



## Newsletter – Issue 22

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### Important Dates and What's Happening

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 9.15am**

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy**

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

**Assembly at 2.30pm. All parents welcome!**

**Tuesday 7th March-F2 walk to Asda**

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**British Science Week in school**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am**

**Showcase Assembly for British Science Week**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - From 1.40pm**

**F2 Science Afternoon**

**Parents/Grandparents welcome**

**Tuesday 21st March**

**Y5 Lenten Retreat Day**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Y1, Y2 and Y3 attending Mass in church.**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Y5 Cathedral Trip**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Y4, Y5, and Y6 attending Mass in Church**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April at 3pm**

**Flute Performance**

**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>98.7</b>	<b>1</b>
Year 1	<b>97.3</b>	<b>0</b>
Year 2	<b>98.3</b>	<b>2</b>
Year 3	<b>98.1</b>	<b>4</b>
Year 4	<b>95.0</b>	<b>6</b>
Year 5	<b>95.9</b>	<b>0</b>
Year 6	<b>99.3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>School Total</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>14</b>

**Well Done Y6, fantastic attendance.**

**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.....**

<b>F2</b>	PRISCILLA
<b>Year 1</b>	AVA
<b>Year 2</b>	ALFIE
<b>Year 3</b>	ERIN
<b>Year 4</b>	ADWOA
<b>Year 5</b>	ERIN
<b>Year 6</b>	ELEANOR

### REMINDER

**Wednesday 1st March 9.15am**

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> February

F2	Percy	for	Always trying really hard in your learning. Well done.
	Charlie	for	Fantastic effort with your topic homework in creating a 3d sweetie house for Hansel and Gretel. Super job
Year 1	Zephaniah	for	Being sensible, hard working and using different methods to multiply.
	Claudia	for	Being a caring, friendly member of class, who did well in sequencing the Titanic story.
Year 2	Harry	for	Trying really hard to solve tricky maths problems.
	Maisie	for	Beautiful art work creating a variegated wash and silhouette.
Year 3	Aimee	for	A very positive attitude to her work.
	Donnell	for	Always being ready to listen and learn this week.
Year 4	Ryan	for	Being really grown up and a good friend in the playground.
	Daniel	for	Helping your friends and being kind to everybody in our class at all times.
Year 5	Alicia	for	Challenging yourself in your maths work this week, especially when ordering fractions with different denominators.
	Faith	for	Improving her retrieval and inference skills this week! Good work using evidence from the text! Keep it up!
Year 6	Evan	for	Being a wonderful ambassador for our school during the Big Sing Liturgy at Notre Dame.
	Bradley	for	Your beautifully delivered reading during our Big Sing Liturgy, in front of the whole congregation.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

Lexia Superstars



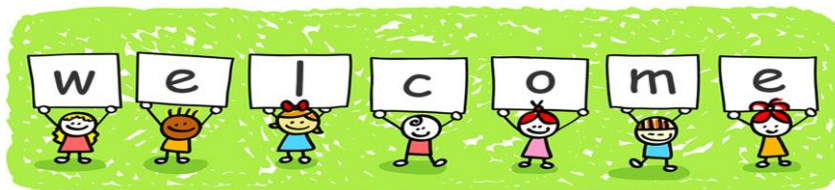
Out of school achievements



Act of kindness week.



Y4 swimming certificates



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Lynzie Evans who joins us for the rest of the academic year and will be teaching Y2.



### Flute Performance

Our Y4 children, along with 2 Y5s and a Y6 child will be doing a flute performance on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 3pm in school. They will be showcasing their flute work so far.

**Families are very welcome to join us for this performance.**



### 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 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March after the half term break, it will cost £4.95. Please order by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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.*

### **Y5 will be visiting St. Marie's**

**Cathedral** as part of our current RE topic. This trip fits in perfectly as we will be learning about the objects and relics in the church. Our trip includes an interactive tour around the cathedral, a workshop including object-handling and activities and possibly an organ demonstration!

The trip will be on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We will be leaving school after 9am register and arriving back around 1:30 pm. We will be eating our packed lunch at the cathedral. All children need to wear their school uniform.

**A HUGE thank you to the Friends Association who are paying for the coach!**

**The trip to the Cathedral is free however they do ask for donations, so if you are able to donate a pound or two, we will be presenting it to them during the visit. Thanks in advance!**

### Y5 Cathedral Visit

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Y5 Cathedral visit on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Signed Parent/carers \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ham Sandwich ☐

Cheese Sandwich ☐

Tuna Sandwich ☐



British Science Week this year will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> March. This year the focus is on '*changes*'. We are going to be having a variety of different focus activities throughout the school to get children excited about science!

Classes will have the chance to share their learning with the rest of the school at the end of the week, and merit awards for super scientists will be given that week also.

**Parents are invited to attend the showcase assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am and find out about what has been happening in school throughout the week.**

### **Science Week - Changes**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Focus</b>
Y6	Class 6 will be learning about chemical reactions. We will be getting our aprons on to get baking. With variations in our recipes, I wonder what will happen to our loaves of bread?
Y5	Class 5 will learning about changing states through solids, liquids and gases. We will be "turning" ourselves into molecules. We will also be investigating different materials and making our very own rubber ball.
Y4	Class 4 will be learning about light and dark. We will be carrying out an investigation to see how shadows are determined by the light and if our shadows change shape or move.
Y3	Year 3 will be looking at colour change in plants, and also liquids and will be experimenting with making our own dyes. We will also investigate the way felt pen colours are created.
Y2	Class 2 will be learning about changing states. We will be making rockets linked to our inventor theme and watching them 'blast off'.
Y1	Class 1 will be learning about Wonderful Weather. We will be creating a weather station complete with a rain gauge and wind vane and recording our findings each day.
F2	F2 will be focusing on changing colours, we will be using different media to create new colours and mix different shades and tones. We might even be making some colourful slime...





In order to help to celebrate science week F2 parents are invited to attend a science parent afternoon. There will be lots of practical science activities linked to our science week focus of changes that you can do with your child. This will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** from 1.40pm. Parents can come for the whole afternoon, or for just a short while. If you are unable to attend then please feel free to ask Grandparents or other family members if they would like to attend in your place.

**Please could you sign up in class to say whether you are able to attend, or not, so that refreshments can be provided for.**



### **Don't Forget**

#### **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 - Parents are very welcome to come and join us, for the world book day assembly at 2.30pm.**

**There will be prizes for the best dressed characters!**