



Newsletter – Issue 4

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Important Dates and What's Happening

Monday 26th September – Friday 30th
Early Bird Week

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

Thursday 6th October
Y6 Retreat day at 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

Wednesday 12th October from 1.30pm
Y1 Science afternoon

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	99.4	0
Year 1	89.7	2
Year 2	99.7	0
Year 3	100	3
Year 4	99.0	2
Year 5	98.5	1
Year 6	100	1
School Total	98.1	9

Well Done Y3 and Y6 fantastic 100% attendance, they will receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week!

Well done everybody! Let's keep up the fantastic attendance!

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

F2	GRACE
Y1	CLAUDIA
Y2	MAX
Y3	SEFANA
Y4	OLIVIA
Y5	JAMES
Y6	COLE

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 23rd September

Year 1	Joshua Kay	For	Fantastic attitude, enthusiasm and participation in all learning. Keep it up Joshua! 😊
	Christina Ti	For	Challenging yourself in your learning and for fantastic attention to detail in Literacy and Maths! Well done Christina!
Year 2	Nikola Szczegielniak	For	Always being ready to learn! Super star!
	Sammy Leigh	For	Trying hard in all of your learning! Super reasoning in Maths! Keep it up 😊
Year 3	Imogen Pawson	For	Always working hard and listening carefully what is being asked at all times. You are a great role model for Class 3! Fantastic!
	Millie Nicol	For	Writing detailed sentences to inference questions in Literacy. You are clearly using evidence from the text to create your answers. Keep it up!!!
Year 4	Coran Lee	For	Fantastic work in our maths lessons
	Shanie Patindol	For	Super diary entry as the Iron Man for her homework
Year 5	Mubarik Saani	For	Challenging himself in ALL his lessons and proving that he can work hard! Keep it up!!
	Faith O'Malley	For	Demonstrating excellent scientific questioning and inquiry into the effects of gravity! Well Done!
Year 6	Ella Howden	For	An outstanding contribution to our learning. You have gone above and beyond with your extra homework. Thank you!
	Josh Kilner	For	A positive attitude in all areas of your learning. You are settling for nothing but your best work. Keep it up!

REMINDER

Please return the important information sheet that was on the front of last week's newsletter as soon as possible.

If you have misplaced this, please call at the office for a further copy.

Thank you for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



Our Out of school achievement winners!



Sophie - Lexia Superstar

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

Our updated Charging & Remissions Policy, Uniform Policy and Jewellery policy are all available on the school website.

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 _____

REMINDER TO Y4 CLASS

Please return your permission slip and £20 deposit for the proposed Y4 Residential trip to the Kingswood Centre.

Unfortunately if we do not receive enough interest to make the trip viable to go ahead the booking will have to be cancelled.

Any money paid will of course be returned to you.

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

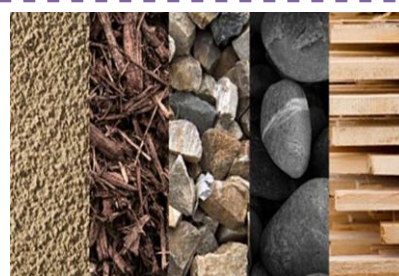
<http://www.kingswood.co.uk/centres/peak-venture>.

Thank you for your support

Reminder Parents Evening **Thursday 29th September**

Please make sure all children are collected from school as usual at 3.20pm

The Art club and Homework club this Thursday will continue as usual.



Class 1 Science Afternoon

Wednesday 12th October 2016

We will be having a science afternoon from 1.30pm on Wednesday 12th October. Our afternoon will be focusing on exploring 'Everyday Materials' with lots of investigatory indoor and outdoor activities for you to take part in with your child. Parents and carers are welcome to pop in at any point during the afternoon. We hope you can make it, fingers crossed for fine weather! ☺

Many thanks,

Miss Bennett, Mrs North and Miss Hodson



We still have places available on the following club:

Tuesday – Film and Review Club Y2 – Y6
£8 for 4 weeks.

Please note this club is now open to Y2's

Please indicate below if you would like to join the club.

Name _____ Class _____

I would like my child to join the 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 a time slot to avoid waiting times.