



Newsletter – Issue 18

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Important Dates and What's Happening

Thursday 26th January
Y1 Trip to Cannon Hall Farm

Wednesday 1st February - 5.30pm
Parent online safety workshop in school

Wednesday 8th February
Y5 and Y6 CAFOD workshops

Thursday 9th February
F2 and Y5 visiting Parson Cross Library

Monday 13th February
Y4 Parent Residential Meeting at 3.30pm

Monday 13th February at 2.45pm
Y1 Phonics screening workshop

Tuesday 14th February
Y4 Refugee Pilgrimage in school

Tuesday 28th February
Whole School Lenten Assembly Big Fish

Tuesday 28th February at 2pm
Pancake Day - Cook Off

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Tuesday 21st March
Y5 Lenten Retreat Day

4th/5th April
Y4 Residential Trip to Kingswood

Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	95.8	1
Year 1	96.7	0
Year 2	94.3	0
Year 3	96.5	4
Year 4	95.0	2
Year 5	99.3	2
Year 6	98.0	1
School Total	96.5	10

Well Done Y5, they will receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week!

100% Attendance & punctuality winners
Well done to our prize winners for last week. Each child chose a small prize.....

F2	JESSIE
Year 1	MAX
Year 2	MAX
Year 3	C J
Year 4	RYAN
Year 5	SOPHIE
Year 6	EMILIJA

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 20th January

F2	Naomi	For	Super effort in reading and writing this week. Your sentence was amazing! Well done 😊
	James	For	Amazing reading this week. You really impressed me with your attitude and effort. Well done, keep it up 😊
Year 1	Ellie	For	Enthusiasm for learning this week. You have been listening and applying your skills in all subjects. Fab effort Ellie! 😊
	Sebastian	For	Showing us your amazing literacy skills when writing compound sentences. Well done Seb!
Year 2	Nikola	For	A super effort when creating multiplication and division number fact families using 3 numerals! Super work!
	Connar	For	A super effort in Literacy! Super sentences! Keep up the awesome work!
Year 3	Eddie	For	Excellent reading and inference in Literacy this week.
	Millie	For	Showing great experimentation skills in science while looking at how sound is created.
Year 4	Finley	For	Excellent maths work and determination
	Shanie	For	a super attitude to her learning across all subjects
Year 5	Sophie	For	Demonstrating superb investigation skills and being able to test the properties of different objects in science.
	Mubarik	For	Demonstrating wonderful independent coding skills in his ICT lesson using Kudo!
Year 6	Brandon	For	Your increased independence in your learning. You have grown in confidence and are reaching out to help others.
	Maddison	For	Your consistent approach to learning. Your contribution and support of others is valuable and appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



LEXIA SUPERSTARS

REMINDER

Wednesday 1st February -

5.30pm

Parent online safety workshop in school.

E-safety, cyber bullying and keeping safe online workshop

I will be attending the parent workshop on Wednesday 1st February at 5.30 pm in school regarding E-safety.

Name of my Child: _____

Signed Parent/Carer: _____



Just to let you know one of our pupils in Year One - Sebastian Palmer is going to be on a channel 4 programme on Thursday 2nd February at 8pm

Secret life of boys and girls!!!

Parents Evening:

Thanks to all those families who attended parents evening last week. If you didn't attend, please don't be surprised if we make contact with you as it's important that we share information with you about the progress of your child/children.

Communication survey:

We are currently seeking the views of families on how we communicate with you. Thanks to those who have completed a survey. If you haven't and would like to do so there is still time - please collect a survey form from the school office. If you complete one and hand it in with your details you will be entered into a prize draw for a £10 Meadowhall voucher.

Please return all completed questionnaires by Monday 30th January.

Early Bird week!



Early bird week will be from
Monday 23rd January – Friday 27th January 2017

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!

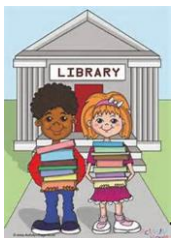
Come on kids, make sure you are in school on time, it makes a big difference to your learning!

Did you know.....

5 minutes late every day = 3.5 school days missed per academic year

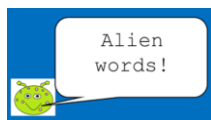
10 minutes late every day = 7 school days missed per academic year

20 minutes late every day = 14 school days missed per academic year.



Y5 and F2 are walking to Parson Cross Library on **Thursday 9th February**. This will be in the afternoon and will be a great chance for our classes to learn more about our local library. If your child has a library card then please feel free to send this in on the day and your child will be able to take home some books. Please note that you do not need to sign for this trip as it is a local walk which was signed for on home visits. If any parents are CRB/DBS checked and you would like to help us on our walk then please let Miss Campbell, or Mrs Lord know by 30th January.

Phonics Screening Workshop



Monday 13th February 2017 at 2.45pm

Towards the end of Year 1, each child completes a Phonics Screening Test which assesses their ability to read real words and nonsense 'alien' words.

Parents are invited to attend a phonics screening workshop on Monday 13th February at 2.45pm. The workshop is a fantastic opportunity for us to provide key information and practical tips on how to support your child at home.

