



St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

12th June 2020

INTRODUCTION

Next week, Monday 15th June to Thursday 18th June, meetings have been arranged for Year 10 and Year 12 pupils, with one parent where possible, to see their teachers. It is very important that pupils attend, even if parents are not available. Arrival times to school have been emailed out. If you have not received this, please look at the school website - Parents Section - Letters Home.

There is a strict timetable in place for meetings with teachers so as to ensure safe distancing. Unfortunately any pupil who arrives late will not be admitted to meet their teachers. All Year 10 pupils will receive a pack of resources to enhance their home learning.

Pupils do not need to wear school uniform for these meetings. Please note that parking is available in the resident, business and pay-by-phone bays in the streets around the school, as Haringey Council has suspended enforcement during lockdown.

A reminder that if any pupil or a member of their household is unwell with Covid19 symptoms, they must not attend school. Please email as above to let us know, and we will arrange for the resources to be collected at a later date.

Online lessons for Year 10 and Year 12 will not happen Monday to Thursday next week due to these meetings. We will be starting some online lessons for Year 9 from Monday 22nd June. Following this, we will be starting online lessons for Year 7 & 8 in a couple of weeks. More details on this will be sent closer to the start date.

Mark Rowland
Head of School



AMAZON VOUCHER WINNERS

The winners of £10 Amazon vouchers for this week are:

Year 7: Angelise Opoku, Caitlin Connolly, Yasmine Diomampo

Year 8: Sarah Lima, Nathaniel Atkins, Ewdo Ozdemir, Daniel Otuechere, Britney Kyeremeh

Year 9: Yeron Roro, Tochi Amaezeson

Year 10: Laura Lopez Izquierdo

Well done to all the nominees. Congratulations to the winners! Vouchers will be emailed.

LEARNING LOCKDOWN SKILLS

Numbers of our students (and teachers) have started learning new skills, or finessing old ones, during this lockdown. Below are some of the results of their skills:



Ewdo Ozdemir - learning to juggle



Sarya Calibasi - making French toast



Maga Grzybek - cooking and baking

PE BINGO

Pupils have been completing challenges in PE. Aya Johannah Narkwa (Year 7) took part in the bingo challenge. Well done to Aya, and all the pupils.

Next week pupils will be taking part in the synonym skipping challenge and the tap up tennis challenge. These challenges have been uploaded to Show My Homework.



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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Year A

Week Beginning 14th June 2020

Gospel Reading Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Gospel Reflection Reading:

Jesus and his disciples had gathered to celebrate the Passover meal together. While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, gave thanks to his heavenly Father, broke the bread, and gave a piece to each of his disciples, saying, 'Take this and eat it, this is my body.' Then he took a cup of wine. Again he praised his father and passed it to each of his disciples saying, 'Take this and drink it, this is my blood, poured out for you. Do this in memory of me.'

At the Last Supper, Jesus and the disciples were sharing a celebration meal in memory of what joyful event? Every year Jewish families and friends gathered together to share a meal which celebrated the 'Passover' when they remembered how God had freed them from slavery in Egypt.

Mark describes for his community the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. Scholars believe that the words are more an attempt on Mark's part to help his early Christian community understand the Eucharist than they are the actual words spoken by Jesus. Still, they help us understand that Jesus was leaving the physical company of the apostles, and he gave them a way of remembering him through bread and wine, his body and blood.

When we come to Mass, we come as one large family to celebrate something which happened for all of us, the resurrection of Jesus. We share a meal together just as Jesus did at the Last Supper.

Prayer:

Dear Father in heaven, we thank you for all your goodness and for the peace you give us. Unite us as your people, we pray. Unite us as one people with all your children who have ever lived, as one people with all who want to serve you. The more faithful and joyful we are, the more blessing you can give. Let the material world come under your hand. Guide your children on earth. Lead us in such a way that others may be helped. When we suffer, grant us strength and understanding of your will. Protect us today and every day.
Amen.

'The God who speaks' Year of the Word

Philippians 4:6 - Be careful of nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

John 15:7 - If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Thought for the Week

The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.
It does not matter how slow you go, as long as you do not stop.
It may not be easy, but it will be worth it in the long run.

NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK

This month from the 20th June to the 26th June, we will be joining thousands of other schools across the country to deliver National Schools Sports Week direct to your home! St Thomas More Sports Week is always eagerly anticipated, which is why we are hoping that all students and their families will get involved to make this Sports Week an active, fun and healthy event.

We will be putting together lots of different activities for you to complete, and you can submit your results to us via SMHW. Although you will be working individually, we will be tallying the points into your house groups. The success of your house could be in your hands! So get ready for a fun week of activities.

Let the games commence - may the best house win!

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

This coming Sunday is the feast of Corpus Christi, the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Saint John Paul II wrote that "The Eucharist...is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history". He didn't say that the Eucharist is the greatest gift that Christ has in fact given us, but that it is the greatest gift that He can give the Church during her earthly pilgrimage. Why is that? Because in the Eucharist Christ is giving us Himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity as a gift. God cannot give us anything better than His own self.

As you know our Churches are now able to open again from this Monday. While it will be a little longer before public Masses are able to be celebrated, at least we can now visit and pray in Church. For Catholics this has an added importance because in the Tabernacle is the real presence of Christ. When we come to Church we adore Christ in the Tabernacle.

The great nineteenth century French Saint, St John Vianney, noticed an old man who would come every day to the Church and just sit and gaze at Jesus' hidden presence in the Tabernacle. One day he asked him what he did during his prayer time in Church. He replied "I look at Him, and He looks at me". When we partake in Eucharistic adoration, we are looking at Jesus, looking at us with love.

Fr Chris

Words of the Week

Monday- Pantheon - (Noun) - A group of particularly respected, famous, or important people; all the gods of a people or religion collectively.

Tuesday- Precocious - (Adjective) - (Of a child) having developed certain abilities or inclinations at an earlier age than is usual or expected.

Wednesday- Indignation - (Noun) - Anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment.

Thursday- Impartial - (Adjective) - Treating all rivals or disputants equally.

Friday- Specious - (Adjective) - Superficially plausible, but actually wrong; misleading in appearance, especially misleadingly attractive.