

# Newsletter – Issue 5 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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# Important Dates and What's Happening

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October Y6 Retreat at Church

Sunday 9th October 9am School Mass in Church

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Fast Day is "Brighten Up this Harvest and Build a Brighter World".

> Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October Y2 Conisbrough Castle Trip

10<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> October Active Travel

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30pm Y1 Science afternoon

> Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am Mission Together Assembly

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

> Wednesday, 19th October Y5 Greek Afternoon

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October Y6 Sportshall Athletics at Yewlands

Tuesday 1st November Photographs in school

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November KS2 poetry performance in school

### Next Mast Drop-In Session - 5th October 2016 From 8.30 – 10.00 am

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

### Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	98.4	1
Year 1	93.7	1
Year 2	100	1
Year 3	99.0	4
Year 4	97.6	1
Year 5	95.4	0
Year 6	98.0	1
<b>School Total</b>	97.5	9

Well Done Y2 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	ZOFIA		
У1	LUCY		
У2	RIENEIDI		
У3	MILLIE		
У4	ELIJAH		
У5	GRACE		
У6	JACOB		

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



# MERIT Friday 30th September

Year 1	Ellie Wattam	For	Fantastic effort in your maths learning. You have been challenging yourself and working independently! Well done Ellie ©
	Lucy Croft	For	Your enthusiasm and curiosity on our local walk. You asked questions and participated fully in exploring your local surroundings. Well done Lucy ©
Year 2	Nathaniel Olandejo	For	Thinking really hard about answers given during class discussions and making sure he's answering in full sentences, well done Nathaniel.
	Grace Howden	For	Hard work in maths this week, but especially for fabulous topic homework - built a fantastic castle, excellent work Grace.
Year 3	Thomas Squires	For	Explaining his thinking in his RE challenges and pupil comments and trying really hard to correct spellings.
	Aiden Cuartero	For	Being a positive hardworking member of the class, setting a clear example to others.
Year 4	Theo Pawson	For	Consistent positive behaviour to all aspects of learning and pushing himself to above and beyond!
	Maisie Herriott	For	Fantastic work in our maths lessons this week and trying her hardest to challenge her learning further.
Year 5	Alfie Taft	For	Retrieving scientific information on Isaac Newton and gravity while working with Mrs. Lord! Keep it up!
	Alicia Rosewarne	For	Settling into Y5 so well and already pushing and challenging herself to do her best work! Well done!
Year 6	Daniel Wu	For	Your retelling of the story of the Prodigal Son and making links to scripture. You have shown a great understanding.
	Rebecca Surafel	For	Always being ready for your RE learning. You have made superb contributions to discussions.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER

We understand that medical or dentist appointments are not always available out of school hours. However, we do ask as and when possible you do try and make appointments after school or during the holidays. If this is not possible and your child will be late for school or leave school earlier in the day, we ask that you show your appointment card/letter to the office so the absence can be authorised. Unfortunately if no evidence is produced the absence will be shown as unauthorised on your child's attendance.

Thank you for your support

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING







Early Bird Winner

Lexia Superstar

Out of School Achievements



# SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and family group photos will be taken in school on Tuesday  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  November

If you have children who do not attend St Thomas More Catholic Primary and you wish to have them as part of a group photo then please come to school for 9am on Tuesday 1st November.

If you do not want your child to have an individual and/or family group photo then please return the slip below to the school office by Wednesday 19th October.

# SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS Name of child/children: Class/classes I do not want my child to be photographed alone and or in a family group. Signed Parent/Carer\_\_\_\_\_



# FOR YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE READ

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL DINNERS

NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO BE MADE IN SCHOOL FROM THE 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES.

All payments will need to be either by direct debit or online. If arrangements have not been put in place you will be unable to order a school dinner for your child. 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, and you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

If you have not already done so please remember to send your email address to the office, so we can forward this on to Dolce for the new dinner procedures.

ATTENTION: Please return the consent form from Sheffield United FC Community Foundation who will be in school delivering PE lessons for this term. Sheffield United will be using some filming and photography to showcase the school sport programme. If you do not give consent for your child to be included in any of the images taken, please complete the form and return to the school office.

