



*“With Christ we achieve, believe and create”*

# St Thomas More Newsletter

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

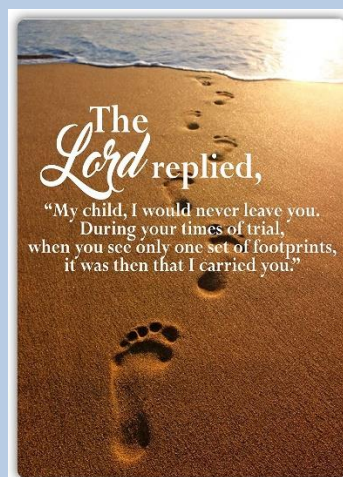
I hope that you were able to have an enjoyable half term with your family. I wish you all a safe time as we enter another Lockdown situation. It does seem that there are more local cases now and several of the Kidlington schools have had to shut bubble groups following a positive case. We have also received confirmation of a positive case in school and have taken advice from the DfE helpline. As the child was not in school during the time that they would have been infectious, no further action is required to be taken by the school. The family have followed all the self-isolation requirements. We have reviewed our risk assessment procedures, following the latest government advice, and are taking all the precautions expected of schools. We would ask that all our families observe the latest government advice, particularly around household mixing and self- isolation.

The children are now in bubbles as follows: EYFS, Yr 1 and 2, Yr 3 and 4, Yr 5 and 6. This has facilitated flexibility around playtimes and eating in the school hall. We would still ask that you do not enter the school building and try to ensure that you do not need to drop items left at home during the school day. Congratulations to Yr 3 (and their parents!) who all came through the gate on their own this morning: the fewer adults congregating on the playground, the better.

**Children should not attend school if they, or anyone in their household, is exhibiting Covid symptoms. Use the NHS website or helpline to make sure that you follow NHS guidelines at all times. Current guidance can be found here:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are concerned about anything. At this time, it is consoling to remember that God is walking with us and we are never alone.



**Certificates of achievement and Principal's  
award**

**These awards are given out weekly for  
outstanding efforts**

**Year 1 Riyanshi and Alana**

**Year 2 Giulia R and Nikhil**

**Year 3 Jacob M and Edith**

**Year 4 Alexander and Daniel H**

**Year 5 Peter and Anderson**

**Year 6 Bonnie and Nishan**

**The Principal's award was given to  
Vanessa for contributing to the whole class  
by completing book reviews of novels she  
has read without being asked.**

**Well Done**

## Parents Evening

I hope you will agree the parents' Zoom consultations were a success; thank you for your willingness to participate and to the teachers for whom it was also a new way of doing things.

## Mental Health and Well Being

As we are now in our second lockdown it's even more crucial for us to look after our own and our children's mental health and wellbeing.

See the following link from the NHS with great information and top tips: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/>

### Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November



This year we are taking part in Anti-Bullying Week from the 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> November. The children will be focussing on this during assembly and in their PSHE lessons in class.

We are also going to take part in Odd Socks Day. Please can your child come into school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** in Odd Socks. We will be celebrating the fact that we are all different and unique and that we can make a difference by being united against bullying.

## THANK YOU

### Harvest Festival

A Huge Thank you to everyone for your generosity. All the food items were collected by the food bank and were gratefully received

### Poppy Appeal

This was a huge success with the children they all loved choosing their gifts, again a massive Thank you for your support.

## REMINDERS

### Parking

We have had complaints from neighbours regarding parking in front of resident driveways. Please avoid blocking any driveway, parking on private property and parking on the pavement. Thank you. We have asked the neighbour to make a note of the registration number and to report to the PCSOs.

Strictly NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK

### NURSERY PARENTS Admission to Primary School

Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2021 Nursery parents can now apply for their child's reception place for September 2021. We would ask you to visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/admission-infant-and-primary-school/key-dates> and submit an online application between now 1 October 2020 and 15 January 2021 (the final closing date).