



# Saint Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy

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**Love one Another as I have Loved You**  
**John 13:34**



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Dear Parents,

## Lenten Blessing

Bless us, Lord, as you call us with enthusiasm to walk with you on this Lenten journey.  
Bless us, Lord, as you remind us that our purpose is to please you rather than pleasing ourselves.  
Bless us, Lord, as we seek the good of others in our prayers, fasting and charitable actions.

As part of our Catholic Mission, we are raising funds for CAFOD during Lent. The children have been part of an assembly where they learned about some of the work carried out by this organisation, and also about some of the people CAFOD help. Our children have been encouraged to support our fundraising by 'earning' some money at home by doing jobs for you. Each class has a CAFOD Box, where money can be collected.

## Pyjama Day

Thank you to Caragh Simpson who organised this event as a fundraiser for CAFOD. It was great to see so many children and adults dressed in their pyjamas all day. They all looked very relaxed! We raised £220, which was amazing.

## School Reports

This year, just as last year, we will be sending out written reports for years 1-6 at the end of the Spring Term. This will give you a greater indication of your child's next steps and time to address these targets before your child moves into the next year group. There will be a Parents' Evening in the summer term. Obviously, if there are any concerns raised by the report or at any other time, we encourage you to come in and speak to us.

## St Thomas Aquinas Multi Academy Trust

Neil Lockyer has been announced as the Chief Executive Officer for the St Thomas Aquinas MAT which will be formed ready for the autumn term. He will be leaving St Paul's at the end of the summer, in order to begin his new role in September. We know Mr Lockyer will do a fabulous job for Catholic education in Leicester and Leicestershire.



## The Gospel Show

As you know, our year 3 and 4 children will be taking part in The Gospel Show on the last week of term. We have to change the dates of the shows to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1.45pm and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.00pm. This is a change from our original dates and times. Apologies for any inconvenience this will cause.

## Baby News

As many of you will know, Mrs Cummins had her twins during half term. Florence and Evelyn were born on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February and are both doing very well. Mr and Mrs Cummins are delighted with their new arrivals.

Mrs Ramsell and Mrs O'Brien will be leaving us at Easter to start their maternity leave. Mrs Ramsell's class will be covered by Mrs Langham. She has already met the children and is coming into school next Tuesday to get to know them a little better. We are sure that she will enjoy teaching the class, and carry on the fantastic work of Mrs Ramsell. We are currently interviewing for Mrs O'Brien's cover and will let you know as soon as we can.



## Year 6 Talent Show

Our wonderful year 6 class has come up with a brilliant way of entertaining us, whilst at the same time, raising money for our Lenten Charity – CAFOD.

They will be holding a talent show on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** (during the school day) where they will perform for the whole school. Children will be asked to bring £1.00 to buy a ticket. Tickets will be on sale soon.

## Vacancies

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor to work at our school. The role includes supporting children in the dining hall and spending time with them in the playground. If you, or anyone you know may be interested, please let us know. The hours are 12.00pm – 1.15pm Monday – Friday.

We are also looking for a school cleaner to work from 3.15pm – 6.00pm Monday – Friday. Again, if you or anyone you know are interested, please get in touch with us.

## World Book Day

Once again, the children excelled themselves with their costumes. We had a great assembly where all classes paraded around the hall to show us their costumes. Back in the classrooms, the children

enjoyed activities related to books and had a great day.  
Many thanks for all your efforts in preparing the children today.



## Operation Encompass

We have emailed you some information about Operation Encompass which is a nationwide safeguarding initiative. All schools have been asked to let parents know about it.

Yours sincerely

*C A PEARSON*

<b>Class Assemblies – all at 2.30pm</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr Plant's class
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Davidson's class
<b>Change of date – Now Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Mrs Broomhead's class</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs Wheat's and Mr Tillbrook's class
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs Whitmore's and Mrs Ashby's class
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs Whitehead's class
<b>Other dates</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am F2 Mothers' Day Service
14 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am KS1 Service
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 talent Show
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual report to parents years 1-6
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	2.00pm – The Gospel Show
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	6.00pm – The Gospel Show
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>School closes for Easter at 2.30pm</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	May Fayre
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day – exact timings to follow AM for KS2 PM for KS1
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School closes for summer at 2.30pm</b>

