



Newsletter – Issue 9

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Important Dates and What's Happening

Wednesday 9th November
Parents coffee and cake morning

Monday 14th November - No Pen Day

Thursday 17th November
KS2 poetry performance in school

Friday 18th November
Y1 and Y2 trip to Vue Cinema, Meadowhall.

Friday 18th November @2:30pm
Monday 21st November @ 5pm
Reading Comprehension Parent sessions

Wednesday 23rd November - Y5 Advent Retreat Day

Monday 28th November 2.30pm -
Blessing of the advent wreaths by Fr Martin

Tuesday 29th November
9.15am Y5 Advent liturgy

Monday 5th December
F2 Totley Hall Farm

Tuesday 6th December 9.15am - Y6 Advent liturgy

Wednesday 7th December
Y5 & Y6 Cafod Workshop

Friday 9th December - Y5 Ice Sheffield Show

Friday 9th December 3.30-4.30pm
- Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 13th December 9.15am Y4 Advent liturgy

Wednesday 14th December
Christmas Party Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15th December 9.30am Mass in school

Friday 16th December 9.15am Y3 Advent Liturgy

Friday 16th December 1.45pm Christingle

Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	95.8	2
Year 1	95.7	0
Year 2	98.0	4
Year 3	99.4	1
Year 4	96.6	0
Year 5	99.6	1
Year 6	98.7	0
School Total	97.7	8

Well Done Y5 , 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	MIA
Y1	BRODY
Y2	SOPHIE
Y3	JASMINE
Y4	CORAN
Y5	WINTA
Y6	DANIEL

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:

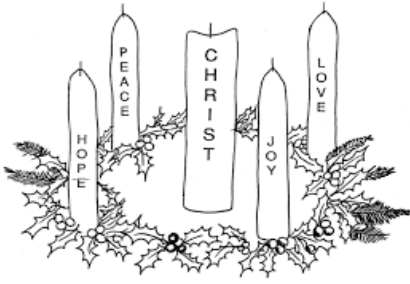
Kindness, justice, acceptance, forgiveness and friendship; it is unconditional and inclusive, allowing each one of us to learn and to grow to become the wonderful person God created us to be.



MERIT

Friday 4th November

F2	Maame-Yaa	For	Outstanding re-telling of traditional tales in the reading area. Using expression, changing your voice, using words and phrases from the books! Amazing! Well done 😊
	Dantaye	For	Fantastic effort and enthusiasm for all your learning this week. You have been a superstar! Well done, keep it up 😊
Year 1	Brody	For	Challenging yourself and taking responsibility for your learning. You have gone above and beyond Brody! Keep it up! 😊
	Carly	For	Your enthusiasm in your learning about Chris Ofili's artwork during Black History Month. Well done Carly! 😊
Year 2	Mischa	For	Your excellent participation when learning about Mary Jane Seacole's life and the challenges she faced as part of Black History Month. Well done, Mischa 😊
	Archie	For	Your brilliant work when using sources of information to learn about Mary Jane Seacole and her life, as part of Black History Month. Keep it up, Archie 😊
Year 3	Millie	For	Reading with much more confidence. You are showing great achievements and progress... well done!!!
	Emmanuel	For	Excellent rhythm and creativity with your Bollywood dancing... such groovy moves!!!
Year 4	Samantha	For	Outstanding homework. You wrote a fantastic recount and it was a pleasure to read!
	Holly	For	Your consistent positive attitude to learning. You always push yourself to your full potential!
Year 5	Ruby Naylor	For	Demonstrating better focus and concentration during maths lessons and applying her strategies!
	Beza	For	Showing amazing listening skills and really applying herself in all her lessons! Keep it up!!
Year 6	Hafeez	For	Your improvement in focus and maturity in your learning. This is having a great impact in all of your work.
	Jake	For	Demonstrating superb subject knowledge and enthusiasm in SPaG and Grammar Hammer. You are setting a great example for others.



Wear purple day.

Advent starts on Sunday 27th November (1st Sunday of Advent). On Monday 28th November, we would like all children and adults to wear an item of purple to school to mark the start of Advent.



Advent Dates for your Diaries:



Monday 28th November 2.30pm -Blessing of the advent wreaths by Fr Martin

Tuesday 29th November 9.15am Y5 Advent liturgy

Tuesday 6th December 9.15am Y6 Advent liturgy

Wednesday 7th December at 2pm & 6pm -F2/KS1 Advent production

Tuesday 13th December 9.15am Y4 Advent liturgy

Thursday 15th December 9.30am Mass in school

Friday 16th December 9.15am Y3 Advent Liturgy

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The Friends Association will be providing all children with a



**Christmas party lunch on
Wednesday 14th December.**

As in previous years this will replace normal school dinners or packed lunches. The Christmas Party lunch will consist of sandwiches and healthy finger foods.



This will also be wear a Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children, so we are asking all children to donate £1 to this very worthy cause. Please send your donation into school in a named envelope.

No Pens day! - Monday 14th November 2016

As a whole school, we will be having a jam-packed, fun-filled day of activities...and not a pen in sight!

