

MORE NEWS



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DIARY DATES

Autumn Term 2019

October

- 14th Year 1 Cooking Week
- 15th Year 5 and 6 Young Shakespeare Company—Macbeth
- 16th Reception Class to St Mary's Church
- 17th Megson Folk Concert Year 1 and 2
- 17th Walk to School Day
- 17th Extended Football Club (4.45pm)
- 18th Charity Day
- 21st Year 6 Cooking Week
- 23rd Harvest Assembly led by Year 3
- 23rd Year 6 Afternoon Tea Concert
- 24th KS1 Alice in Wonderland Dress Up Day
- 24th Year 3 and Year 4 Alice in Wonderland Dress Up Day
- 25th Pret-a-Portrait Individual Photographs

Half Term 28th October—1st November

November

- 4th Bag to School Textile Collection
- 6th Mass led by Year 6—All welcome!
9.30am
- 7th Year 5 History of the Page-Egyptians
- 7th Parents Evening 6.00-8.50pm
- 12th Parents Evening 3.45-6.45pm
- 15th Flu Immunisation
- 19th Year 6 Assembly
- 21st Walk to School Day
- 24th Family Mass at Our Lady of Compassion
10.30am
- 28th Year 4 Public Speaking Festival

SWIMMING

Monday 14th October—Year 4 and 6

Tuesday 15th October—Year 2

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during swimming lessons and must have a red swimming hat.

CATERING NEWS

Juniors please pay lunches on School Money- £2.20 per day

Week 1

Kindly make sure the kitchen is aware of any allergies.

Snack Bar 25p

SCHOOL NEWS

Donations—A huge thank you to the Round Table Saffron Walden for their generous donation towards our fundraising for the laptops, it made a huge difference.

Harvest Assembly 23rd October 9.00am—We would like to invite all of our children to take part in our Harvest Celebration by asking each family to prepare one harvest box and bring it on the day. The harvest boxes will be donated to elderly residents in Saffron Walden as well as a homeless charity. As a guide we suggest the box is a shoe-box or shoe-box size. Kindly decorate the box and it is rather nice if the children could include a short note to the recipient. Please remember to include goodies which will be enjoyed by an elderly person. This is always a special event so thank you in advance for your support. Kindly note even though Year 3 are leading this assembly this year, all parents are welcome!

Charity Day—Year 5 and 6 will be leading an autumn themed charity day for the whole school on Friday 18th October in aid of our CAFOD project to raise money to support a medical centre. So far, we have raised 70% of our £4,000 target. Hopefully, we can raise a bit more money to help to reach our target. The children are invited to make a donation of £2 to wear non-uniform in autumn colours e.g.. red, brown, green, yellow, gold. They will also participate in a range of autumn-themed activities, such as scavenger hunt and guess how many conkers in the jar. We hope everyone will join in this fun day to support a very worthwhile cause. You can make your donation on SchoolMoney.

As part of the Charity Day there will be a cake bake at break time. Cakes will be sold for 50p each. Please send your child in with the money if they would like to buy one.

Autumn Levy—The Governor's Levy is a contribution from parents for the upkeep and development of the building and premises. We would like to encourage all parents to contribute as it is an essential fund. The Levy can be paid for on SchoolMoney. The suggested donation is set at £15, however you can change the amount by clicking on the green highlighted button. All contributions are gratefully received.

Many thanks

Aldi stickers—When you spend over £30 in Aldi you will get a sticker to help support the school. Aldi are providing a bag of sports equipment to each school which collects 300 stickers. Kindly collect the stickers if you shop in Aldi and send them into the school office.

PUPIL NEWS

Children at Mass in Saffron Walden—Children will be invited to go to the front during 10.30am Mass on Sunday 13th October.

Carol Competition—Mrs Lesslie will be recording the Carol Competition entries next week during Orchestra with the junior children.

Reception Class—Reception Class children will be walking to St Mary Church to learn about Baptism. The children will explore the Church and look for and name objects used in a Baptism Service. They will then join Mrs Knights for Tiny Tempos. We will need some parents to help walk with the children. We will leave school at 1pm and come back for 3pm. Please let the office know if you can help (must have DBS check).

