

This week's whole school target was...



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**Christ is the centre of our school community
where we live, love and learn together.**

THIS SUNDAY IS:

4th Sunday of the Year

You should see Father John wearing a green vestment at Mass

YEAR 6 CLASSES MASS IN CHURCH

Wednesday 1st February 9:00am

YEAR 3/4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Thursday 2nd February at 8.55am

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This term we need the whole school community to focus on improving our attendance.

This Week

RRS	89.13%
RTMcG	93.04%
Y1	93.75%
Y1/2	91.43%
Y2	91.88%
Y3	98.13%
Y3/4	96.56%
Y4	97.67%
Y5G	94.91%
Y5R	98.40%
Y6D	95.24%
Y6LM	98.26%
Whole School	94.88%

THIS MONTH'S GOSPEL VALUE

SIMPLICITY

- Appreciating the simple things in life and nature
- Freedom from material and emotional desires – simply 'be'
- Avoid waste; teach economy
- From it grows generosity and sharing
- Putting others first with kindness and openness

Bible Reference Matthew 18: 2-5

Jesus called a child to come and stand in front of them, and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child. And whoever welcomes in my name one such child as this welcomes me."

Next week's whole school target is: Put others first with kindness

CHILD'S PRAYER

A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

I praise you Lord
For all the things you have done for me.
You have saved me by dying for us.
You have given me grace to love my enemies.
Sing praises to the Lord Almighty God all his faithful people.
You will defend me like a mountain.
You have changed my sadness into a joyful dance.
I will not be silent.
I will sing my joy to you!

Louie McCoy Y3/4



SCHOOL FUND THIS TERM

School fund goes towards supporting our school budget and enables us to provide the children with additional resources to enhance their experience in school, such as arts and craft materials, coaching support in PE and materials for parental workshops. The contribution will be **£5.00 per child** or **£10.00 per family** with more than one child, each term. Hopefully you will see this as very reasonable when compared with other schools. Please forward your payment in an envelope clearly marked 'School Fund' with your child's name as soon as possible. (If you did not send in your contribution last term please send in **£10 per child** or **£20 per family**.)
Thank you for your support.

Good manners are important

This week's best attending classes are..

VALENTINE DISCO

Date: Friday 10th February
Time: 3.15pm—5.00pm
Venue: School Hall
Price: £3.50 (this includes a snack and drink)

Children can bring a change of clothes in with them in a carrier bag marked with their name.

Children are to be picked up promptly from their normal exits.

No tickets will be sold after Friday 3rd February 2012.

Tickets will be distributed on Monday 6th February 2012.

Payments to be put in a clearly marked envelope labelled Valentine Disco and handed to your child's class teacher.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

You will receive a bag next week from Bag2School, who will pay £200 per ton for items the school collects (unwanted clothing etc). If you haven't received a bag, a black bin liner will do! If you fill your bag and want to donate more, just use another black bin liner.

THE BAGS WILL BE COLLECTED AND WEIGHED BY BAG2SCHOOL ON 6th/7th FEBRUARY.

Bags can be left at the entrance to Miss Gallagher's classroom before school on the mornings of February 6th/7th. Please do not bring in any bags before Monday or after Tuesday morning.

Many thanks for your support—we will let you know how much money this raises!

ROYAL TRIP TO WESTON SUPER MARE

This week parents will have received a letter from the PTA regarding a trip to Weston Super Mare on Sunday 3rd June to celebrate the Royal Jubilee and raise additional funds for the school. The price is £12 per person and a deposit of £5 is required by 10th February. Please note that cheques should be made payable to St Thomas More School PTA.

REVISED SCHOOL OFFICE PROCEDURE—MONEY

Following the appointment of our new Office Manager, we have undertaken a review of office procedures. From **Monday 30th January 2012** the office will not be accepting **any** money through the hatch or giving change. This is taking up a huge amount of time and our Finance Bursar has informed us that the majority of schools no longer give change to parents.

Please send in the **correct amount of money in an envelope to your child's class teacher** not the School Office clearly marked with your child's name. If you send in too much money we will roll forward the additional money and take it off your next week's bill.

Thank you for your co-operation.

READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Please, please do make time to sit with your child and share books with them and hear them read. It is so important that all our children enjoy reading as it benefits them with all their learning.

FANTASTIC BOOK OFFER

Roald Dahl Collection only £16.00—15 Books!!

A fantastic Roald Dahl collection filled to the brim with hilarious Roald Dahl titles is available from the BookPeople — this collection makes the ideal gift for any book-loving child.

Should you wish to purchase this collection at an unbeatable £16 then simply return the reply slip below with your child to school in a clearly marked envelope by Friday 3rd February 2012. The books will be displayed in the foyer for you to see.

Your child will have brought home an order form today.

KS1: class Y1 (93.75%). KS2: class Y5R (98.40%)