



**Welcome!**

I was most remiss last week in failing to welcome to our team, Mrs Wallani as Office Manager and Mr Povey as TA to Year 4/5. We look forward to working with them!

**Parents meetings**

Take place this week for Year 4/5 (Monday), Reception Class (Tuesday), Year 1 and Nursery (Wednesday), Year 2 (Thursday) and Year 3/4 (Friday). If you are unable to attend on the allocated day, please see your class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss your child's progress.

There is also a SATS workshop on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm for Year 6 parents.

**Attendance Prize**

It seems that after a recount, the class prize for the highest attendance over the autumn term goes to Year 4/5 and Year 3/4. It has been a close competition all term and big congratulations go to both classes. Our target is 95% and both

winning classes made the target! Well done! This term's challenge is to get an outright winner perhaps from one of the other classes? Let's go for it!

**Strengthening Families**

We are keen to be able to start this course in the next week or so. If you fancy having a go please do come along. The course is fully funded and we also have crèche facilities lined up. Please let Miss Adams or Sue Jones know as soon as possible if you are interested.

**Text messages**

We still need the correct mobile numbers for all emergency contacts. Please let the office know of any updates as soon as possible. We would very much like your opinion on updates we are considering as we review our snow day policy. Please let us know via the homework diary or your class teacher whether you think a text alerting you to a closure or staying open at 8.30am would be a more effective way of letting you know what is going on? We would then put in place a later registration time of say 9.30 to compensate.

**Diary Dates for 2010**

**27<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Nursery Open Day. If you know any eligible children please encourage them to come along. We urgently need to keep our Nursery Class numbers up!

**1<sup>st</sup> Feb** - Full Governors Meeting in the school

**5<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Sir Stanley Matthew's Day. We will be holding a football themed non uniform day at the cost of 50p per child; the proceeds going to the foundation. We will also be selling the special 2010 badges. Look out for details!

**9<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Bike It Skills Day; look out for details!

**12<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Chinese New Year Celebration

**15<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Half Term

**1<sup>st</sup> March** - Virtual Bike Race in Bike to School month.

**4<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day in the traditional theme of bedtime reading.

**5<sup>th</sup> March** - Photograph Day & Bike It Art day using recycled bike parts!

**Congratulations!**

.....to Year 6 mathematicians who got the highest score ever recorded in the St Thomas More Maths Quiz!!

## **Housepoints**

This week our house teams scored:

St Andrew - 191

St David - 189

St George - 153

St Patrick - 175

**Congratulations to Saint Andrew's!**

## **Stars of the Week!**

St Mary's - Olivia Majer

St Nicholas - Abi Bourne

St Therese - Ryan Simms

St Christopher - Saskia Durber

St Maximillian - Mathew Majer

St Martin's - Amie Louise Chesters

St Anthony's - Katie Morrey

**Well done you!**

**100% Attender of the Week**

**Elizabeth Fallows**

**Class with best attendance**

**Y3/4 with 99.5%!!!!**