Rehearsal at 10.00am
- **Sunday 11th June – First Holy Communion**
- 1st July – "To Love and to Serve" (*No parent meeting*)

ITEMS FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Friday 24 th March 2017	08:45	Red Nose Day – Wear Red to school
Monday 27 th March 2017	10:00	Lenten Penitential Service, followed by Reconciliation
Monday 3 rd April	09:15	'Let me tell you about the last days of Jesus' life...' led by Reception Class
Tuesday 4 th April	09:00	Palm Sunday Reflection: led by Neptune Class
Wednesday 5 th April	09:00	Remembering the Last Supper: led by Delphinus Class
Thursday 6 th April	09:00	Reflecting on the Agony in the Garden: led by Aquila Class
Friday 7 th April	14.30	The Crucifixion & Veneration of the Cross: led by Orion and Lyra Class
Friday 7 th April	15:15	Last day before Easter Holidays
Friday 7 th April	19:00	Quiz Night in the School Hall
Monday 24 th April	08:45	Back to School for 1 st Day of Summer Term
Friday 26 th May	15:15	Last day before Summer Half Term
Monday 5 th June	08:45	Back to School after Summer Half Term
Sunday 11 th June	10:00	First Holy Communion at St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Leigh Park
Thursday 22 nd June	10:00	St. Thomas More's Feast Day
Thursday 29 th June	14:00	Ss. Peter & Paul Feast Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Monday 3 rd July	10:00	Phoenix Class Mass
Tuesday 4 th July	10:00	Delphinus Class Mass
Wednesday 5 th July	10:00	Columba Class Mass
Thursday 20 th July	14:00	Leavers Mass for Year 6
Tuesday 25 th July	15:15	Last day of Summer Term