



Newsletter – Issue 6

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Important Dates and What's Happening

10th to the 21st October
Active Travel

Wednesday 12th October from 1.30pm
Y1 Science afternoon

Friday 14th October from 1.45pm
Y5 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

Wednesday 19th October
Y6 Sportshall Athletics at Yewlands

Half Term Break

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Tuesday 1st November
Photographs in school

Thursday 17th November
KS2 poetry performance in school

Friday 9th December
Y5 Ice Sheffield Show

Next Mast Drop-In Session – 9th November

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	100%	0
Year 1	98.7	0
Year 2	96.7	1
Year 3	95.7	2
Year 4	96.9	2
Year 5	97.9	0
Year 6	99.3	1
School Total	97.9	6

Well Done F2 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	ROSIE
Y1	OLIVIA
Y2	GRACE
Y3	IMOGEN
Y4	HARRIS
Y5	BUSI
Y6	ERIN

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 7th October

F2	Charlie	For	A brilliant start to school. You have really impressed us so far. Keep it up, well done ☺
	Anaya	For	A brilliant start to school. You are a great asset to the class. keep it up, well done ☺
Year 1	Sophie	For	An amazing contribution of topic homework and participation in all learning in class. Keep it up Sophie ☺
	Simon	For	A dazzling start to your new Year One class! You have been trying your best and joining in with all learning. ☺
Year 2	Dylan	For	His great work in maths, learning different strategies for addition.
	Nana	For	Her imaginative compound sentences in Literacy for instructions for a potion.
Year 3	Donnell	For	Excellent reading during our guided reading session. You were able to predict what was going to happen well!!!
	Millie	For	You are showing perseverance in your maths work, keeping going until you understand. Excellent!!!
Year 4	Kamal	For	A positive attitude to their learning.
	Skye	For	A positive attitude to their learning.
Year 5	Niamh	For	Preparing and presenting a PowerPoint about several Greek gods as part of her topic homework.
	Grace	For	Preparing and presenting a PowerPoint about a mythical creature as part of her topic homework.
Year 6	Katie	For	Your detailed 'How to make a jam sandwich' instructions. You included adverbials and parenthesis.
	Cole	For	Your reflective approach to our Y6 retreat in church. You ensured all children were involved in our activities. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



Out of school achievements.



Lexia Superstars



A huge thank you to all the parents and family members who came to support the F2 children at their welcome liturgy last week. The children were thrilled to see so many familiar faces, and enjoyed receiving their panel; we hope you enjoy them. 😊



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL DINNERS

**NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO BE
MADE IN SCHOOL FROM THE 29TH
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 YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE.***



Reminder

Can we once again ask that all monies sent into school for trips, breakfast club etc be sent in individual envelopes with the child's name class and information clearly written on the front and handed into class/breakfast club.

Please do not hand money in at the school office window. Now that the school office does not collect dinner money we do not carry change for tuckshop, uniform etc.



Attention Y5 parents!

Y5 are hosting a Science Day afternoon from **1:45-3:00 on Friday 14th October.**

We will be investigating different aspects of Science, so be ready! We may also be outside, so please dress warm. The point of the afternoon is to investigate with your child as well as other children in Y5. There will be different investigations planned, so hopefully it will be engaging and fun for you and your child! We hope to see you on Friday!

Please let your child know if you might be coming, so we can try to plan some groups.

Y4 RESIDENTIAL



We are very pleased to let you know that the Y4 Residential will be going ahead as we have had a very good response from parents.

We will be sending further information regarding payments, and activities etc on the newsletter in the next few weeks.

If you have not sent your permission slip and deposit back and your child would like to be included on the trip, please contact the school office urgently as we will be able to add to our numbers but only for a short time.



REMINDER SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tuesday 1st November 2016

Individual and family group photos will be taken in school on Tuesday 1st 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 contact the school office by Wednesday 19th October.

REMINDER
CLASSIC POETRY PERFORMANCE
FOR Y3 TO Y6

Thursday 17th 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

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.

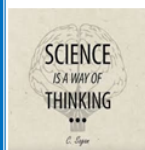


Y3
Parent/Child



Science Workshops

On Monday 17th October, Y3 are having an open
afternoon, where you are encouraged to come into
school and work with your child to carry out a range of
science investigations, and most importantly to have
some fun!



The workshops will start from 2.15pm, and
will give you the opportunity to work with
your child, to find out together more about
science. This is a great way for your child to
share their learning with you.

If you can make it, it would be lovely to see you
working together with your child.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Simpkins

Y5 Ice Sheffield Show

I give permission for my child:

To attend the Y5 Ice Sheffield Show trip
on Friday 9th December. I enclose a
voluntary contribution of £10.00 ☐

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 ☐



SCHOOL CAR PARK

Please can we remind all parents not to use the staff car park at any time especially for dropping off for breakfast club and collecting from after school club. This is for the safety of all children.

Thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOL POLICY REGARDING THE ADMINISTER OF MEDICINE

- Medication must be prescribed by a Doctor and the dosage must be at 4 times a day.
- Medication will be given at lunch time between 11.45am and 12.30pm dependent on staff availability.
- All medication should be in a labelled container as received from the pharmacy.
- A medication form at the school office must be completed by a parent.

Calpol or other pain killers will not be administered by school. You can arrange to call at lunchtime to administer this yourself if necessary.

Thank you for your support.

Staffing update:

We have some new staff who have started working with us at St Thomas More this term....

Miss Westerman – Y3 Teaching Assistant

Mrs Murphy - Y2 Teaching Assistant

Miss Aspinall and Miss Hinchcliffe – Lunchtime Supervisors

Mrs Harvey, our Y2 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this term to pursue new horizons with her husband. We will miss Mrs Harvey very much, but wish her and her husband all the best in the next stage of their journey. We will keep you updated re a replacement for Mrs Harvey.

From Mrs Faley

KS2 children leaving school at the end of the day:

A concern has been raised regarding our KS2 children being released at the end of the day without the presence of school staff. We have given this some thought in school. Y5 and Y6 children will continue to be released independently. Y3 and Y4 teachers will come out onto the yard with their classes at the end of the school day. If you have a child in Y3 or Y4 and you would like for them to independently leave school and make their way to the adult who will be collecting them you don't need to do anything. If your child is in Y3 or Y4 and you would like for them to remain with their teacher until the relevant adult comes to collect them then please let us know in writing.