



## Newsletter – Issue 2

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### Important Dates and What's Happening

**Tuesday 27th September**  
**F2 Welcome liturgy at 9.15am.**  
*Please come and join us as we officially welcome our new F2 children into our school community.*

**Thursday 29th September**  
**Parent's afternoon/evening**  
**2pm – 7pm**

**Thursday 6th October**  
**Y6 Retreat Church**

**Monday 10th October**  
**Harvest Fast Day is "Brighten Up this Harvest and Build a Brighter World".**

**10th to the 21st October**  
**Active Travel**

**Monday 17th October – 9.15am**  
**Mission Together Assembly**

**Monday 17th October - 2.15 - 3pm**  
**Y3 Science Workshop**

### Last Weeks Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
Year 1	99.0	0
Year 2	94.0	2
Year 3	96.0	2
Year 4	100	1
Year 5	92.1	2
Year 6	99.0	1
<b>School Total</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>8</b>

**Fantastic attendance and punctuality!**  
**Well Done Y4 100% attendance, they will receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week!**

**100% Attendance & punctuality winners**  
**Well done to our prize winners for last week. Each child chose a small prize.....**

Y1	RIAN
Y2	JACK
Y3	ROSE
Y4	HOLLY
Y5	PAIGE
Y6	LEWIS

**Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."**

At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to be loved. We believe that Love is:

Kindness, justice, acceptance, forgiveness and friendship; it is unconditional and inclusive, allowing each one of us to learn and to grow to become the wonderful person God created us to be.



## MERIT

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Year 1	Max Rigby	For	Having a fantastic attitude towards the new school year! You have put in 100% with everything😊. Keep it up Max!
	Claudia Maltby	For	A dazzling start to Year One! You have been polite, friendly, and eager to learn. You are a superstar Claudia! 😊
Year 2	Gavin Burling	For	A great start to Year 2 😊 You have tried hard in everything lesson! Keep up the awesome work!
	Abby Jones	For	A great start to Year 2 😊 Thank you for your thoughtful responses during our topic work! Keep it up 😊
Year 3	Daisy Oxley	For	Showing resilience when managing democracy and personal challenges in class. Well done, a tough skill.
	James Rhodes-Bellhouse	For	Leading by example as a learner and member of class 3. An important role model for us all.
Year 4	Harris Morfitt	For	Demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and following our classroom rules at all times.
	Elinor Curtis	For	Demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and following our classroom rules at all times.
Year 5	Declan Atkinson	For	Designing a wonderful Greek shield with powerful colours and lines!
	Eghosa Uwagboe	For	Demonstrating amazing qualities of friendship, kindness and compassion to our entire class!
Year 6	Max Vernon	For	Your informative contribution in our 'Living Things' science learning. A really positive start to Year 6.
	Abel Hagos	For	A superb start to Year 6. You've approached every day with readiness to learn, helpfulness and beautiful manner.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



**Summer 2016 - Big Friendly Read Challenge**



**Out of School sporting achievements**

Journey in Faith will begin on Monday 3rd October, 7.15-8.45pm in the weekday chapel at St. Thomas More's, Margetson Crescent, S5 9NB and continuing weekly until after Easter next year. We begin with the Alpha DVD series, a practical introduction to the Christian faith, followed by various DVD/CD Rom series from Catholic Faith Exploration and Evangelium, which specifically cover the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church. The course is open to anyone. Those coming may be: interested in becoming Catholic, are curious about the Catholic faith and want to find out more, may have been away from the Catholic Church and want to come back, want to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith, or want a "refresher course". If you are interested then please come along.

Afternoon Tea - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September at 2.30pm



Come and join us on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> for a cup of tea or coffee. Catch up with Mrs Faley and meet members of the Friends Association. Find out how you can support fundraising activities by joining our Friends Association.

We look forward to welcoming you into school.

### Parents Evening

Our first parents evening of this academic year is on Thursday 29th September. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and find out about how your child has settled into their new class.

Please do complete the slip on the back of the newsletter and return it to school to secure an appointment with your child's teacher. Thank you

## **FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

**Just a reminder that our dinner provider has changed from Taylor Shaw to Dolce.**

**Please remember to send your email address to the office, so we can forward this on to Dolce for the new dinner procedures.**

Dolce is an online dinner provider where parents provide a working email address and a live kitchen account will be created, with your own parent login. You will then be able to order meals of choice for your child, and look up the recipes to check what is put into the meal. Alternatively pupils will be able to use the school iPads to order the dinner they would like that day

The cost of the meal will be £2.10 (£10.50 a week). Children in F2 and KS1 will continue to still receive a free universal school meal, as well as children entitled to free school meals.

Payment for meals can be made by logging into your live kitchen account and paying by direct debit, or a payment can be made online. For the interim period you can continue to pay by cash, but this will only be until October as then all payments will need to be either by direct debit or online. No cash will be accepted after October, and if arrangements have not been put in place this may mean you will be unable to order a school dinner for your child. Dolce is aiming towards a cashless system which we have only just been made aware of.

A deposit box will be provided in school for the deposit of any cash. The cash will need to be in an envelope with all details clearly marked on the front. This will then be passed to the school dinner provider - Dolce. Payment must be made for a full week and not daily. Accounts will not be able to fall into arrears or dinners will NOT be provided.

**The school office will not handle any of the cash, or be able to give any change.**

### **Please Note**

*Dinner accounts from last year with an amount outstanding will be receiving a letter this week. Please ensure any dinner money outstanding is paid as soon as possible.*

**Please do bear with us as we settle in with our new dinner provider. If you have any feedback then do let us know.**



This year's theme for Harvest Fast Day is **"Brighten Up this Harvest and Build a Brighter World"**. **On Monday, 10th October**, we will be having a whole school assembly from CAFOD to start our day.

