



Newsletter – Issue 3

20th September 2016

St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy
Creswick Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield.S35 8NN T: 0114 2468020 Fax 0114 2577917
e-mail enquiries@st-thomasmoresheffield.sch.uk
Visit our website: <http://st-thomasmoresheffield.co.uk>



Important Dates and What's Happening

Monday 26th September – Friday 30th
Early Bird Week

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

Sunday 9th October 9am
School Mass in Church

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

Monday 10th October
Y2 Conisbrough Castle Trip

10th to the 21st October
Active Travel

Monday 17th October – 9.15am
Mission Together Assembly

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

Wednesday, 19th October
Y5 Greek Afternoon!

Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	98.4	1
Year 1	93.1	0
Year 2	97.7	0
Year 3	98.7	2
Year 4	98.6	2
Year 5	98.1	1
Year 6	100	1
School Total	97.8	7

Well Done Y6 100% attendance, they will receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week! Well Done everyone!

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

F2	CHARLIE
Y1	GUEDALIAH
Y2	YUXIANG
Y3	ROSE
Y4	DANIEL
Y5	ROSEANN
Y6	ELLA

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 16th September

Year 1	Eoin Murphy	For	Fantastic attitude to learning in everything you do. Well done Eoin! ☺
	Zephaniah Nunn	For	Challenging yourself in all areas of learning and having a dazzling attention to detail! Keep it up Zeph! ☺
Year 2	Harry Bingham	For	Always trying to challenge yourself in all areas of your learning! Super work! Keep it up ☺
	Sophie Russell	For	Super skill and control during PE. Keep it up ☺
Year 3	Marley Booker	For	Working exceptionally hard in all learning this week. You have shown a great deal of maturity. Well done.
	Kirsty Ward	For	Creating a fabulous 3D cave as a topic homework task. You have researched the Stone Age era in detail. Excellent effort!!!
Year 4	Ewen Mitcheson	For	A fantastic attitude to all of his lessons this week.
	Harvey Butler	For	His dedication to learning in class.
Year 5	Erin Tankard	For	Creating and writing accurate compound sentences linked to our Greek topic.
	Finley White	For	Demonstrating qualities in his classwork and his friendships! What a great role model!
Year 6	Caden Walker	For	Challenging yourself in your maths learning, and not being afraid to ask for support where needed.
	Evan Mitcheson	For	Superb unison dance work in PE. Your positive attitude extends to all areas of your learning.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



Summer 2016 – Big Friendly Read Challenge



Out of school achievements

Early Bird week!



Early bird week will be from
Monday 26th September – Friday 30th September 2016

We are running this to promote good punctuality! We recognise that the majority of your children do arrive on time for school every single day, that is fantastic and we want to celebrate and acknowledge that! During this week, for every day, that your child arrives on time they will get a sticker. Any child with 5 stickers (ie arrives on time every day that week) will go into a prize draw for a £10 Meadowhall voucher. The class with the best punctuality for that week will also win a prize!
Come on kids, make sure you are in school on time, it makes a big difference to your learning!

Did you know.....

5 minutes late every day = 3.5 school days missed per academic year

10 minutes late every day = 7 school days missed per academic year

20 minutes late every day = 14 school days missed per academic year

FOR YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE READ

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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 you will be unable to order a school dinner for your child .

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. If your account falls into arrears more than 5 days (£10.50), your account will be suspended and you will not be able to pre-order a lunch online or in school. You will receive an email from Dolce to notify you of this. However, if you have not notified school of your email address the account will be suspended in school and school will also be unable to order a lunch for your child. We will contact you to notify you of this and until the arrears have been cleared, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch .

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

Please also ensure any dinner money outstanding from last year is paid as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.



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!

Y2 are going to Conisbrough Castle on Monday 10th October at 10am! It will be a brilliant day where we will take part in a workshop called 'Meet the Medievals', explore the keep and even sketch the landscape! We need to wrap up warm, so tights or trousers, jumpers and coats are a must! It is the **Cafod Brighten Up this Harvest day**, so the children can wear a bright t-shirt under their school cardigan or jumper. Spending monies (£2 maximum) should be in a named wallet, purse or envelope. The cost of the trip is £10 and if you would like school to provide a packed lunch, please indicate below.

Y2 CONSIBROUGH CASTLE TRIP

I give permission for _____

To attend the Y2 visit to Conisbrough Castle on Monday 10th October 2016.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £10 ☐

I would like to order the following packed lunch from school: Ham Sandwich ☐ Cheese Sandwich ☐ Tuna Sandwich ☐

I will provide a packed lunch from home ☐

We must presume you are providing a packed lunch if no indication is given

Signed _____ Date _____

Attention Y5 Parents!



Y5 would like to invite parents into our classroom on Wednesday, 19th October for a Greek Topic Afternoon! Y5 will be sharing their Greek topic homework and allow you a chance to see what all the children have been doing and learning over the half term. Please come between 2:30 and 3:10. Please be aware that Mrs. Lord may be taking photos during the afternoon.

Y5 hope to see you there!

Afternoon Tea – Friday 23rd September at 2.30pm



Come and join us on Friday 23rd 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.

Y6 Open Evening dates for your information

Yewlands Academy
Tuesday 20th September
6pm - 8pm

Notre Dame High School
Tuesday 27th September
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Chaucer School
Wednesday 28th September
4.30pm - 7pm

Ecclesfield School
Thursday 29th September
6.30pm - 8.30pm



We still have places available on the following clubs:

Tuesday – Film and Review Club Y2 – Y6
£10 for 5 weeks.

Please note this club is now open to Y2's

Thursday – Art Club for classes F2 – Y3
£10 for 5 weeks

Please note this club is now open to the Y3's.

Please indicate below if you would like to join these clubs

Name _____ Class _____

I would like my child to join the :

Art Club ☐ Film Club ☐

I enclose a full payment of £10 ☐

Signed Parent/Carer: _____

Date: _____

CLASSIC POETRY - IN PERFORMANCE'

For KEYSTAGE 2 pupils

The performance will be held in school on Thursday 17th November at 1.30pm

This is not just a recital of the poems, but a play where skilled actors will **DRAMATICALLY PERFORM** the poetry, and will **BRING THE POETRY ALIVE** with a well-spoken, intensely-acted performance of the poems, adding life, character, incident, mood and atmosphere to the words. This **90-minute package** comprises a **60-minute performance of poetry**, followed by a **carefully structured 30-minute Q&A-driven workshop** structured to unlock the poems for pupils.

We are asking parents to make a small **voluntary contribution of £2.50**, to help towards the cost of the performance. Thank you for your support!

KS2 POETRY PERFORMANCE

Name: _____ Class: _____

I enclose a £2.50 voluntary contribution ☐

Signed Parent/Carer

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.