If no form is received we will presume you are happy for your child to be included.

Thank you



F2 and Y1 are in the process of developing outdoor learning for the children at St Thomas More. We would love your help and input!

We will be creating a wish wall of resources that will help to enhance the children's learning, and hopefully you can help. Our wish wall will be located in the entrance hall and we would love you to check and see if you can provide any of the resources we need.

Check out our wish wall for further information...

Thank you for your continued support F2 and Y1 Staff



# Class 1 Science Afternoon

# Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016

We will be having a science afternoon from 1.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>
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



Reading and

Writing Soundbite Sheet's

Following information requested at parents evening for help with reading and writing at home. This week children will have a soundbites reading sheet in their homework books. There will also be a 'word class and sentence structure' sound bite sheet as well, this is for parents to help support children at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

# Attention Y5 students!

Y5 are privileged to attend the Ice Sheffield "Hollywood on Ice" show on

### Friday 9th

December. This also



includes a free hour skate before the show. We will be leaving school at 9:20am by coach and arriving at Ice Sheffield for our skating session. The children will need to bring a packed lunch from home that day as we will be eating lunch at Ice Sheffield before the show. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order a packed lunch from school please indicate on the slip below.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child, to cover the cost of the trip. Unfortunately, if insufficient contributions are received the trip will not be able to go ahead. Please complete the slip below and return it to school along with your contribution by the 16th November.

Children must wear school jumper/cardigan, school trousers or water proof leggings/trousers, a coat and gloves while on the ice. NO scarves are allowed for safety reasons.

#### **Y5** Ice Sheffield Show

70 Lee Sheffield Show				
I give permission for my child:				
To attend the Y5 Ice Sheffield Show trip on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December. I enclose a				
voluntary contribution of £10.00 $\square$				
Signed				
Date				
My child is entitled to free school meals				
and I would like to order a packed lunch				
of: Ham Sandwich 🗆 Cheese Sandwich 🗅				
Tuna sandwich =				
I will provide my child with a packed				
lunch =				



# <u>Y6</u> <u>Sportshall</u> Athletics

St Thomas More School have been invited to the 'Sportshall Athletics' competition at Yewlands Academy, on Wednesday, 19th October.

20 children from Y6 (10 boys and 10 girls) will be chosen to compete against other schools in our community in a range of athletics activities, including hurdles, long jump and relay races. In preparation for this, we have also been invited to attend a training session on Wednesday, 12th October, 2:00pm - 3:00pm. These will be taking place during school time and we will be walking from school to Yewlands Academy.

Should we have difficulties acquiring participants for the Sportshall athletics from Y6, we would like to invite Y5 children to send in this reply slip, if they would like to be in reserve for a position as athlete.

If your child would be interested in taking part in the Sportshall athletics, please complete the reply slip and return to school by Friday, 7th October.

#### Y6 Sportshall athletics

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Sportshall Athletics training session on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, from 2:00pm- to 3:00pm and the Sportshall Athletics competition on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at 1:00pm to 2:30pm at Yewlands Academy.

Signed Parent/Carer



There will be a *Disco* on Thursday 3rd November organised by our Friends Association. The cost is £2 per child

The timings are as follows: F2/KS1 Children 2.15pm -3.15pm KS2 Children 3.20pm - 4.20pm.

Please send money for the disco in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and Disco Money so this can be passed onto members of the Friends.

At the disco, there will be hot-dogs, crisps, sweets and drinks on sale so children can bring money on the day to buy these things.

### URGENT REMINDER TO Y4 CLASS.



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

At present we have only received 14 permission slips and deposits back to school, unfortunately if we haven't received at least 20 replies by the 7<sup>th</sup> October (This Friday) the booking will have to be cancelled.

If you would like any further information regarding the trip, please contact the school office.

#### **REMINDER**

### **CLASSIC POETRY PERFORMANCE FOR Y3 TO Y6**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm in school

We are asking parents to make a small voluntary contribution of £2.50, to help towards the cost of the performance.

Please send your contribution into school in a named envelope.

Thank you for your support