



Friday 24th November 2022

End of Term Arrangements & Cinema Trip

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. We are starting to plan our end of term events and are very much looking forward to our annual cinema trip with pupils.

Please find below an overview of our arrangements with further information on our trip to the cinema for all pupils.

Advent Preparation & Fundraising

- As usual we will work with pupils throughout advent, focusing on the themes of love, joy, hope and peace.
- Part of our work always focuses on supporting a charity. This year we will be using the money raised to make a donation to Feeding Families <https://feedingfamilies.org.uk/>.
- We will be asking as many pupils as possible to support our fundraising efforts, which will include the collection of food to distribute to families in need. Further information will be provided on this.

Cinema Trip

- This year's school visit to the Metrocentre Odeon Cinema is on Thursday 22nd December 2022 and we are asking for a contribution of £8.00, this includes transport and entry to the film of their choice.
- Payments for this trip should be made via our online payment system Parentpay. Any queries regarding payment can be emailed to payments@stthomasmore.org.uk. Pupils currently in receipt of free school meals (FSM), currently in care (LAC) or previously looked after (Pre-LAC) will have the costs covered by the school.
- Please ensure that either payment is made, or consent slips are returned, no later than **Friday 16th December 2022**.
- If for any reason you are struggling with this payment please contact us.
- The coaches will leave school from 8.50am and return to school between 11.45am and 12.30pm, depending on film choice. Lunchtime will be from whenever the first coach returns to school until 1.30pm.

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- I would also remind you that if you do not wish your son / daughter to participate in the Cinema visit, they must attend school as normal.

Christmas Jumper Day

- We will have our annual charity Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 21st December, this has proven to be a fantastic day in school where we all come together to raise money for charity.
- I would like to stress that any pupil who chooses to wear a Christmas jumper must do so in conjunction with a full school uniform - it is **NOT** a non uniform day.
- In order to support our fundraising, we ask for a donation to our choice of charity on this day if pupils choose to wear a Christmas jumper.

Christmas Lunch

- We will be serving Christmas lunch on Wednesday 21st December in the dining hall for all pupils.
- Pupils will have slightly longer for lunch that day to enjoy their lunch and ensure they are not rushed.

School Quiz

- As is tradition, we will end the term with our annual school quiz.
- Heats will take place on the afternoons of Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd December with pupils working with their pastoral tutor on a review of their progress in other allocated slots.

School Masses

- We will finish the term with Masses in the school hall and presentation of Merit Awards on the morning of Friday 23rd December.

End of Term - Friday 23rd December

- I would like to remind you that term finishes on Friday 23rd December and attendance up to that date is required by all pupils.
- On Friday 23rd all of the school buses will arrive at 1.05pm for an early finish.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating this time of year with our pupils. One of the things that makes St Thomas More special is the traditions we have, with this time of year being a significant part of this.



We thank you in advance for your support in making sure your child attends school and continues to wear full school uniform.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Mr R Lennox
Assistant Head Teacher

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Parental Consent for Cinema Trip December 2022

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter, named below, to participate in the Cinema trip on **Thursday 22nd December 2022**

Student Name _____

Pastoral Class _____

Parent / Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

