



Newsletter – Issue 28

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Important Dates

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

Thursday 27th April – Y5 Cricket 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

Tuesday 16th May – Y3 to St Marie's Cathedral

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 Catholic life of
the school

26th/30th June – Fundraising week

Friday 30th June 3.30pm-5pm- School Summer Fair

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

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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	96.8	0
Year 1	98.0	0
Year 2	95.0	2
Year 3	98.7	1
Year 4	98.0	1
Year 5	99.0	1
Year 6	100	1
School Total	97.9	6

**Well Done Y6. 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	SANJAY
Year 1	NOZWEL
Year 2	SHAY
Year 3	GEORGIE-LEIGH
Year 4	PETROS
Year 5	RUBY
Year 6	SARAH

Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."

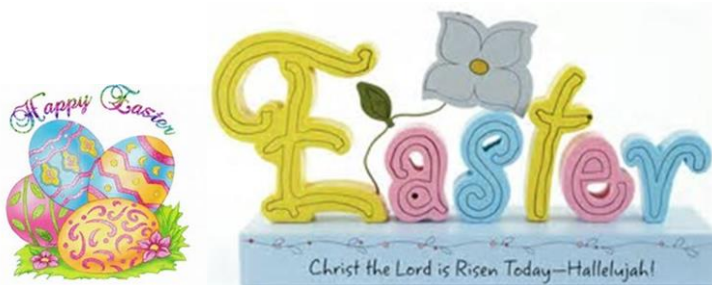
At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to be loved. We believe that Love is:

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 7th April 2017			
F2	Mia	For	Fantastic effort in independent literacy this week. You produced a fantastic information booklet, well done.
	Gracie W	For	Brilliant independent maths learning this week, you have tried hard to practise what you know independently, and become an addition magician! Fantastic, well done .
YEAR 1	Sophie	For	Her outstanding and motivated attitude to her learning all week. Well done, Sophie!
	Rian	For	His positive and conscientious attitude to his learning all week. Keep it up, Rian!
YEAR 2	Dylan	For	All your hard work and always trying your best.
	Maya	For	All your hard work and always trying your best.
YEAR 3	Faryl	For	Perseverance in Maths, impressing Mrs. Owens with her ability to keep trying.
	Emmanuel	For	Excellent enthusiasm with RNLi workshops and focus during singing – generally being a positive pupil, Thank you.
YEAR 4	Theo	For	A fantastic, positive attitude during our residential. You motivated your team to do their very best and worked amazingly in a team.
	Harvey	For	Your beautiful manners during our residential. You represented our school perfectly and you always displayed amazing politeness.
YEAR 5	Nathanael	For	Putting 100% effort and challenging himself in his multiplication and division maths work!
	Finley	For	Using his strategies effectively in his missing number problems work in maths!
YEAR 6	Nikodem	For	Your conviction and expression during the Lenten liturgy rehearsals. You're taking into account the message and embody your role!
	George	For	Great improvement in your application and focus of all areas of your learning. Keep it up!

Outstanding Homework
this week!

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>
F2	Gracie
Y1	Poppy
Y2	Harry
Y3	Thomas
Y4	Harvey
Y5	Sophie
Y6	Nikodem



**We wish all our Children and their families a very
Happy Holy Easter – Enjoy your holidays!**

Back to school on Monday 24th April

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

Lexia Superstars



Out of school achievements



**Winners of our Easter Bonnet
competiton**

Class Ambassadors

In Merit Assembly on Friday our new class Ambassadors were announced!

Children had to write a letter of interest and present reasons to the class as to why they should be chosen. The class then voted for two children to be their class Ambassadors.

Well done- we are sure you will do your class proud!



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.

REMINDER

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). **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

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 _____



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



Y5 "Cricket in the Classroom"

REMINDER - 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. Children will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle on the day. Children should wear warm comfortable clothing suitable for participating in physical activity e.g. tracksuit bottoms and trainers or equivalent, and school top. Voluntary contribution request 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/carer _____

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 ☐



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.