Year 1 and Year 2—Megson Concert— The children will have the opportunity to listen to a professional folk group perform their Family Folk Show. The cost for this concert, £2, is available to pay on SchoolMoney. We have been specially selected.

KS1 Dress Up Day—KS1 children will have their Alice in Wonderland Dress Up Day on Thursday 24th October.

Year 3 and 4—Year 3 and 4 will also have an Alice in Wonderland Dress Up Day on 24th October.

Drum lessons—Our drum teachers have availability, please get in touch with the school office.

PSA

Dear Parents, the PSA have booked the pantomime **Cinderella** for families to attend on 31st January at 3.30pm. All families including younger siblings, relations and friends are invited. School age children do not have to have a parent in attendance however pre-schoolers do. The cost is £5 per head if booked before the end of November (£6 in December and January). We are putting this event in the shop area of SchoolMoney now as we know Christmas time is an expensive time of year. Pre book, pre-plan and take advantage of the reduced cost. In the past the panto evening has been really good family fun.

WEB NEWS

Log on to our website to see photos of our golf team in action plus the Chaplaincy Team leading Assembly.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

The new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12th September 2019, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2020.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2019.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Parents will not receive a letter about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2020-21 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

There is a short video of advice available designed to explain the key points in the process to support parents making an application.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Father,

We thank you for giving us the gift of laughter and happiness, as medicine for any sadness we may feel. We thank you that as we have seen in your Word, "The joy of the Lord is my strength," and we can dance in the darkness and sing in the shadows because you are always there.

You gave us laughter as a gift, a balm for our souls. Please help us to bring happiness into the daily lives of others, as we share laughter, fun and joy together.

We thank you for friends and time spent together. Help us to value each other as precious and important. To remember each others feelings. To listen to one another.

Thank you that you gave us two ears and one mouth, help us to do double the listening.

Amen

By Toby, Tiernan, Amielie, Chiara
and Serena
Year 4

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

I know what to do if I see
anyone being hurt.

Celebration Ball

We are now taking deposits for the Ball (£20), please email Ball50@stmsw.co.uk if you would like to secure your tickets.

St Thomas More Primary School is 50 years old in September 2020. We are arranging a Celebration Ball on 26th September 2020, at Parklands in Quendon. We would like to invite all present and past parents, pupils (over 18's), friends, governors, staff of the school. Please secure your place and register your interest with us at Ball50@stmsw.co.uk. We would be grateful if you could spread the word to those who have moved from the area or may not read this letter.

CLUB NEWS

Football Club—There will be an extended football club on Thursday 17th October until **4.45pm** so the children can play a tournament.

Dance Club—Our new Dance teacher Anna Tenberg has given free dance taster sessions to Year 2, 3 and 4. She has spaces available in her Friday Dance Club. Please let the office know if your child is interested in joining Dance Club.

Multiskills—On Friday 4th October our year 3 children took part in the annual Multiskills festival at Katherine Semar Junior School. All children had the opportunity to try a range of different sports throughout the afternoon, lead by the Young Sports Leaders from the County High School.

Golf—On Thursday 10th October our junior Golfers took part in the USSP Golf Tournament at Chesterford Science Park. All children played 7 holes competing with alternate shots. In total 30 children from across Uttlesford took part and some super golf from our four teams saw Bobby Thurston and Zachary Head finishing by winning the Bronze medal. Well done to everyone who took part.

ADVERTS

Cross Country Event Open Races Autumn

Thursday 17th October at Herbert's Farm in Saffron Walden (Years 1-6) at 4pm.
For more information jcoleman@swchs.net

Ace Kids Club at Katherine Semar School

Katherine Semar School has a holiday club supervised by school staff which is open every holiday. Many parents at our school already choose this provision and ACE do have places for the school holidays for children in the local area who do not attend Katherine Semar.

If you wish to book a place for any of the school holidays, please call 01799 520356 or email ace@katherinesemar.net.

However, please note they will break-up for the **Christmas holidays** on Friday, 20th December and reopen on Thursday, 2nd January. If you also need childcare for the **Summer holidays** next year, ACE is open throughout the holiday but will close for a week from Monday, 3rd August to Friday, 7th August 2020.

