

Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies this week have been about Remembrance ahead of the 11th November on Saturday and Remembrance Sunday this weekend. The atmosphere in each assembly was very respectful as you would expect and the students prayed for all those that have been affected by conflict in the world and of course the school community also prayed together for a peaceful world.

Reminder Odd Socks Day: Anti Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is next week 13th November to 17th November, the school will be taking part in odd socks day on Monday 13th November when students are encouraged to wear odd socks to show everyone that our community takes a stance against all forms of bullying behaviour.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

Bullying has no place in our school community and we always encourage students to report unacceptable behaviour when they see it or experience it as we can deal with it very effectively when we are made aware.

Shoebox appeal

Thank you for all the donations for the Shoe Box Appeal, we have received incredible amounts of items donated this year which shows just well all our students understand the importance of charitable giving to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Well done to 7S and 10M who collected the most boxes.

Hidden Talents

It is always wonderful to find out when students have a hidden gifts or talents and if your child has done something brilliant outside of school please do let us know so we can share in their success.

I was very lucky today for example to be able to listen to one of our Year 9 Students play the piano/keyboard after he has taught himself how to play by watching tutorials and videos online.

The student was absolutely amazing and I was so proud to listen to him play.

Year 10 Parents/carers: Year 10 Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the information evening and to all the staff who organised and presented information at the event, a number of students have told me the evening was very useful this week which is great to hear.

Year 7 Parents Evening Advance Notice

Year 7 Parents Evening will take place in school on Thursday 16th November 3:30pm to 6:30pm, in person appointment can be booked online through the school portal and details will have been included in the separate letter that has already been sent home.

Top of the Achievement Points League

Well done to the following students that have the most achievement points in each year group.

It was great to see all the Bronze Award badge holders today who were able to progress straight to the front of the dinner queue as a special privilege, the bronze award badge holders will have this facility available to them for the foreseeable future or until we get our first silver badge holders

Year 7: **Abbie H** - 7O 1740 net points and **Ravin R** – 7T 1730 net points

Year 8: **Maria B** - 8O 1850 net points and **Chris M** – 8H 1860 net points

Year 9: **Jack R** – 9H 1440 net points and **Olivia K** – 9T 1520 net points

Year 10: **Daisy N** – 10M 1990 net points and **David W** – 10M 1770 net points

Year 11: **Annabel Mc** 11S 1470 net points and **Olivia T** – 11A 1550 net points

Calm, polite, purposeful and respectful behaviour is our school culture and we know that students that display this behaviour gain lots of achievement points and ultimately this gives them the best chance of being successful and making great progress in all areas of school life.

I would urge parents/carers who are not yet signed up Online for Satchel One to sign up as the website and app can provide you with daily updates of your child's behaviour and achievement points.

St Thomas More RC College Fantasy Football League.

A low scoring week for everyone this week with some unexpected results in the premiership last weekend, the low scores have allowed me to sneak back to the top!

League leader Mr Brophy with 693 points!!

And

The the winner for game week 11 was

Finley W Year 9 -- 69 points

There is still time for students or staff to join the league to win the weekly award.

Students just need to create a Premier League account and a team at [Fantasy Premier League, Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](#) then they can join the school mini league named;

St Thomas More League

The league code is; wojosv

Alternatively, you can click on the link below to automatically join the league.

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/wojosv>

Finally

Please remember that you can contact school each weekday Monday to Friday either by calling 0161 336 2743 or emailing admin@stmcollege.org.uk during normal school hours, if you do want to visit school to talk to a member of staff that can of course be arranged but do please contact school prior to your journey so that mutually convenient time and date can be arranged for an appointment.

God bless

H Brophy