

Headteacher's Update

Welcome back to Term One!

I hope you all had a good summer. It has been extremely busy here with builders, plumbers and electricians building the new Preschool room, converting the library to the Year 3 classroom and installing a new boiler system and new heating in the hall!

Returning last week made the hard work worthwhile as we not only welcomed our new Ladybirds, but also welcomed our new Preschool children who are the Bumblebees. It is wonderful to see them in their new More Park Preschool uniforms, enjoying their new surroundings.

With the Preschool joining us, we have warmly welcomed their dedicated team: Mrs Collins, Mrs Harding, Mrs Fiscan, Mrs Waight, Mrs Davies, Mrs DaSilva and Miss Dwyer. They have all been part of the Preschool prior to it moving from the church into the school building and therefore they are bringing with them a wealth of experience, knowledge and, most importantly, a deep understanding of the children and families they have supported over the years. We are delighted that they are continuing this journey with us at More Park and look forward to working together with them as one school family.



We have also welcomed two more new members of staff. Mr Donnellan joins us as the Year Two Class Teacher. Mr Donnellan joins us with previous experience teaching Year Two, so he already knows what a wonderful and exciting year it can be for our children. He has made a fantastic start to the year, the children have settled well and his classroom is looking bright, welcoming and ready for lots of learning!

Miss Densham has also joined us as a new member of staff. Miss Densham is a trainee teacher working alongside Mrs Wilde in Year Three. She has already made a great impression with her enthusiasm, kindness and positive approach to learning. We are very pleased to have her with us and look forward to supporting her as she continues to develop her teaching.

Along with our Bumblebees and Ladybirds, we have also had several other children joining us around the school: Charlotte, Arlo, Evy, Beatrice, George and Daisy. I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming our new starters, and their families, into the More Park Family.

This week the Year Six children have been working hard. Many of them took the Kent Test yesterday which they approached with such determination, resilience and maturity, giving their very best and showing just how hard they have worked. Today, these traits were shown again as many of them presented their ideas to their House as to why they should become a House Captain. I was very impressed with the confidence of the children whose presentations I listened to. I'm looking forward to announcing the House Captain results during next Thursday's Celebration Assembly!

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More voting will be required next week as on Friday, each class will be coming together to choose their School Council representative for this year. If your child is interested in doing this, help them to think why they would make a good School Council member, so that they can share it with their peers to hopefully gain their votes.

We are also looking for some more Anti-bullying and RE Ambassadors. If your child is interested in either of these positions, they need to write a letter to either Miss Cole or myself to explain why they would make a good ambassador. These positions are open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Finally, just a few reminders:

Parents may enter the staff carpark to use the drive in, drop off facility each morning. Parents are NOT allowed to park in the staff carpark unless by prior agreement with myself. Parking is available in the church carpark, along the church drive or on the single yellow lines on the road outside our school

School uniform: I have picked up some brand new jumpers today, but unfortunately I am unable to return them as there are no labels on them. Please ensure ALL of your child's items of clothing are fully labelled, including footwear.

Sweatshirt material jumpers/cardigans and polo shirts are NOT school uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing a white school shirt or blouse and a woollen feel jumper/cardigan. Trainers should not be worn unless it is during a Key Stage Two, outside PE lesson.

I thank you for your cooperation in keeping our pupils looking smart in their uniforms.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday when the Ladybirds will be joining us for the full day!

Mrs Seal



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What have we been learning 7th – 11th September

By Year 6 journalists: Annie & Mercy

Preschool

Bumblebees

This week Bumblebees have developed their creativity by making bumblebees for their class display. They have been on a learning walk to identify sounds in their environment.

EYFS

Ladybirds

This week Ladybirds have completed their topic pages and started practicing the school prayer. In Maths they have been counting objects up to 10. Ladybirds also had their first school dinner and played with their buddies on the field.

Key Stage 1

Caterpillars

This week, Caterpillars have been counting from a random number and learning how to represent the numbers. In English they are using Talk For Writing to imitate the Hungry Caterpillar. In RE they are learning about the Creation story.

Dragonflies

This week Dragonflies have started reading their class book in English. They have been learning about 10's and ones and place value in Maths. In RE they have been learning about the story of Noah.

Key Stage 2

Kingfishers

This week, the Kingfishers have started reading 'How to wash a woolly mammoth'. They have been learning their numbers up to 1,000. They have also been learning about Creation.

Ravens

This week the Ravens, have been planning how to capture their dragon. In Maths they have been learning number values to 1000. In RE they have been learning about the Gospel Values.

Owls

This week the Owls, have been editing their letters to persuade Mrs Thresher for more break time. In Maths they have been finding bonds to 10. In RE they have been learning about the creation of covenants to God.