Signed:

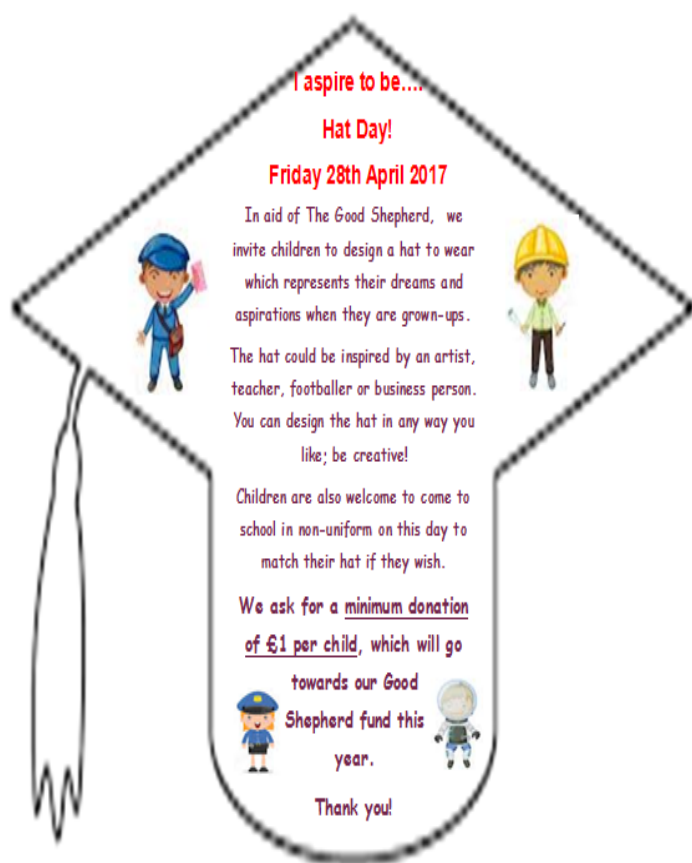
Parent/Carer _____ Date: _____



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.

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.

**REMINDER FRIDAY 28TH APRIL
RAISING MONEY FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD
APPEAL - PLEASE SEE BELOW**



Reminder - 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 (Deadline for ordering Friday 5th May)

Thursday 15th June – Y5 children and a parent/carer (Deadline for ordering Wednesday 24th May)

Wednesday 28th June – Y4 children and a parent/carer (Deadline for ordering Monday 12th June)

(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 _____

Y3 children will be attending St Marie's Catholic Cathedral in Sheffield on Tuesday 16th May to attend the Presentation of the Good Shepherd Artwork and Fundraising following aspirations day. The class will be attending the service at 10:30 am and then having a picnic lunch in the Winter/Peace gardens. They will return to school for the end of the school day.

Children will need to wear full school uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch that day. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and you would like to order a packed lunch for the day please complete the slip below.

We wish to say a big thank you to the Friends Association for funding the cost of the coach!

Y3 trip to St Marie's Cathedral

I give permission for -----
to attend the Y3 trip to St Maries Cathedral on Tuesday 16th May.

Signed Parent/carer:-----

Date: -----

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

Social media websites are being used

increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. St Thomas More Catholic Primary considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the Class Teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. The school Complaints Policy and procedures should also be followed if necessary.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child being educated at St Thomas More catholic Primary is found to be posting libelous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by any member of the school community to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying.

Year four had a fantastic residential trip at the Peak Venture Kingswood Centre from Tuesday 4th April to Wednesday 5th April.

Thank you to Miss Garner, Mrs Reaney and Mrs Round for giving up their time to accompany the children on their stay.



Online game warning:

The following information has originated from a Police Safer Schools Officer in Leeds and we have received it from Sheffield Safeguarding Children Service. They have circulated to all their schools the below warning about a new dangerous 'game' that has hit social media called 'The Blue Whale Challenge'. This has not been raised here in Sheffield as far as we are aware but we felt that it is important that you are aware of potentially what might be on the way:

The Blue Whale game is a dangerous game that is popular at the moment in Russia and spreading across Eastern Europe.

The game is played online and spreads through social media.

Players are appointed a "master/teacher" and these "masters/teachers" challenge the players in stages, to self tattoo a Blue Whale somewhere on the body, usually the arm or the leg. As the game goes on the players are encouraged to self-harm in various ways and the final challenge is to commit suicide.

All these actions have to be filmed and shared via social media to the so called "master/teacher". The game is being played by children of all ages, some as young as primary age, but predominantly by teenagers.

Apparently this game has been mentioned on the Romanian News due to the seriousness of the consequences.

This obviously sets a worrying trend and the game has already been mentioned at a school in Leeds.

Below is a link to an article about this:

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/777933/blue-whale-challenge-british-police-vulnerable-teenage-suicides-russia-britain>



We still have places available on the following clubs.

After School Activities – Summer Term

The cooking club is at risk of being cancelled due to VERY low numbers of interest. If you would like to join this club please return your form as soon as possible.

