



## Newsletter – Issue 7

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### Important Dates and What's Happening

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

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Y5 Greek Afternoon

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

#### **Half Term Break**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Photographs in school

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2.30pm  
Y2 Castles Afternoon

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
School Disco

F2/KS1 children - 2.15pm-3.15pm  
KS2 Children - 3.20pm – 4.20pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Parents coffee and cake morning

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

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Y1 and Y2 trip to Vue cinema, Meadowhall.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Y5 Advent Retreat Day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Y5 Ice Sheffield Show

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Y4 Residential Trip to Kingswood Centre

### Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	98.9	0
Year 1	95.1	0
Year 2	98.2	2
Year 3	98.3	3
Year 4	98.1	2
Year 5	97.0	0
Year 6	99.2	2
<b>School Total</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>9</b>

Well Done Y6, 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	JAMES
Y1	CHRISTINA
Y2	MISCHA
Y3	MARLEY
Y4	CHARLIE
Y5	LEWIS
Y6	ABEL

**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 14<sup>th</sup> October

F2	Mia	For	Fantastic re-telling of our story of the week. You remembered key events from the story. Well done ☺
	Jonas	For	Amazing effort in maths and Read, Write Inc this week. We have been really impressed! Keep it up, well done ☺
Year 1	Olivia	For	A fantastic attitude to learning in all subjects. You always try your best and always have a smile! You are a superstar ☺
	Tabitha	For	Amazing investigation skills on our science afternoon. You showed enthusiasm and curiosity when exploring everyday materials. Well done Tabitha! ☺
Year 2	Zachery	For	Imaginative topic homework. You've thought really hard about making a working drawbridge for your castle, and even had a knight hiding behind it. You were also great on the trip to Conisbrough Castle, getting involved in the workshop. Well done!
	Ruqayah	For	Fantastic topic work so far, especially during our 'using sources of information' activity to learn about life in a castle before the trip to Conisbrough Castle. You were also fab on our trip getting involved in the workshop, well done!
Year 3	Eddie	For	Demonstrating great creativity in planning and making your Stone Age home. You took the time to include such detail with enthusiasm. Super star!
	Faryl	For	Contributing with enthusiasm and understanding during guided reading. You have settled well into your new group! Brilliant!
Year 4	Olivia	For	Super work in our literacy lessons this week and always putting in 100%!
	George	For	Making a fantastic fact file about Benjamin Franklin.
Year 5	Winta	For	Always challenging and pushing herself in her maths by questioning and applying all the skills that she knows! She was even the only one to choose a red challenge this week!
	Sophie	For	Demonstrating that she can work with different materials and use different techniques to build her own Greek Parthenon!
Year 6	Yonaton	For	Always being ready for your learning. Your focus and determination to do your best is setting a great example.
	Brandon	For	Your efforts with your maths work this week. You have challenged yourself to consider alternative methods of calculation.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



Out of school achievements.



Children's University Ambassadors.

## LEXIA SUPERSTARS



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### PLEASE READ

#### 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.***

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November



**Dolce are having a Bonfire  
Themed lunch on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The  
menu will include Hot Dogs, Chilli Con Carne  
and Jacket Potatoes with fillings.**

**Dessert will include Sticky Toffee Pudding!**

**The new menu will be shown on live Kitchen  
for you to order online.**

Tuesday 1st November 2.30pm



Y2-Castles Afternoon

The Year 2 children and staff would like to invite parents/carers to take a look at their wonderful topic homework and class work! They have produced some fantastic work!

You'll also get the chance to take a peek at the photos from our trip to Conisbrough Castle. We are overwhelmed by the amount of effort which has been made on the homework this half term!

Thank you for all of your support, the Year 2

REMINDER Y3 TO Y6

CLASSIC POETRY PERFORMANCE

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

Parent's coffee and cake morning



We are holding a parents coffee and cake morning **on Wednesday 9th November at 9am**. This session is designed to share information about children and parent services in the area and have a chat and a catch-up with other parents. We can share ideas and offer support on many areas of parenting such as sleeping worries, eating habits, behaviour issues at home, relationships, money...the list goes on!

We have two representatives from the Multi-Agency Support Team attending that morning to offer their advice, so please ring school and speak to Mrs Round if you wish to attend this coffee morning.

Thank you

REMINDER SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Y5 Advent Retreat Day

Y5 will be participating in the Hallam Youth Ministry's Advent Retreat Day on **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November** at school. This day will be filled with activities, mini-workshops, prayers and liturgies relating to Advent. This will be a very reflecting and, at the same time, exciting day. Over the past few years, the Y5 class have been able to participate in the Advent Retreat days, and it always is such a memorable day. I am hoping that this retreat will be just as memorable!!