Eagles

This week the Eagles, have been writing a diary entry about their trip to the Houses of Parliament. In Maths they have been learning about numbers up to 10,000,000. In RE they have been writing prayers about the vulnerable and poor.

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Catholic Life

Gospel Value

As we start our new academic year we have introduced to the children the Gospel Values we shall be focusing on across the school.

These are:

Term One – Sharing and Helping



Term Two – Love and Joy



Term Three – Light and Trust



Term Four – Forgiveness and Honesty



Term Five – Faith, Respect and Peace



Term Six – Friendship and Kindness

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Monday Worship

This week's Gospel was taken from Matthew 18:15-17, 19-20. We focused on: Gathering in Jesus' name.

Some of the Year Two children came to help me with a challenge! When one child tried on her own to complete the challenge, she realised she couldn't. Even with one other person, she still couldn't. Eventually, with a couple more of her friends she was able to complete the challenge.

Just like when we gather in God's name, he too will be there to help us. We can gather in his name through prayer, listening and helping others.



How will you bring peace to your community this week through listening, helping and praying together?



Eco Club

We have a record-breaking 30 Eco Ambassadors this term!! 30 pupils from across Years 3-6 came to our first session of the term ready to make new goals and achieve new things!

Firstly, we got into our new groups (we decided to name our groups after trees) with 6 children in each group. Our first group task was to vote on the 3 topics we would like to cover this year from a choice of 11 different Better Planet Schools modules. It was great to see everyone working together to make decisions!

Then it was time for our first Eco Monitoring Walk! The older ones showed the younger ones how to perform the Eco Audit shown in the photo and each week the groups will audit the classrooms and feedback to Mrs Seal. The first thing we noticed was that some classes are missing their eco reminder posters so next week's task will be to make some new posters for those classes who need them.

We are all very excited for the term ahead....

Monitored by: _____ Date: _____

Better Planet Schools Better Planet Education

Eco Monitoring Walk Sheet

Classroom	Lights off (if room is empty)	Light Switch reminder posters	Computer screen(s) off	Big screen off	Radiators clear	General bin used correctly	Recycling bin used correctly	Floors clear of rubbish	Total per classroom
Bumblebees									
Ladybirds									
Caterpillars									
Dragonflies									
Kingfishers									
Ravens									
Owls									
Eagles									

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Prayer

We'd like to share with you a prayer written by Louie in Year Four:

Those who know you Lord will trust you;
You do not abandon anyone who comes to you
Everyone is your student
And you will be with them forever more.

Amen

Awe and Wonder

What commandments has God given us?

God gave the people of Israel the Ten Commandments.

These are rules for living together well.

**Jesus summarised all of these
commandments in on sentence:**

**"You must love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your strength, and with all your mind,
and your neighbour as yourself"**

Jesus wants us to love even our enemies:

"Love your enemies;

So good to those who hate you,

Bless those who curse you;

Pray for those who treat you badly.

To the man who slaps you on one cheek,

Present the other cheek too;

To the man who takes your cloak from you,

Do not refuse your tunic." (Lk 6:27-29)

(YOUCAT for kids)



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More Park Catholic Primary and Preschool St Thomas More's Church



St Thomas More's Parish website
Please follow the link below to check it out:

[St Thomas More's Parish](#)
Family Mass – Sundays at 10am

Children's Liturgy



Next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 4th October**, at the 10am-mass.

All are welcome to join us. Children's Liturgy is for children aged 2 ½ to 11 years old.



Youth Club

Next Youth Club will be held on **Friday 18th September**. They meet in the school hall from 7.15-8pm. Youth Club is open to all children in Year Six and above.

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More Park Catholic Primary and Preschool

Celebration Assembly



Special Class Recognition

Congratulations to pupils who received special recognition in assembly this week for all their efforts in class.

Reception:

Year 1: Jacob, Christelle
Year 2: Arlo, Rosa
Year 3: Travis, Beatrice
Year 4: George, Daisy
Year 5: Harry R, Millie
Year 6: Ella, Mercy

Kindness Award

Presented by Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Jacob (1)
Aleesha
Jasper
Pheobe

Lunchtime Award

Congratulations to pupils who received special recognition in assembly this week for all their efforts in class.

Swimming Award

Reception:

Year 1: Jacob
Year 2: Isla
Year 3: Oscar
Year 4: Ellie
Year 5: Pheobe
Year 6: Ella

Steph & Franklin

Birthdays

This week we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to all the children and staff who have a birthday! We all hope that you had or have a lovely birthday!

Attendance & Punctuality

	Attendance	Punctuality
Ladybird	97.18%	0.47%
Caterpillar	97.92%	1.04%
Dragonfly	100%	0%
Kingfisher	97.46%	1.09%
Ravens	98.43%	0.26%
Owls	95.99%	0.31%
Eagles	99.46%	1.34%

Tyler P
Millar
Ava
Athena
Noa

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Let's Celebrate

Would you like your child to be featured in the school newsletter and their achievements shared with the school? Then please send a photo to the office secretary@more-park.kent.sch.uk outlining what they have achieved, by Wednesday lunchtime.

