



## Newsletter – Issue 20

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### Important Dates and What's Happening

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

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Y4 Hotshots at Yewlands

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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Y5 Virtual Velodrome in school

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Y6 Big Sing

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	<b>96.8</b>	<b>2</b>
Year 1	<b>96.7</b>	<b>1</b>
Year 2	<b>98.3</b>	<b>3</b>
Year 3	<b>96.5</b>	<b>4</b>
Year 4	<b>98.7</b>	<b>4</b>
Year 5	<b>97.2</b>	<b>4</b>
Year 6	<b>96.7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>School Total</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>20</b>

Well Done Y4 , they will receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week!  
We still need to improve on lates though please!

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

F2	CHARLIE
Year 1	OLIVER
Year 2	MISCHA
Year 3	JAMES
Year 4	THEO
Year 5	ERIN
Year 6	NIKODEM

### February Half Term Holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February INSET DAY -  
Children not in school

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> February

F2	Priscilla	For	Fantastic effort in all your areas of learning. Well done ☺
	Isaac	For	A brilliant week in school, working hard and trying your best! Well done, keep it up ☺
Year 1	Ava	For	Dazzling artwork when mixing colours and using peer critique to paint Queen Elizabeth 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Well done Ava!
	Brody	For	Amazing effort in all areas of learning. You have absolutely knocked our socks off Brody! ☺
Year 2	Abby	For	Creating a phenomenal fossil using clay! You used lots of effective techniques using different tools. Amazing, Abby!
	Sophie	For	Tackling tricky fraction problems with confidence! Well done!
Year 3	CJ	For	Being a positive role model when considering suggestions for improvements particularly in handwriting.
	Sefana	For	Always asking questions and wanting to extend her learning to know more. Thank you.
Year 4	Daniel	For	Trying really hard and making a big improvement in his learning.
	Paulos	For	Super work in maths this week and trying hard to meet challenges.
Year 5	Ruby	For	Working well during maths this week, especially during our translation and reflections lessons!
	Erin	For	Demonstrating wonderful knowledge and going above and beyond during our French lesson this week!
Year 6	Freya	for	Your perseverance with our algebra learning in maths. Despite finding it difficult at first, you weren't afraid to keep trying.
	Jacob	for	Being a superb role model, demonstrating a positive attitude towards your learning within and beyond the classroom.

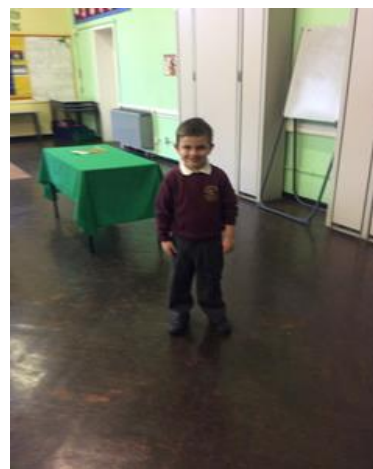
## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING



Lexia Superstar



Out of school achievements



### Polite reminders:



Dogs are not allowed on school grounds for the health & safety of all members of our school community. Even small dogs that may be being carried in bags are not to be brought onto school premises.

Thank you for your support.



Our school site is a no smoking site and as such this includes e-cigarettes.

Thank you for your support.

### Parents Communication Survey

Thank you to the parents who took the time to fill in our communication survey. We will feedback to you the results very soon!

26 surveys were completed in all, and we are very pleased to announce that Rosie Woodhead (Charlie and Harry's Mum in F2) was the lucky winner of the £10 Meadowhall voucher.

## 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

### ATTENTION Y6 CLASS

Please note there will be no Y6 revision booster club on Monday 13th February. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**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** ☐



### Milk For January 2017

For Spring Term 2 - until the Easter break 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

If you would like your child to receive milk from 27<sup>th</sup> February after the half term break, it will cost £5.78 Please order by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017. This milk order takes us up to the Easter Break.

*Please note milk can be ordered at any time throughout the year. The price reduces on a sliding scale. Please contact the school office for the correct price.*



We would like to say a big thank you to our Parents/Grandparents and volunteers who regularly help on school trips and in school, we are very grateful for their help and support.

If there are any other Parents/Grandparents who would like to help on school trips and hold a DBS certificate, or would be willing to apply for a DBS certificate through school, please contact the school office.

We are very grateful for any volunteers and would especially welcome any new Parents/Grandparents from our F2 class.

Thank you for your support



### **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 \_\_\_\_\_



**ATTENTION F2 CLASS:** On

Tuesday 7th March F2 will be walking to Asda to learn about Fair Trade. We will be hunting around Asda for some different Fair Trade products, and maybe even buying some for baking back in class!

Parents please note that you do not need to sign permission for this, as this is a local walk which was signed for during home visits. If any parents are DBS checked and would like to help us on our walk and hunt around Asda then please see Miss Campbell by 17th February.



Please check out the new and updated wishes on our wish wall in the entrance hall. All classes have added new wishes to the wall and any help that you can give us will be much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

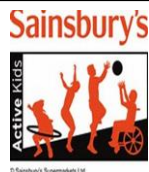
**500 words**



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 by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and we will run our own in school competition where you could win some book vouchers.

Get writing!



**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.
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Thank you for your support!



**Head Lice** : We have had another 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. 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. Please help us to tackle this age old problem and check your children's hair and follow advice if you find lice! Thank you!