Reception	F2 will be having a Diwali day; we will be making diva lamps, cooking some traditional food, and making paper lanterns. Be prepared to get creative, busy and best of all – messy!
Year 1	Year 1 will be creating African Kente patterns inspired by our Black History Month topic. We will be decorating our outdoor area with these and using a variety of materials to explore! ☺
Year 2	Year 2 will be learning about the artist, Giuseppe Arcimboldo who created work using fruit and vegetables! We will be too so please could you bring in one piece of fruit or a vegetable on Monday! It will be a great day! Thanks, Mrs Harvey ☺
Year 3	Year 3 have a great day planned! We will be using art in maths to investigate concepts such as tessellation, fractions and shape. We will use artist such as Mondrian and Kandinsky to inspire our learning and produce some spectacular art work by the end of the day.
Year 4	Year 4 will be painting self-portraits and portraits linking to our MLK topic. We will be using paints to make posters for protests and we will be using different objects and materials to make our own model of MLK.
Year 5	Y5 will be designing a podium made from cardboard and boxes and create a speech linked to our MLK topic. We will also be using magazines and newspapers to cut out words to create posters linked to our topic work and our speeches. We will be painting linked to our RE topic. We will also be researching using laptops/ipads.
Year 6	Stranded in the Pacific Ocean; not knowing if we will ever escape the Galapagos Islands, Year 6 will be getting creative in order to survive. We will be using objects that we can salvage to: scrawl cryptic messages to those on the mainland, and design images of our island to show to our rescuers. We will also be taking this opportunity to delve further into our Kensuke's Kingdom story.



This year's Anti-bullying Week takes place from 14th-18th November and the campaign theme is 'Power for Good'. The key aims are to support children and young people, parents/carers and school staff to use their Power for Good –by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging

individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.

We will be having a whole school assembly based on this year's national theme, and there will be class based activities throughout school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



Out of school achievements.



Lexia Superstars



If you are willing to help school by accompanying children on school trips we would very much like to hear from you.

Please contact the school office if you are already have a DBS certificate. If you are not already DBS checked you can apply for this through school.

Please contact the school office for more information.

Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

A test text message was sent today to at least one member of your family. If you have not received a text from school, please contact the school office to let us know, so we can check we have the correct contact details for you.

In the unlikely event of school closing at any time, you would be informed by text message, and updates can be found on the school website.

Baby news!

We would like to say congratulations to Miss Hodson who is expecting a baby in March next year. Mrs Futter will be covering for Miss Hodson while she is on maternity leave.

Year 2 staffing update:

Mrs Harvey will be staying on with us until the end of January and will continue to teach Y2 until then. Updates to follow regarding a replacement for Mrs Harvey.



We would just like to say a big thank you to our Parents/Carers who helped organise the photographs in school, it all ran very smoothly.

We would also like to thank the Parents/Carers for giving up their time to help with the Disco. We really appreciate parents support, as without this we would be unable to run these events.

Reminder

Parent's coffee and cake morning



Wednesday 9th November - 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.

We look forward to seeing you there!

REMINDER Y3 TO Y6

CLASSIC POETRY PERFORMANCE

Thursday 17th November at 1.30pm in school.

Please send your voluntary contribution of £2.50 into school, to help towards the cost of the performance.

Thank you for your support

Reading Comprehension Sessions for Parents/Carers

We are holding two parent comprehension sessions on Friday 18th November at 2:30pm and Monday 21st November at 5pm. These sessions are designed for to help you as parents/carers to support your children with their comprehension skills. Most of our children love to read, but do they always understand what they have read? The workshop will give you an insight into the way we teach our children to comprehend effectively, therefore giving you more scope to support them in using these strategies at home, particularly with their guided reading homework.

Please fill out the slip below indicating which date you would like to attend and return to Mrs Round ASAP.

I/we would like to attend the parent comprehension session on:

Friday 18th November at 2.30pm ☐

Monday 21st November at 5pm ☐

Signed _____

Parent of _____ class _____



We have a very large collection of Lost Property including, coats, hats, etc. in the entrance hall. Please call into school to check if any of these items belong to your child by Friday 18th November. Any items left after this date will then be taken to the local charity shop.

Thank you.

TRIP INFORMATION

REMINDER

Y1 and Y2 Trip to the Vue Cinema Meadowhall

Friday 18th November 2016

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

Children 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.

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:-----

Y5 Ice Sheffield Show - Friday 9th December

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 ☐ *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.*

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 ☐

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.



REMINDER - F2 Trip to Totley Hall Farm Monday 5th December

F2 will be taking a trip to Totley Hall Farm to perform and act out the nativity scene on Monday 5th December.

We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £12.00 which will go towards the cost of the trip. Unfortunately unless enough contributions are received, we will not be able to go ahead with the trip. The children will need to bring a packed lunch to school on the day. However, if you would like to order a free packed lunch from school then please ensure we have your order in as soon as possible please complete the slip below.

If any parents are CRB or DBS checked and would like to help on the trip please see Miss Campbell.

F2 Totley Hall Farm Trip – Monday 5th December

I give permission for my child _____ To attend the Trip to Totley Hall Farm on Monday 5th December. I enclose a voluntary contribution of £12 towards the entry & travel cost ☐

I would like to order the following packed lunch: Ham Sandwich ☐ cheese Sandwich ☐ Tuna Sandwich ☐ I will provide a packed lunch from home ☐

Signed Parent/Carer:_____ Date: _____



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The Christmas SHOW

In aid of ...

Bluebell Wood
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

**Grenoside Community Centre
Main Street, S35 8PR**

9th & 10th December

(Saturday Matinee available)

ONLY £5 per ticket

Call Carolyn on 0114 2468937