



Newsletter – Issue 27

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Important Dates

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

REMINDER

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

Tuesday 25th April – Y1 EIS Trip

Friday 28th April- The Good Shepherd Appeal
Donate a £1 and design a hat and wear it to school

Thursday 4th May 2pm -7pm Parents evening

Week beg 8th May – KS2 SATs week

Thursday 18th May – 9.30am Mass in church

Friday 19th May – Y6 Jump Inc Trip

Thursday 25th May- (Friends Association) **Disco**

Friday 26th May- Virtual Velodrome in class.

12th/14th June - Y6 Residential Trip

Sunday 18th June – 1st Holy Communion Mass
11am at St Patrick's Church

21st June –Diocesan review of the school

26th/30th June – Fundraising week

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Friday 30th June 3.30pm-5pm
Summer Fair in school

Wednesday 5th July -Notre Dame Induction day
for Y6 children transferring to Notre Dame.

Friday 7th July AM - Sports Day

Monday 17th July 9.15am -Live Music
performance for the children

Wednesday 19th July 9.15am -Progress
Assembly – all welcome

Thursday 20th July 9.30am – Leavers Mass – all
welcome

Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	94.8	0
Year 1	99.3	0
Year 2	93.3	2
Year 3	97.3	0
Year 4	98.0	1
Year 5	97.9	1
Year 6	98.0	2
School Total	97.0	6

**Well Done Y1. 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.....**

F2	SOPHIA
Year 1	OLIVIA
Year 2	NIKOLA
Year 3	SEFANA
Year 4	GEORGE
Year 5	ALICIA
Year 6	ELLA

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 31st March 2017

F2	Jessie	For	Fantastic independent effort in maths this week. You worked so hard and tried your best. Well done !
	Percy	For	Persevering in maths when you found it tricky. You kept going and we are so proud of you. Well done !
YEAR 1	Lucy	For	Her outstanding attitude to her learning this week and for her brilliant writing in literacy, well done Lucy, keep it up!
	Oliver	For	His fantastic contributions to learning this week, especially in maths. Fabulous work Oliver, well done!
YEAR 2	Archie	For	Using IT to create an amazing car design
	Ruqayah	For	Working hard and trying her best in maths this week
YEAR 3	CJ	For	Impressing Mrs. Owens with his astounding effort in Maths, keep it up!
	Imogen	For	For coming in with a smile for her Big Write, and for including lots of great ideas when creating her information text about a Magical Beast.
YEAR 4	Finley	For	Outstanding effort in your handwriting, it is beautiful!
	Ewen	For	Always putting in 100% into your work and trying your hardest with our challenges.
YEAR 5	Grace	For	Challenging and pushing herself in her column multiplication strategies and word problems!
	Lily	For	Taking responsibility in her own learning in and out of the classroom for our space unit! Super research!!
YEAR 6	Caden	For	Your perseverance and focus during mock SATs week. You were able to really show off your true potential. Keep it up!
	Maddison	For	Demonstrating a secure understanding across all subjects during mock SATs week with your awesome strategies and annotations.

Homework Reminder

Just a reminder that homework goes out on a Wednesday and needs to be returned to school the following Tuesday. This is to allow staff time to look at and mark homework, and stick in the following week's homework. If homework isn't brought back on a Tuesday, it may not get marked. Also if homework books aren't in school on Wednesdays, then the children will still be given their homework but it will be just the sheet of paper. Staff do remind children to hand in their homework books.

Thank you for your support with this.

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.

Outstanding Homework this week!

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>
F2	Harry
Y1	Brody
Y2	Maya
Y3	Jasmine
Y4	Deangelo
Y5	Freddie
Y6	Emilija

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

Lexia Superstars



Out of school achievements



REMINDER

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!



EARLY BIRD WINNER



Runners up for
The God Is!
Competition



Don't Forget to buy your raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale this week until Thursday 6th April at 10p each.
The raffle will be drawn on 7th April



The winners of
The God Is!
Competition

Please be considerate when parking near the school of other road users, and residential properties. Please do try not to block driveways of people who live close to the school.

Thank you for your support with this.



Congratulations to Miss Hodson and her partner on the birth of their baby daughter Franchesca Alice. She was born on Thursday 30th March - weighing 8lb 7 ounces.

We can't wait to see them both!



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.

YEAR ONE CLASS

Point Network Games at English Institute of Sport

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 _____



Y5 "Cricket in the Classroom"

Y5 will be visiting the Yorkshire County Cricket Club in Leeds on Thursday 27th April. Children will need to arrive at school for 8:45 so we can leave promptly on the coach at 9am.

We will be at the Indoor Cricket Centre arriving at 10am and leaving at 2:30. Please be aware as we will not be leaving the club until 2:30, we may not arrive back to school until approx. 3:30pm. The morning consists of a 90 minute classroom session linking cricket to English, Numeracy and Geography, and then 90 minutes of cricket based activities. **After lunch, there will be a behind the scenes tour of Headingley Cricket Ground.**

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle on the day. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order a packed lunch please complete the slip below. Children should wear warm comfortable clothing suitable for participating in physical activity e.g. tracksuit bottoms and trainers or equivalent, **but children do need to wear their school jumper or school polo shirt.**

The cost of this trip has been partially funded by school, but we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 from parents, to help towards the cost of the transport.

Y5 "Cricket in the Classroom"

Yorkshire Country Club in Leeds

I give permission for _____

to attend the above Y5 trip on Thursday 27th April.

Signed Parent/carers _____

Date _____

I have enclosed a £10 voluntary contribution ☐

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

☐ Cheese Sandwich ☐ Tuna sandwich ☐



If you would like your child to receive milk from Monday 24th April it will cost £10.03 this needs to be paid before Wednesday 12th April. Please send the milk money into school in a named envelope.

School milk can be ordered at any time through the school year and is priced on a sliding scale. Please see the school office for further details.

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.



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.



REMINDER - Y6 Jump Inc trip, Friday the 19th May. 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: _____

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!



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.

Multi-skills Event at Yewlands



Easter Family Crafts Workshop at St Marie's Cathedral
Wednesday, 19 April, 10.30am-12.30pm
Free entrance



Parent and children lunches

Dolce are offering a buy 1 get 1 free lunch for children and a parent/carer on the following dates:

Wednesday 24th May – Y6 children and parent/carer

Thursday 15th June – Y5 children and a parent/carer

Wednesday 28th June – Y4 children and a parent/carer

(More dates will follow for other classes)

If your child orders a school lunch on that day, then one parent/carer can have a free school lunch. Please complete the slip below to indicate if you will be joining us on any of the above dates, so Dolce have an idea of numbers.

Name of Child: _____

Class: _____

Name of Parent/Carer joining us for a school Dinner: _____

I understand I will receive the same school dinner as my child orders on that day unless I indicate here that I would like something different from the menu for that day

I have the following food allergies you need to be aware of.....

Signed: Parent/Carer _____