If you would like to attend, please complete the reply slip below and return to the office by Friday 3rd February.

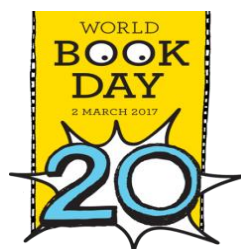
Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you. ☺

Phonics Screening Workshop

I /We will be attending the Phonics Screening workshop on Monday 13th February @ 2:45pm.

Name of Child: _____

Signed Parent/Carer: _____



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March.

To mark World Book Day, each class has chosen an author that they will

focus on for the day. Children can come to school dressed as a character from one of the books of the author that their class will be studying.

At 2.30pm on World Book day, each class will be showcasing their work - please come and join us. There will be prizes for the best dressed characters!

Class	Author
F2	Julia Donaldson
Y1	Eric Carle
Y2	Drew Daywalt
Y3	JK Rowling
Y4	Roald Dahl
Y5	Michael Morpurgo
Y6	David Walliams



Head Lice : We have had a report of head lice in class 3

All Schools have problems with head lice and the only way to tackle it is for everyone to be vigilant and to check their child's hair weekly. The health advice given is that the creams and lotions that you can purchase from the chemist will not work and that the nits become immune to them. You need to break the cycle of the eggs growing into lice and in order to do this we all need to check our children's hair weekly, if we find lice then we need to put conditioner onto the hair and use a nit comb to thoroughly comb through the hair and to remove all lice and eggs. This then need to be repeated for a full 14 days. It is a pain but it does work, this will break the cycle and clear the problem. Please help us to tackle this age old problem and check your children's hair and follow advice if you find lice! Thank you!

URGENT REMINDER - ATTENTION Y4 PARENTS

Residential Information, Payment due by 30th January

Parent information session on **Monday 13th February at 3.30pm** regarding the Y4 Residential trip to the Kingwood centre on 4th April 2017.

Payment for this trip does need to be paid by the 30th January. A deposit payment of £20 for each child has already been made, which leaves a balance of £35.00 due for the remainder of this trip.

Please complete the slip below indicating the payment options you wish to make.

Y4 Residential Trip to Kingswood Peak Venture 4th - 5th April 2017

Name Of Child: _____

I have enclosed the full payment of £35.00 due ☐

I have enclosed a payment of £25.00 and will make a final payment of £10.00 by the 17th February. ☐

Signed Parent/Carer. _____

HENRY - Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young - 1:1 support for families in the home now available

The HENRY [<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/education/information-for-parentscarers/care-support/childcare/start-well-sheffield/henry-group-programme.html>] programme offers support to families in Sheffield and the team are able to take referrals now. They have trained volunteers ready to work with families in their own home to offer 1:1 support around health, nutrition and exercise.

If you have a child under 5 and would like some extra support with healthy eating, physical activity, portion control, setting boundaries and managing behaviour for a happier home please get in touch. You may have a fussy-eating toddler or

Patterson <Julie.Patterson@sheffield.gov.uk> or call 0114 273 5596 to make a referral.

Sheffield's HENRY programme also has vacancies for volunteers to get involved. You will receive excellent training and the team are happy to provide a reference to help need advice and support around establishing a bedtime routine.

You can email Julie with career progression. The next training cohort starts in early March so please get in touch on the details above to find out more.



EXCITING NEWS!

Pancake Cook - Off Day

Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 2pm

St. Thomas More will be having a special visitor on Pancake Day this year – Master Chef Murray Chapman! Murray will be hosting a **Pancake Day cook-off at 2pm**. The afternoon will involve two teams: a team of seven parents and a team of seven teachers. The two teams will compete to flip pancakes, whisk omelettes and take part in a 'mystery ingredients' challenge! The team of judges made up of some of our lovely children will decide the winners! Murray will also be giving cooking tips and helping us to learn more about key ingredients.

If you would like to participate and be on the 'parents' team, please pop to the office and let us know or complete the form below - this will be on a first come first served basis. We will confirm teams nearer the time 😊.

As this is a whole school event, there will be some space for parents/carers to watch and cheer on the parents or the staff! If you would like to come along and watch please complete the slip below - available spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a max of 2 spaces per family.

Pancake Cook - Off Day

If chosen I would like to be included on the Parent team:

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Name: _____ Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

I would like to request **1 / 2** (*seats to watch*) (please circle amount)

Pupils Name _____ Signed Parent/Carer _____



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR SIX

Well done Year 6 for having the best attendance during our competition to win a trip to Jump Inc Trampoline Park.

Year 6's attendance was a fabulous **99.1%**! The runners up were Y1 who did brilliantly to achieve **98.3%**! The rest of the school's attendance during the period 12th December-20th January, looked like this:

FS2- 93.7%

Year 2- 97.7%

Year 3- 95.7%

Year 4- 96.3%

Year 5-97.8%

Remember, our minimum expected percentage for attendance is **97%** so well done to those classes who have achieved above and beyond this.

There will be further details about Year 6's trip to Jump Inc in future newsletters so watch this space!