Monday	Cooking Skills Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Eyre The 8 week block will be Split into two sessions of 4 weeks	£24.00 £3.00 per week For all the 8 weeks. OR £12.00 For 4 weeks	Y2-Y6 8 places available There will be two sessions running over the following dates: Session 1: 8th May-12th June Session 2: 19th June-10th July Children can choose to do one of the four week sessions or both if they wish.	Session 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Session 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Both sessions <input type="checkbox"/> This club finishes at 4.45pm
Tuesday	Art Club Mrs Reaney For 8 weeks	£16.00 £2.00 per week	F2 – Y6 12 places available This club may involve some out door sessions! So outdoor shoes/change of clothing may be needed for some weeks.	Please tick <input type="checkbox"/>

Please send in your completed form and payment as soon as possible, as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Name of Child: _____ Class: _____

Amount Paid: £_____ Signed parent/carer: _____

1)



Information for schools and parents:
Primary school progress measures

In 2016 we introduced new national curriculum tests (commonly called SATs) to reflect the revised national curriculum launched in 2014.

Test results are no longer reported as levels. Scaled scores are used instead to help calculate the new progress measures for schools. [Scaled scores at key stage 2¹](#) guidance explains in more detail how they are calculated.

What has changed?

The way we measure primary school performance at the end of key stage 2 (KS2) has changed. Instead of measuring progress for individual pupils, the new measures look at progress at a school level. Progress measures provide parents with information to help them understand how their school is performing and to inform school choices.

In order to calculate the school level progress measures, pupils' results (at KS2) are compared to the achievements of other pupils across the country who had a similar starting point (prior attainment). Prior attainment is based on teacher assessment judgements at key stage 1 (KS1). Schools have progress measures published for 3 subjects: reading, writing and maths.

There are 2 main advantages to the new progress measures:

- they are fairer to schools because we can compare pupils with similar starting points to each other
- they recognise the progress schools make with all their pupils, highlighting the best schools whose pupils go furthest, whatever their starting point.

2)

The [Primary school accountability in 2016: technical guide²](#) and accompanying video explain in more detail how schools' progress measures are calculated.

What progress measures mean

Most schools will have progress scores between -5 and +5.

If a school has a progress score of 0 this means that on average their pupils achieved similar results at the end of KS2 (end of year 6) to pupils in other schools with similar results at the end of KS1 (end of year 2).

If a school has a positive progress score this means that on average their pupils made more progress than pupils in other schools with similar results at the end of KS1.

For example: a score of +3 in reading would mean that on average pupils at the school got 3 scaled score points more in the KS2 English reading test, compared to other pupils nationally with similar results at the end of KS1.

A negative score doesn't mean a school has failed or pupils have made no progress. It just means that on average their pupils have made less progress than pupils in other schools with similar results at the end of KS1.

For example: a score of -4 in maths would mean that on average pupils at the school got 4 scaled score points fewer in the KS2 maths test, compared to other pupils nationally with similar results at the end of KS1.

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Further information

For parents, your child's teacher will be able to answer any queries you may have about the tests and teacher assessment, or you can visit www.gov.uk/STA for more details.

Schools can find more information about:

- KS1 tests at www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-key-stage-1-tests
- KS2 tests at www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-key-stage-2-tests
- scaled scores and the KS2 tests at www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2

Parent's Evening.

Parents evening is on **Thursday 4th May 2017** where you will be given detailed information on the progress your child has made over the term as well as the opportunity to look at your child's work books. Parent's evening will run from 2pm – 7pm. Please complete the slip below with your time preference and return it to school. Appointments will be allocated in the order slips are returned.

Parents Evening – Thursday 4th May 2017

Appointment times allocated will be sent home with your child.

You will receive this on Friday 28th April.

I would like an appointment to see my child's class teacher. I have listed all of my children below. I can attend at any of the following times, for a ten minute appointment for each child, the last appointment is at 6:50pm.

☐ 2.00 -2.30

☐ 2.30 – 3.00

☐ 3.00 – 3.30

☐ 3.30 to 4.00

☐ 4.00 to 4.30

☐ 4.30 to 5.00

☐ 5.00 to 5.30

☐ 5.30 to 6.00

☐ 6.00 to 6.30

☐ 6.30 to 6.50

	Name of child	Class or teacher
1		
2		
3		
4		

If you are unable to attend Parents Evening but would like to see the class teacher to discuss your child's progress, please tick here and we will contact you ☐

If there is another parent who will be attending separately, please tick here and we will contact them ☐