For £1.00, all children will be able to dress up in **BRIGHT** colours for the day. For example: bright shirts, socks, ties, leggings, trousers, etc.

Then in the afternoon, for 20p each, we will be able to **BRIGHTLY** decorate a biscuit. Children are allowed up to 2 biscuits. We will be decorating with **colourful** icing and sprinkles. Parents and children may remember that we did similar harvest fast day activities last year and CAFOD is continuing the message this year with a few extensions. So let's continue **"brightening"** up with CAFOD!

Y6 will be having a retreat at St Thomas More Church on **Thursday, 6th October 2016**. During the retreat, the children will be sharing mass together, and then thinking about the year ahead - their last one at Primary School. They will be talking about all the things they look forward to, and will have chance to express anything they are concerned about; asking God to give them strength in all they do.

All children need to bring a packed lunch and a drink on the day, and the children can wear their own clothes. The children need to be dropped off at church at 9.10am, and collected between 3 and 3.10pm from church. If you give permission for your child to walk home without an adult collecting them, please tick the box below.

If you are in the receipt of free school meals and would like to order a packed lunch from school please contact the office.

I give permission for my child: .....

To attend the Y6 retreat on Thursday 6th October, and will collect my child from Church. ☐

I am happy for \_\_\_\_\_ to walk home on their own.

Signed.....



#### YEAR FOUR CLASS SWIMMING LESSONS

The Y4 Class will be going swimming from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September after lunch at approx. 1.30pm, until further notice.

Pupils will be accompanied by school staff at all times, and they will be taught by qualified swimming instructors, supported by our staff. All pupils are expected to take part as swimming is a national curriculum subject. They will be travelling by coach to and from the venue.

Please can you ensure your child has their swimming kit in school that day. Pupils will need to wear appropriate swimwear( bikinis/shorts below the knee, underwear, are not acceptable). For each lesson your child will need to bring swimwear and a towel in a waterproof bag.

If your child needs to wear swimming goggles these must be provided by the parent and please complete the permission form attached to the newsletter, and return to class.

The swimming service has a no jewellery policy so please avoid any piercing until after the block of lessons or your child may miss out on their swimming allocation(taping is not acceptable as it will come off in the water). Hair must be tied back .

## **ATTENTION YEAR FOUR PARENTS**

We are very pleased to announce that we are offering a 1 night residential to Year four pupils on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The residential will take place at Kingswood Peak Venture at Penistone.

The stay will include all accommodation, including 3 meals provided of breakfast, lunch and dinner, and refreshments during the stay.

It will also include 6 day time activities (to be decided) and also 1 evening activity.

The children will travel from school by coach on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April to Kingwood Peak Venture in Penistone. They will arrive in time for lunch and then participate in three activities before the evening meal and a further activity in the evening. The following day the children will have breakfast and participate in further activities before having lunch and making their way back to school by coach.

The cost for the accommodation including all meals and supervised activities is £54 per child.

There will also be a further cost of approx. £20 for the coach return travel, making the total cost to be approx. £74.00.

The cost of the coach will depend on how many children take part in the residential trip, and we will not be able to go ahead with the trip unless we have at least 20 children taking part. We would ideally encourage the whole class to take part in the residential trip, as this will be a very valuable experience for your child.

We will be offering an information session for parents to attend in the near future to find out more about the activities the children will be participating in and further information on the Kingswood Centre. We will also be giving you information on clothing and footwear the children will need for the trip.

For now we would like you to confirm below if you would like your child to take part in the Y4 Residential trip and include a £20 deposit, which will be needed to secure the booking with the Kingswood Centre. The final date for this will be the 7<sup>th</sup> October. If we do not receive enough interest to make the trip viable to go ahead we will of course return your £20 deposit.

Further information about the Kingswood Peak Venture Centre can be found online at

<http://www.kingswood.co.uk/centres/peak-venture/>

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### **Y4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO KINGSWOOD PEAK VENTURE 4<sup>TH</sup> TO 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

I give my permission for my child: \_\_\_\_\_

To take part in the one night residential stay at Kingswood Peak Venture in Penistone.

I include a £20 deposit to secure the booking. I am aware that the trip will only go ahead if the school receive sufficient interest of over 20 children and I will receive a refund for the deposit should the trip have to be cancelled.

Signed Parent/Carer: -----





### YEAR FOUR CLASS

Y4 children are going to be learning to play the flute. A letter will be coming home to Parents this week regarding the loan of the flute and giving further information.



For any families who are not aware, every Friday morning break time we run a tuck shop in school. There are a variety of things on sale including small chocolate bars, raisins, cereal bars etc. Children can bring in some money (items range from 20p - 50p) and buy things from the tuck shop at playtime. Tuck shop will start again this Friday , 16th September.

### MAST Drop-In Sessions

As part of multi-agency working we are pleased to join St Thomas More Catholic Primary in supporting the young people and families of the area.

We would like to introduce drop-in sessions for families and staff to discuss issues they may be facing in order to provide support, signposting or advice.

***This could be low-level behavioural issues, debt, benefits, housing or general low-level concerns about a young person.***

***Our sessions will be in school on alternate Wednesdays on the following dates until the Easter break.***

**From 8:30-10:00am.**

5th October

9th November

7th December

4th January

1st February

8th March

5th April

If you would like a specific appointment time, please do ring the office to book this time to avoid waiting times.



**Head Lice** We have had a report of head lice in Class 3. If you do find lice, in your child's hair don't worry or be embarrassed, head lice are a normal part of childhood. Please take a look at the following website giving a lot of information that you may find useful <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.ie/>