Caterpillar	Congratulations to Evie, Lilyanna and Aoibheann all received their first Ballet awards this week.
Dragonfly	Congratulations to Alvey on as she was an excellent flower girl at her mums wedding.
	Congratulations to Robyn who was beaver of the week this week for Celebration Mass.
Kingfisher	Well done to Amelie who has completed her level 6 in swimming.
	Well done to Jude who has completed the reading challenge!
	Well done to Ethan who achieved Parents Player award!
Owls	Congratulations to Jacob who won the Lewi Premier Cup and won the T&M District Tournament!
	Congratulations to Charlie who has completed the reading challenge over the summer!
Eagles	Congratulations to Amelie who achieved 2 medals in her dance competition.



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SUPPORT. UNDERSTANDING. COMMUNITY.

CONNECTIONS

Are you a parent or carer of a loved one with Autism or ADHD?

Come along to our friendly support group where you can connect with others who understand.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- PARENT / CARER SUPPORT GROUP**
A safe space to share, listen and be heard.
- ADHD / AUTISM UNDERSTANDING**
Information, resources and practical tips.
- COMMUNITY & CONNECTION**
Build friendships and feel supported.

FIDGET TOYS & STIMMING SUPPORT

Fidget toys and stimulating tools available to use during the session.

Together we're stronger

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY 1:30 – 2:30 PM

EAST MALLING CENTRE at the Café
Chapman Way, East Malling, ME19 6SD

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ALONE. WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

RELAXED ENVIRONMENT | MEET OTHER PARENTS / CARERS | SHARE EXPERIENCES | LEAVE FEELING SUPPORTED

Please contact Katherine if you would like more information. Cdw.eastmallingscentre@gmail.com 01732 846314

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THANK GOODNESS

WELLBEING HUB

Everyone is welcome to our Friday Hub. 10am - 1pm. Let's connect, unwind and have fun.

- Mindfulness**
Sessions focused on overall wellbeing and support within a friendly community.
- Relax**
Join us for some time-out. Meet new people, in a welcoming and inclusive space.
- Activities & Workshops**
Take part in games, arts & crafts and regular energy advice sessions.

No booking required. Join us for complimentary refreshments and a toasted sandwich.
The East Malling Centre Café
Chapman Way, East Malling ME19 6SD
Enquiries to cdw.eastmallingscentre@gmail.com 01732 846314

Tea & Tots

Fun for Preschool Children!

Fridays (Term Time Only) 10am - 12pm

- Ball Pit & Crafts
- Tents & Tunnels
- Cars & Dinosaurs
- Music & Games

£2.50 per child (includes a drink & snack)

The East Malling Centre, Chapman Way, East Malling, ME19 6SD
Call: 01732 846314
No booking required. *Child under 2 not available

IT'S FRIDAY!

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Office Communication

Please remember to use our secretary email address to inform us of any pickup changes or absences for your children. The email address is morepark.secretary@more-park-westmallong.kcsp.org.uk

New dates added are highlighted each week

Date	Activity
Monday 14 th September	Ladybirds Full Time
Wednesday 16 th September	Drama Workshop EYFS and KS1
Wednesday 16 th September	Year 5 Mass – 10am
Thursday 17 th September	Impact Sport Taster Day Years 1 - 6
Thursday 17 th September	2.30 Preschool Open Afternoon for current Preschool parents
Friday 18 th September	Year Three Trip
Wednesday 23 rd September	Year 4 Mass – 10am
Wednesday 23 rd September	2.30 Preschool Open Afternoon for current Preschool parents
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 6 KCSP Beginning of Year Mass
October	Black History Month
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Mass – please drop harvest gifts to the office or via your child's class teacher
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 3 Mass – 10am
Friday 9 th October	Year 6 Class Assembly – 9.15 All Welcome

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Tuesday 13th October	9.30 Open Morning for Reception 2027 Intake
Wednesday 14th October	African Drumming and Dance Workshops
Wednesday 14th October	Year 2 Mass – 10am
Friday 16th October	Year 3 Class Assembly – 9.15 All welcome
Monday 19th October	1.30 Open Afternoon for Reception 2027 Intake
Tuesday 20th October	2.45 Year One End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Wednesday 21st October	Year 1 Mass – 10am
Wednesday 21st October	2.45 Year 3 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Wednesday 21st October	3pm Year 4 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Thursday 22nd October	2.45 Year 2 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Thursday 22nd October	3pm Year 6 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23rd October	2.45 Ladybird's End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23rd October	3pm Year 5 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23rd October	Last day of Term
Monday 2nd November	Term Two Begins

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