26th November 2018

**Statement to live by: I think before I make choices that affect my health**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well the Parish Bazaar was a fabulous community event on Saturday. There was a fantastic atmosphere and so lovely to see so many families, including lots of past pupils and families. The children stalls were brilliant, their behaviour was impeccable and the children’s stalls managed to raise £284! Thank you to everyone who came and supported this event.

**Playground**

The playground work has FINISHED! Most children have been able to play on the equipment at playtime and lunchtime. Please can you make sure that children and siblings do NOT play on the equipment before and after school, especially the reaction boards!

**Knighton Neighbourhood Forum Transport Survey**

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum is working to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Knighton area. The plan will allow people who live or work in the area a voice in planning decisions. One topic the plan may influence is transport.

We are seeking the views of people who live, work (and study) on topics in this area, through a short on-line questionnaire which can be found from the link on the home page of our website at <http://www.knightonforum.org.uk/>.

**Parking**

A reminder to all parents and carers to be considerate when they are parking and driving close to the school. The new pencils on the corners of Newstead Road should be left clear. The pavement has been dropped on Ratcliffe Road to make it safer to cross, please DO NOT park too close to them. If necessary park a little further away from school and walk the extra part. Thank you to the majority who do park and drive carefully around the school area.



**Easy Fundraising**

Halloween and Bonfire Night are over, next stop ... Christmas!

So just a little reminder that any Christmas shopping you do online please make sure you shop via Easyfundraising. It doesn't cost you a thing but it raises pennies and pounds for the school!

If you're not already signed up to Easyfundraising then it's really simple. Follow the link below to set up your account and support our cause.

[**https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/1VFTQH**](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/1VFTQH)

Every time you shop online just start via the Easyfundraising website to find your retailer and you'll raise money when you make your purchases.

It's fundraising made easy, and free.

Happy Shopping!

The Friends of St Thomas More

**Spare clothes**

A request if you have any underwear or socks aged 4-7 that you no longer need, they would be very much appreciated in school! Thank you!

This year the Menphys Carol concert is next Friday please see the posters on how to buy tickets.

**Sporting news**

**Football**

Thursday 22nd November

Braunstone Frith 1 v 1 St Thomas More

St Thomas More 4 v 0 St John Fisher

Montrose 0 v 5 St Thomas More

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| Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | For | Against | Points |
| St Thomas More | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 1 | 32 |
| Braunstone Frith | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 32 |
| Inglehurst Juniors | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 6 | 25 |
| Millgate/Keyham | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 23 |
| St John Fisher | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 19 |
| Montrose | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 19 |
| Hazel | 10 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 28 | 11 |

Well done to the football team on their amazing results!

**Netball**

On Wednesday 21st November St Thomas More took part in the East Leicester Hi 5 Netball Festival at Soar Valley. A total of 26 teams from 18 schools participated. We got the short straw as both our teams had to play all matches outside and it was bitterly cold with a biting wind. Our players had blue fingers and couldn’t feel their toes but they soldiered on and never at any point gave up the fight. Our Year 5 time did exceptionally well considering they were up against year 6 children. As for our Year 6 team, they surpassed my expectations. As usual I will refer you to the results tables as they speak volumes. The final against Sparkenhoe is still to be played as apparently they didn’t have time on the day. Watch this space. Finally I would like to congratulate Ashanti Ryan who won Star Player Award from the organisers of this event - Leicester City SSPAN. Please keep in mind she was chosen from approximately 210 children! WELL DONE ASHANTI!!!

Pamela Lunn

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| STM YEAR 5  **5** | RUSHYMEAD  **0** |
| STM YEAR 5  **3** | SANDFIELD CLOSE  **0** |
| STM YEAR 5  **0** | WILLBROOK  **2** |

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| STM YEAR 6  **9** | MEDWAY  **0** |
| STM YEAR 6  **8** | ST PATRICKS  **0** |
| STM YEAR 6  **10**  THIS MATCH WAS STOPPED BY OPPOSITION AT THE START OF THE 2ND HALF | LEIC HIGH  **0** |

**SEMI FINAL**

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| STM YEAR 6  **4** | MEDWAY  **1** |

**FINAL AGAINST SPARKENHOE STILL TO BE PLAYED. I SHALL KEEP YOU UPDATED.**

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God bless,

Mrs Crosse

Headteacher

**Dates for the diary**

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| **Half term Monday 22nd October- Friday 26th October** | |
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| Wednesday 28th November | Year 2 multi sports at Aylestone Leisure centre |
| Thursday 29th November | 10am mass drop in Mrs Langham’s class |
| Friday 30th November | 2.30- celebration assembly |
| Saturday 1st December | Cross Country at Prestwold Hall |
| Sunday 2nd December | First Sunday of advent |
| Wednesday 5th December | 12.30 cross country Knighton Park |
| Thursday 6th December | 10am drop in mass Mrs Davidson’s class |
| Friday 7th December | 9.15 F2 Nativity to parents  2.30- celebration assembly  7pm Menphys Carol concert |
| Sunday 9th December | 9am Mass led by Mr Plant’s class |
| Wednesday 12th December | Year 6 residential to the Briars  KS1 Nativity to parents in the morning |
| Thursday 13th December | 10am Drop in mass Mrs Whitmore / Mrs Slater’s class  KS1 Nativity to parents in the afternoon |
| Friday 14th December | 2.30- Celebration assembly  Year 6 return from the Briars |
| Wednesday 19th December | Christmas dinner day- Christmas jumper day! |
| Thursday 20th December | 10am Whole school mass |
| **Friday 21st December- see separate letter** | Whole school trip to the theatre to watch Snow white at the Peepul Centre. With thanks to the Friends who have funded the trip- further details to follow.  **School closes at 2.30** |
| **Merry Christmas**  **Christmas holidays Monday 24th December – Monday 7th January 2019** | |
| **Happy New Year!!!!!** | |
| Tuesday 8th January 2019 | School opens at 8.40 |
| Thursday 10th January | 10am Whole school mass |