



Newsletter – Issue 11

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Important Dates and What's

Happening

Wednesday 23rd November- Y5 Advent Retreat

Monday 28th November

Start of Advent -wear an item of purple 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

Wednesday 7th December

F2 and KS1 Advent Production at 2pm and 6pm

Friday 9th December - Y5 Ice Sheffield Show

Friday 9th December – Y6 Academy Theatre

**Friday 9th December - 3.30-4.30pm
Christmas Fair**

Tuesday 13th December - 9.15am Y4 Advent liturgy

**Wednesday 14th December
Christmas Party Lunch and Save the Children
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	97.4	0
Year 1	97.3	3
Year 2	97.0	1
Year 3	97.7	6
Year 4	98.3	5
Year 5	97.5	2
Year 6	96.0	1
School Total	97.3	21

Well Done 4 , they will receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week!

Well done everybody!

Please can we try and improve on lates?

100% Attendance & punctuality winners

Well done to our prize winners for last week. Each child chose a small prize.....

F2	ANAYA
Year 1	ELLIE
Year 2	MAYA
Year 3	EDDIE
Year 4	HARRIS
Year 5	LILY
Year 6	MADDISON

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 18th November

F2	Tristan Ledger	For	Working really hard in Read, Write Inc and showing lots of enthusiasm for learning. Well done.
	Sanjay Kiren	For	Showing lots of effort and enthusiasm in your learning all week, especially with your High Frequency word learning at home. Well done.
Year 1	Rian Foster	For	A dazzling diary entry for your big write! Fantastic use of verbs, adjective and punctuation. Well done Rian!
	Cole Young	For	Your independent writing and your amazing enthusiasm when creating a diva for Diwali. You are a superstar Cole. ☺
Year 2	Reineidi Madeka	For	Her consistently positive attitude to all her subjects, but this week especially in Literacy – great drama skills when acting out Max's adventure. Well done!
	Jack Gloag	For	His wonderful attitude to all his learning, but this week especially in R.E., we've had a busy few weeks and he's reflected beautifully on our topic of Shabbat.
Year 3	Grayson Bower	For	Clear understanding and effort when using FANBOYS as coordinating conjunctions.
	Aoibhin Reid Lonsdale	For	Accurate and specific questions during Guided reading sessions. Showing a deeper thinking.
Year 4	Adwoa Amankwah	For	Your consistent positive approach to your learning and your outstanding attitude to your homework this week.
	Elijah Tipping	For	Your fantastic drama performance for Anti-Bullying week. You have also contributed a lot to our class discussions.
Year 5	Eghosa Uwagboe	For	Demonstrating understanding of time in all her maths lessons this week...even completing the hardest option!!
	Rhianna Towers	For	Producing 2 amazing pieces of artwork, one on MLK using toning and shading and one on St. Thomas More!
Year 6	Maddison Baxby	For	Working really hard to improve your time management. This is having a great impact on the progression on your learning.
	Eleanor Etherington	For	Demonstrating a good understanding and showing great empathy during our Anti-Bullying week learning.

REMINDER

Early Bird week!



Early bird week

**Monday 21st November - Friday 25th
November 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!

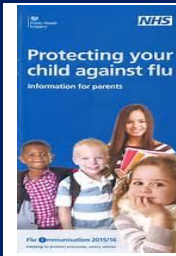
Come on kids, make sure you are in school on time, it makes a big difference to your learning!

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



We have been notified that the Flu Immunisations for Y1,Y2 and Y3 will take place on Monday 5th December at 1.30pm

After school club notice



If your child normally attends an after school club, can you please ensure you make the school office aware if they are going to be absent, and the reason for their absence.

Please also inform the office if someone different will be picking them up on that particular day. All after school clubs take a register, and we need to be accountable for every child attending these clubs on a weekly basis.

Staffing.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Rachel Owens will be joining our team in January. Mrs Owen's will be working in Y3, replacing Mrs Simpkins.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



Out of school achievements



Sheffield United Football Competition Participants



DONATION RECEIVED FROM ECCLESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL AT MERIT ASSEMBLY .



Y2 have really enjoyed using the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' as a tool for writing diary entries.

As our class marble tub is nearly full, we would like to watch the movie in class as our reward! The film is rated PG, so if there are any parents who would prefer their child not to watch the movie, please inform a member of the Y2 team by Friday 25th November. Thank you



Christmas Fair in school



Friday 9th December

from 3.30pm - 4.30pm, organised by the Friend's Association.

All welcome!

A flyer will be coming home with full details of the event very soon!

Anyone who would like to have a stall at the fair please see a member of the Friends Association or contact school.

The cost for a stall is £5.00.

There will also be a tombola with prizes for children and a tombola with prizes for adults. If you could help with any donations for suitable prizes for the tombola's it would be really appreciated.

***Please send any donations into school
as soon as possible.***

Thank you for your support

Reminder

F2-Totley Hall Farm: Monday 5th December

Y5-Ice Sheffield: Friday 9th December.

