



## Newsletter – Issue 19

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### Important Dates and What's

#### Happening

**CANCELLED** - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
5.30pm

Parent online safety workshop in school

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Y5 and Y6 CAFOD workshops

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
F2 and Y5 visiting Parson Cross Library

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Y4 Parent Residential Meeting at 3.30pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm  
Y1 Phonics screening workshop

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Y4 Refugee Pilgrimage in school

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Whole School Lenten Assembly Big Fish

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm  
Pancake Day - Cook Off

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Y5 Lenten Retreat Day

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> April  
Y4 Residential Trip to Kingswood

12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June  
Y6 Residential Trip to Mount Cook

### Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	94.2	0
Year 1	96.0	4
Year 2	94.0	3
Year 3	95.2	10
Year 4	98.0	7
Year 5	94.8	0
Year 6	94.0	5
<b>School Total</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>29</b>

**Well Done Y4 , they will receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week!**

**This is the highest number of lates in a week this school year – lets improve this next week please.**

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

F2	Tristan
Year 1	Florence
Year 2	Raphael
Year 3	Aiden
Year 4	Lacey
Year 5	Alfie
Year 6	Caden

**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

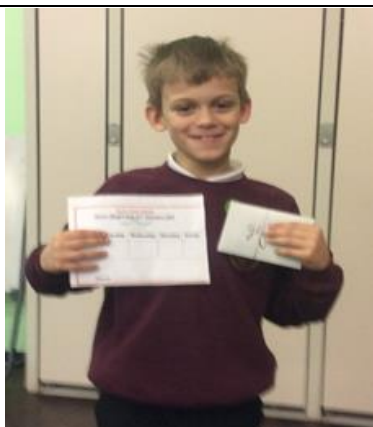
## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

F2	Naomi	For	Both have been working really hard in maths this week when we have been learning about addition. They are addition magicians! Well done girls 😊😊😊
	Jessie	For	
Year 1	Christina	For	Recalling facts about the past during our trip to Cannon Hall. Well done Christina! 😊
	Max	For	Your enthusiasm for the activities on our trip to Cannon Hall. You loved counting the grandfather clocks and kneading bread dough!
Year 2	All of Year 2	For	Being super stars all week! What a great class you are!
Year 3	Madison	For	Being a flexible and attentive member of the class always willing to work with and support anyone.
	Marley	For	Amazing headline creations, loved the play with the word pride and the use of pup-tastic! 😊
Year 4	Alhaji	For	Making a fantastic start to our school and showing a positive attitude.
	Chloe	For	Doing some fantastic work in our literacy lessons.
Year 5	Shamudith	For	Settling into Y5 so well, making new friends and even participating in lessons! Keep it up!
	Hope	For	Demonstrating really good manners this week as well as showing a readiness to learn! Keep it up!
Year 6	Cole	For	Superb partner work this week, working with others to create an informative PowerPoint and tailored fitness plan.
	Katie	For	A wonderfully designed and informative PowerPoint presentation about the Dead Sea Scrolls.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



**OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS**



**EARLY BIRD WINNER**

**Cancelled due to  
insufficient interest  
Parent online safety  
workshop in school at  
5.30pm on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Sainsbury's**



### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting active kids' vouchers again from Sainsbury's until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. There will be collection box in school reception. Please help us by collecting as many vouchers as possible. We will then be able to exchange the vouchers for new cooking and sports equipment to be used in school and after school clubs.

- One voucher for every £5 spent in Sainsbury's local.
- One voucher for every £10 spent at the supermarkets.
- One voucher for every £10 you spend online.

### Lost Property

We seem to have a large amount of lost property again in the school entrance Hall, including outdoor coats!

Please can you make sure you put your child's name in their clothing including coats so they can be returned to you.

If you are missing any items of clothing please pop into school to check.

Thank you for your support.



### 500 words

500 Words is a story writing competition for children run by Radio 2. You need to be between 5 and 13 years old on 16th June 2017 and a full time resident of the UK. To enter you need to write an original story that is no more than 500 words long. Once you've written your story, you can enter it into the competition using the entry form on the radio 2 website. Entry closes on Thursday 23 February 2017 at 19:00.

If any children would like to enter -go for it! If you do, please provide school with a copy of your story and we will run our own in school competition where you could win some book vouchers. Get writing!



Channel 4  
Thu 02 Feb, 8pm  
5 Year Olds (2017): Episode 1



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!!!

### Year 6 Big Sing

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, Year 6 will be attending the Big Sing at Notre Dame High School. They will be joined by the other Catholic Schools from across Sheffield.

There will be no charge for this trip as the Friends Association have kindly offered to pay for the cost of the coach.

All children need to bring a packed lunch, and a drink with a screw top.

The trip is within normal school hours, so the children need to arrive at school and leave school at the usual time. Children need to be in their full school uniform, with a coat to wear outside at lunchtime.

### Year 6 Big Sing

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Y6 Big Sing on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

My child receives Free School Meals and I would like to order the following packed lunch

Ham Sandwich ☐

Cheese Sandwich ☐

Tuna Sandwich ☐

I will provide a packed lunch from home ☐

### Kindness Week 12th February- 18th February

At STM we will be celebrating 'Kindness Week'. This is a time when we will be looking out for all the acts of kindness that happen around our school, and there are many. Whether it is holding a door open, helping a friend who is upset, or helping out a teacher – all will be celebrated during Kindness Week.

We will also be hosting a kindness week competition. Children (and staff) will be nominating children (and staff!) around the school for our special, coveted kindness award. School council will be designing some nomination forms which will be filled in, and judged by school council. Children who have shown extra kindness during this week will receive a kindness award during merit at the end of the week.

**We will also be having a kindness whole-school homework to spread our kindness out into the community so look out for this...**

### World Book Day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## URGENT REMINDER - ATTENTION Y4 PARENTS

### Residential Information, Payment was due by 30<sup>th</sup> January

There are still a large amount of children who have not yet sent in the final payment for the above trip. Just a reminder that the final payment date was the 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Unfortunately if payment is not received in the next couple of days, your child's place on the residential trip will be at risk.

Please complete and return as soon as possible the slip below, indicating the payment options you wish to make.

### Y4 Residential Trip to Kingswood Peak Venture 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> February. ☐

Signed Parent/Carer. \_\_\_\_\_



### **REMINDER**

### **Pancake Cook - Off Day, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 2pm**

*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:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pupils Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_



## Safer Internet Week 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

CLASS	TASK
Y6	Y6 will be producing their very own Safer Internet video.
Y5	Y5 will be investigating the importance of using text and picture messages safely via text and email. We will also be discussing cyber bullying and what to do if you receive offensive messages or spam.
Y4	Y4 will be producing a presentation about keeping safe on the internet. We will be thinking about what we should do if we receive an offensive message and we will be producing a drama to think about how the victim of cyber bullying may feel.
Y3	Y3 will share a drama about messaging and how to be kind and protect ourselves.
Y2	Y2 will be learning with through Hector's World about protecting our personal details.
Y1	Y1 will be learning about how to play games safely through Hector's World.
F2	F2 will be learning about how to stay safe when playing games online, and learning not to talk to strangers online. We will be playing some games using Hector's World to help us learn about this more.



**YEAR ONE TRIP TO  
CANNON HALL  
WHAT A  
BRILLIANT DAY  
YEAR ONE HAD  
BEING SERVANTS  
FOR THE DAY,  
AND PREPARING  
THEIR OWN  
VICTORIAN  
LUNCH!**