



Newsletter – Issue 25

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Important Dates and What's Happening

Monday 20th March - Friday 31st March

The Big Pedal Competition 2017!

Wednesday 22nd March - Y5 Cathedral Trip

Thursday 23rd March – 9.30am
Y4, Y5, and Y6 attending Mass in Church

Wednesday 29th March
Y3 Multi Sports at Yewlands

3rd April at 3pm - Flute Performance

4th/5th April - Y4 Residential Trip to Kingswood

Thursday 6th April 9.30am - Mass in school

Thursday 6th April - RNLI workshops for KS2 classes

Thursday 6th April 2.30pm
Music Hub Singing concert for F2 – Y3 classes

Monday 10th April 9.15am
Y4 Lenten Liturgy Palm Sunday

Tuesday 11th April 9.15am
Y3 Lenten Liturgy The Last Supper

Wednesday 12th April 9.15am
Y5 Lenten Liturgy - Garden of Gethsemane

Thursday 13th April 2.30pm
Y6 Lenten Liturgy – Crucifixion

Easter Holidays from Friday 14th April
Return to school on the 24th April

12th/14th June - Y6 Residential Trip to Mount

Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	98.1	0
Year 1	99.7	1
Year 2	98.3	0
Year 3	97.7	0
Year 4	100	1
Year 5	96.2	0
Year 6	100	0
School Total	97.1	2

Well Done Y6 and Y4 fantastic 100% attendance. They will both receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week!
A great improvement in lates – thank you!

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

F2	SPENCER
Year 1	JOSHUA
Year 2	LAYLA
Year 3	JASMINE
Year 4	OLIVIA
Year 5	MAISIE
Year 6	JOSH

POLITE REMINDER

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.

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 17th March

F2	Jonas	for	Fantastic effort and enthusiasm with your science week learning. Well done!
	Lucas	for	Brilliant engagement with all the science activities for science week! You superstar, well done!
Year 1	Olivia	for	Your wonderful scientific skills during our investigations for Science Week. Well done!
	Tabitha	for	Your enthusiastic scientific curiosity when we have been investigating weather for Science Week. Well done!
Year 2	Grace	for	Working and trying hard in our science lessons this week.
	Samuel	for	Good understanding of the concepts covered in our science topic this week
Year 3	Aimee	for	An enthusiastic and organised way of approaching Scientific experiments.
	Jasmine	for	Super scientific skills and understanding of fair tests.
Year 4	Sienna	for	A fantastic improvement in the presentation of your handwriting. Keep up the hard work!
	Lacey	for	A fantastic effort in your homework and always going the extra mile in our Guided Reading sessions.
Year 5	Bezawet	for	Demonstrating scientific knowledge when "becoming" a molecule and showing how to change into different states of matter!
	Mubarik	for	Using amazing scientific skills when participating in our experiment of making a rubber latex ball! You even made one at home!!
Year 6	Rebecca	for	Your careful consideration of how the Fairtrade Premium should be invested.
	Emilija	for	Your outstanding effort in all areas of the curriculum. You continue to challenge yourself and this shows in the progress you're making.



We respectfully ask that families do not use the school car park when dropping off/picking up children for breakfast club, and for after school clubs. We realise parking is very difficult, and thank you for your co-operation with helping us to ensure the health and safety of all our pupils.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

Lexia Superstars



Out of school achievements



Early Bird week!

**Early bird week will be from
Monday 27th March - Friday 31st March 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.



Children's University gold award winners at Sheffield Hallam University!



The children from F2 through to Y3 have been receiving singing lessons from the Music Hub this half term.

A concert will be held in school on April 6th at 2:30pm which the parents and carers from these classes are invited to attend.

Flute Performance

Our Y4 children, along with 2 Y5s and a Y6 child will be doing a flute performance on Monday 3rd April at 3pm in school. They will be showcasing their flute work so far.
Families are very welcome to join us for this performance.



The Big Pedal Competition 2017!

As in past years, our school will be participating in the national 2 week competition to complete a VIRTUAL race by bike and scooter using our journeys to school. The competition begins on **Monday 20th March and runs through Friday 31st March**. The children will have a whole school assembly run by Sustrans on Monday to kick off the competition and explain it to them (and hopefully motivate them to take part) Our goal is to get as many children **AND** parents to bike or scoot to school during these 2 weeks. Every day, your child will tell their teacher if they biked or scooted to school (they will even be asked if their parents did too). Then these numbers will be inputted daily onto the Big Pedal website to see how far we have travelled across the nation! There are national prizes for the schools that travel the furthest distance. Our best 5 days will determine our position in the challenge. For more information, please go to: www.bigpedal.org.uk

REMINDER TO Y5 CLASS

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PERMISSION SLIP FOR THE Y5 VISIT TO :

**St. Marie's Cathedral on Wednesday,
22nd March.**

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.

Thank you for your support!

I give permission for _____ to
attend the Y5 Cathedral visit on Wednesday 22nd
March.

Signed

Parent/Carer _____ Date _____

Attention Y5:

Y5 are fortunate to have the Hallam Youth Ministry again this year to provide us with a Lenten Retreat Day!! This day will take place on Tuesday, 21st March. This is an all-day workshop in school where the children will be reflecting and focussing on Lenten activities. The day will kick off with a whole school assembly led by the InReality Team. At the end of the day, the Y5's will be putting on an assembly/liturgy for the whole school in order to see what they have been learning about during the day.

The Friends Association have kindly offered to fund part of the day, which is wonderful news, and means we only need to ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of £3.50 for each child.

Please could you send your voluntary contribution in a named envelope marked "Y5 Lenten Retreat Day" by Tuesday 21st March. Thank you for your support.

A huge thanks to the Friends for their contribution!



Easter Bonnet Competition

We will be holding an Easter Bonnet Competition on Friday 7th April for any children who would like to design, bring in and wear an Easter Bonnet.

There will be the chance to show off their Easter Bonnets during the day, and prizes will be awarded by School Council for creativity and fun ideas!



Easter Egg Raffle

Staff will be providing prizes of Easter Eggs! Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 27th March until Thursday 6th April at 10p each. The raffle will be drawn on 7th April



Y3 Multi Sports at Yewlands School

20 children from Y3 are being given the opportunity to take part in the Yewlands Multi Sports competition , on Wednesday 29th March . The children will have the opportunity to compete against other Primary Schools in the Yewlands Family. The competition starts at 1.30pm, and the children will be back in school ready to be collected at the usual time. On the day, the selected children will need to bring their shorts, a pair of trainers, and a water bottle, school will provide a t-shirt for the children to wear.

Places will be allocated to the first 20 children who bring their permission slips back to class teacher.

Y3 Multi Sports at Yewlands School

I give permission for to attend the Y3 Multi Sports at Yewlands school on Wednesday 29th March should they be selected.

SignedDate

I aspire to be....

Hat Day!

Friday 28th April 2017

In aid of The Good Shepherd, we invite children to design a hat to wear which represents their dreams and aspirations when they are grown-ups.

The hat could be inspired by an artist, teacher, footballer or business person. You can design the hat in any way you like; be creative!

Children are also welcome to come to school in non-uniform on this day to match their hat if they wish.

We ask for a minimum donation of £1 per child, which will go towards our Good Shepherd fund this year.

Thank you!