Please return your permission slip and voluntary payment as soon as possible. Please note if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, these trips may be at risk of being cancelled.

Please note Children who are entitled to free school meals and children in F2 who are entitled to universal free school meals who would like a packed lunch providing, please return your permission slip by **Thursday 24th November** as this is the last day to order your packed lunch through school.

Thank you.



Dear Parents/Carers, on Tuesday 29th November at 2.30pm you are invited to join Year 2 for an exciting array of Science investigations! Don't forget your lab jackets and safety goggles!



F2/KS1 Advent
production
Wednesday 7th
December
2pm & 6pm
Ticket request form:

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

2 Tickets allocation for:

2pm ☐ **6pm** ☐ (please tick as appropriate).

Each F2/KS1 family will be allocated 2 tickets as the production is spread over 2 performances, please choose the one that is most suitable for you by completing the slip below. The tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Again if you require additional tickets then please indicate this on the form and these will be allocated on a first request basis.

Additional tickets

2pm _____

6pm _____

Sheffield United Football Club

Football Fun Day



YEAR 1/ U6

FREE PROFESSIONAL COACHING BY SUFC
ACADEMY STAFF

**FREE OF
CHARGE**

In order to apply please contact the email address.
With the following: Name of Child. D.O.B. Age Group.
Present Team. Any Relevant Past Football Teams.
School, Contact Number.



FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2016

5PM – 6:15PM

Sheffield United Academy
Firhill Crescent
Sheffield
S4 7DJ



Email:
Recruitment@sufc.co.uk

NO PEN DAY

F2 NO PEN DAY

Y6 NO PEN DAY



Y5 designed 3D posters linked to our topic work on Martin Luther King, Jr. We used magazines, newspapers, boxes/cardboard along with some other materials to cut out words, create our own phrases and design informative posters. We then explained to the class what we designed. We consolidated our time leaning from math's by using laptops to play games, take quizzes and quiz one another.

We had so much fun!



NO PEN DAY

Year 4 decided to act out a scenario in which a person is being bullied. We linked this with Anti-Bullying week and discussed all the different ways we think bullying can occur. We also thought about how this would make somebody feel and the different things we can do to stop this.

We also decided it would be a great idea to get creative and do a lot of work for our topic – Invaders and Settlers.

We used different fabrics and materials to make a Roman shield. After a busy day of making Roman shields, we decided we needed a soldier to go with them, so we used different paints to make our very own soldiers!



Y2 NO PEN DAY

Today, we learnt about why we need food! We also learnt how to sort food into groups to create a balanced meal. We looked at artwork by Giuseppe Arcimboldo. He used fruit images of fruit to paint people! We used real fruit to create collage self-portraits! Lots of fun had by all Year 2.



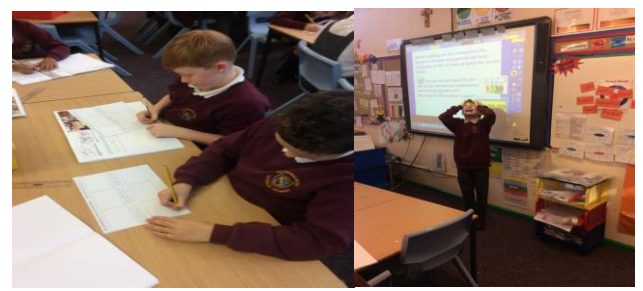
Y1
NO PEN DAY



Y3 NO PEN DAY



ANTI - BULLYING WEEK



For anti-bullying week, Y5 focussed on how to show empathy to those around them. We explored feelings by playing a non-verbal communication game and guessing what feelings we were acting out. We discussed ways to show empathy to others and what that might look like. Then we got into groups and used a storyboard to write a drama to show an example of someone showing empathy to others, especially if they are being bullied.

F2 ANTI-BULLYING WEEK anti-bullying

For Anti-bullying week in F2 we have focused on how to be a good friend. We talked about what bullying could be, and looked at some pictures to help us. We came together as a class to talk about some class rules to make sure that we are all being a good friend. Our rules were to use kind words, use kind hands and feet and to share with others. We have then used these rules throughout the week in class to ensure that we are all being good friends to each other.

Y1 – ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: CLASS 3

We created dance moves with facial expressions to help us to learn the definition: REPEATED AGGRESSION AGAINST ONE PERSON.



We created a drama of freeze frames to model how bullying may look and how we may resolve it, stepping up to stop it.



We had a great time and our emotions conveyed much of our learning.



PICCOLLAGE

'POWER FOR GOOD!'

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

DURING ANTI-BULLYING WEEK, YEAR 6 USED THE THEME OF 'POWER FOR GOOD' TO DESIGN OUR OWN ANTI-BULLYING HEROES!

WE WANTED TO ENSURE THAT OUR HEROES USED THEIR POWERS TO FIGHT THE FORCES OF INJUSTICE, PREJUDICE AND VIOLENCE. WE HAD TO THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD BE TACKLING VIOLENCE WITH VIOLENCE!

PICCOLLAGE

**Y6
ANTI -BULLYING
WEEK**