



Newsletter – Issue 26

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Important Dates

Monday 20th March - Friday 31st March
The Big Pedal Competition 2017!

Wednesday 29th March - Y3 Multi Sports

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

Tuesday 25th April – Y1 EIS Trip

19th May – Y6 Jump Inc Trip

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

Last Week's Attendance

| Class | Percentage Attendance | Lates |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| F2 | 97.4 | 0 |
| Year 1 | 97.7 | 1 |
| Year 2 | 94.3 | 1 |
| Year 3 | 98.7 | 3 |
| Year 4 | 98.7 | 2 |
| Year 5 | 97.6 | 1 |
| Year 6 | 97.7 | 0 |
| School Total | 97.4 | 8 |

**Well Done Y3 and Y4. They will both 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 | OLIVER |
| Year 1 | JAMES |
| Year 2 | ABBY |
| Year 3 | C J |
| Year 4 | EWEN |
| Year 5 | FINLEY |
| Year 6 | BRANDON |

If your child is going to be absent from school due to ill health, please remember to report this to the school office by leaving a telephone message as soon as possible in the morning, or by 9.30am at the latest.

Thank you for your support with this.

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 24th March 2017

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| F2 | Gracie | For | Super effort in literacy! |
| | Harry | For | Enthusiasm in all his learning and for being really brave! |
| YEAR 1 | Olivia | For | Her beautiful interpretation of what God means to her for our 'God is...' competition. |
| | Poppy | For | Her wonderful ideas and artwork to depict what God is to her for the 'God is...' competition. |
| YEAR 2 | Mischa | For | Always trying hard with her work and excellent behaviour. |
| | Alfie | For | Working hard and super behaviour this week. |
| YEAR 3 | Donnel | For | Working hard to create expanded noun phrases to describe magical beasts. |
| | Grayson | For | Persevering and working hard to create a 3D model from a net independently. |
| YEAR 4 | Deangelo | For | Fantastic homework and positive approach to learning. |
| | Lola | For | Fantastic homework and positive approach to learning |
| YEAR 5 | Evie | For | Putting amazing effort into your maths and reading work lately, including your recent assessments! |
| | Masie | For | Putting beautiful effort, thoughtfulness and consideration into your artwork on the life cycle of a star. |
| YEAR 6 | Joseph | For | Independent use of a bible to support your RE learning. |
| | Jake | For | Demonstrating a good understanding of how Jesus is the bread of life. |

Outstanding homework

For quite some time now, each week every class teacher chooses a child from their class for "Outstanding homework". The child's work is then displayed in school for that week. We realise not all parents/carers may see this display so may not know if their child has been awarded outstanding homework. So from this week we will be including the names of children on the newsletter, who have been awarded outstanding homework. That way you can celebrate with us and your child!

Outstanding Homework this week!

| Class | Name |
|-------|--------|
| F2 | Mia |
| Y1 | Oscar |
| Y2 | Sophia |
| Y3 | James |
| Y4 | Maisie |
| Y5 | Winta |
| Y6 | Jake |

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

Lexia Superstars



Out of school achievements



REMINDER

Early Bird Week!

**It Is Early bird week, this week 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.



We would like to say a BIG thank you to Sustrans for donating all of the prizes for the Footprint Badge competition winners and runners-up! All of the winners and runners-up will have their artwork displayed in school and some winners will have their artwork entered into the South Yorkshire competition.



The boys who attended the Sheffield United competition. They had a fantastic time.



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**. Our goal is to get as many children **AND** parents to bike or scoot to school during these 2 weeks. 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



Easter Bonnet Competition - Friday 7th April

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



YEAR ONE CLASS

Point Network Games at English Institute of Sport

On Tuesday 25th April, Y1 Class will take part in the points network games event at the English Institute of Sport (EIS). Schools from around Sheffield are participating and competing in nine different sports over the afternoon including basketball throwing, foam javelin, cricket batting, long jump and speed bounce. **Children will need to bring a packed lunch to school that day or order a packed lunch from school below. They will also need their PE kits (black shorts, shirts and trainers) and also a water bottle.** We will be leaving school at approx. 11.30am and the event finishes at 3.30pm so we will not be returning to school until 4pm. Please arrange to collect your child from schools main reception area at 4pm.

Please note there is no charge for this event.

I give permission for _____

To attend the English Institute of Sport on Tuesday 25th April.

I will collect my child from school at 4pm. ☐

I will provide my child with a packed lunch ☐

I would like to order a universal free school meal of: Ham Sandwich ☐ Cheese Sandwich ☐ Tuna Sandwich ☐

Signed Parent/Carer: _____

Date _____

Flute Performance

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 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.



Before the start of the school day...

Please can we remind parents/carers that you are responsible for children before the start of the school day (unless they come to breakfast club).

We have had instances recently of some of our younger children being left unsupervised in the yards.

Thank you for your support with this.

Parents of F2 children. On Thursday 13th April at 2.30pm it is the Y6 Lent Liturgy which is based on the final events leading up to Jesus being put to death on the cross. Parts of the liturgy will be loud and also dark. Because of this, some of our youngest children in school may find this a little bit frightening. If you have concerns about this then please come and chat to staff.



The Jump Inc trip for Year 6 for having the best attendance during our attendance competition in January, has been confirmed as Friday the 19th May. Children will travel by coach to the Jump Inc centre at Parkgate Rotherham for an "all expenses paid trip" funded by Jump inc and Academics. They will leave school after lunch and return for the end of the school day.

Please complete the permission slip below in order for your child to take part in the trip.

JUMP INC - Y6 TRIP

I give permission for my child to attend the Y6 trip to Jump Inc on Friday the 19th May 2017

I understand my child will travel by coach to the Parkgate Centre at Rotherham and that there is no charge for this event.

Signed Parent/Carer _____ Date _____



We have had a report of Head Lice in Y1



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 may 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!

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs.
Tankard for fulfilling a
"wish" from the star wall
by contributing newspapers
to
Y5 and F2!