A HUGE thanks goes out to the Friends Association for funding the entire day for us to the amount of £150! Now, this event is free for our children!

# Y1 and Y2 Trip!

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Year one and two will be going on a trip to the cinema to see an Autism-friendly screening of a motion picture. The motion picture is called 'Miniscule: Valley of the lost ants' about two warring ant colonies and will link to our World War One topics. The trip will take place at Vue Cinema at Meadowhall.



We are expected to arrive back at school between 12.30 and 1pm. Children will be eating lunch back at school so will need to bring a packed lunch to school that day. If you wish for a packed lunch to be provided by school please indicate below.

We are asking that parents make a voluntary Contribution of £3.50 to cover the cost of the trip. If you would like your child to be part of this enjoyable learning experience, then please complete the slip below and return it to school along with your voluntary contribution as soon as possible.

If school doesn't receive enough voluntary contributions unfortunately the trip will have to be cancelled.

## Y1 and Y2 Trip to the Vue Cinema Meadowhall

I give permission for my child:

to visit the Vue Cinema, Meadowhall  
on Friday 18th November 2016.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of  
£3.50 ☐

I would like to order a packed lunch from  
school of: Ham Sandwich ☐ Cheese Sandwich  
☐ Tuna sandwich ☐ I will provide my child with  
a packed lunch ☐

Signed Parent/Carer-----

Date .....



## 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

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 ☐

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 ☐



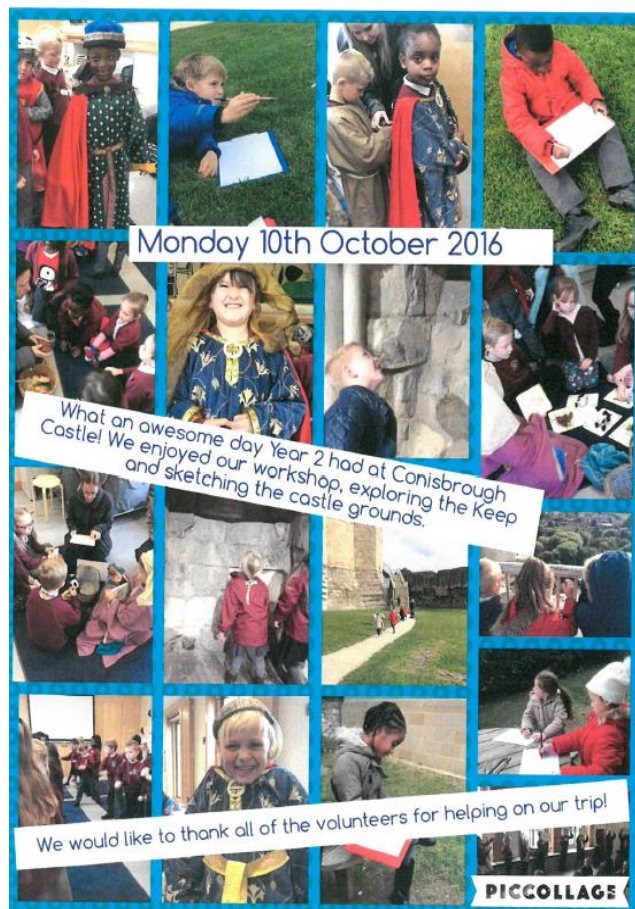
## **"CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Activities"**

**We would like to thank the Friends Association for donating the biscuits, frosting and sprinkles in support of the children raising money and "brightening" up the food for Harvest Fast Day! Thanks for all your support of our school and children!!**





Y2 enjoying themselves at Conisbrough Castle. Looks like they had a fantastic day!



## Young Entrepreneurs' Challenge 2016 - Judge's Award Winners



### Young Entrepreneurs Event

On the 12th of October, 6 children from Y6 went to the young entrepreneur's event. It was there that we learnt what a business is, how it works and how a business helps solve problems. We learnt about profit, costs and incomes. Then we had to come up with a business that was going to help solve a problem and we chose homework. We thought about how children struggle with homework and decided to create a business called 'Homework Helpers'. We came up with creative ways to advertise our business. We made a short video, we came up with logos and we even had a pitch. We made a little jingle at the end too. We got really positive feedback from the judges. There were two prizes, children's award and judge's awards. We won the judge's award!!! We had a great day overall and learnt so many new things about business.

By Rebecca Surafel (Y6)



### REMINDER DISCO

**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 come to school in uniform and bring your Disco Clothes with you to change in to.**

**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.**