



Newsletter – Issue 29

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Important Dates

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

Tuesday 2nd May – F2 Pirate Day

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 Bowling Trip

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

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
Summer Fair in School - (Friends Association)

Tuesday, 4th July 2-3pm - Y5 UniHeroes

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	89.5	0
Year 1	100%	0
Year 2	96.3	0
Year 3	96.7	3
Year 4	90.0	3
Year 5	91.8	0
Year 6	99.2	1
School Total	94.8	7

Well Done Y1 fantastic attendance and punctuality. 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	SPENCER
Year 1	COLE
Year 2	MAISIE
Year 3	SEFANA
Year 4	SKYE
Year 5	EGHOSA
Year 6	KALAB



**Welcome back to school for our
Summer term.**

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - SUMMER TERM 2017

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter, the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World).

PENTECOST—SERVING

24.04.17 – 19.05.17

Early Years **GOOD NEWS** - Passing on the Good News of Jesus

Year 1 **HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS** - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit

Year 2 **SPREAD THE WORD** - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News

Year 3 **ENERGY** - Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Year 4 **NEW LIFE** - To hear and live the Easter message

Year 5 **TRANSFORMATION** - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

Year 6 **WITNESSES** - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.

Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

22.05.17 – 30.06.17

Early Years **FRIENDS** - Friends of Jesus

Year 1 **BEING SORRY** - God helps us choose well

Year 2 **RULES** - Reasons for rules in the Christian family

Year 3 **CHOICES** - Importance of examination of conscience

Year 4 **BUILDING BRIDGES** - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other

Year 5 **FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY** - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible

Year 6 **HEALING** - Sacrament of the Sick

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven.

Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

03.07.17 – end of term

Early Years **OUR WORLD** - God's wonderful world

Year 1 **NEIGHBOURS** - Neighbours share God's world

Year 2 **TREASURES** - God's treasure; the world

Year 3 **SPECIAL PLACES** - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community

Year 4 **GOD'S PEOPLE** - Different saints show people what God is like

Year 5 **STEWARDSHIP** - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation

Year 6 **COMMON GOOD** - Work of the worldwide Christian family

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

REMINDER

FRIDAY 28TH APRIL

RAISING MONEY FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

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

**We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 per child which will go towards our Good Shepherd Fund for this year.
Thank you for your support.**



Y6 Trip to the Bowling Alley

Following the letter sent to all Y6 Children before the Easter break. We do require a permission slip to be completed to allow your child to attend the Bowling Alley on Friday 19th May.

The children will be travelling by coach to the Barnsley Metrodome after lunch on Friday 19th May this is in replacement of the previous Jump Inc trip.

Y6 Bowling Trip to Barnsley Metrodome

I give permission for _____
to attend the above Y6 trip to the Barnsley Metrodome on Friday 19th May

Signed Parent/carer _____

Date _____



Please note we do have two cases of chicken pox in school in F2 and Y2.

F2 Pirate Adventure



Ahoy me Mateys!

F2 will be setting sail on the seas for a Pirate Adventure hunting for some buried treasure. Tuesday the 2nd May is the day, so get your pirate dress on ready to board the ship and set sail across the ocean.



Y5 "Cricket in the Classroom"

REMINDER - This Thursday 27th April.

We have still not received all the permission slips from parents for the above trip. Unfortunately if your child does not return a permission slip to school they will be unable to attend the trip and will have to stay in school.

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, 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 ☐

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 ☐

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 _____

Thank you to the staff and children for the preparation and effort that went into the Lent Liturgies.

We hope you enjoyed them.



We still have places available on the following club.

After School Activities – Summer Term

The club will commence the week beginning Monday 8th May and run for 8 weeks until week commencing the 10th July 2017

<p>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.</p>				
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 <i>There will be two sessions running over the following dates:</i> Session 1: 8th May-12th June Session 2: 19th June-10th July <i>Children can choose to do one of the four week sessions or both if they wish.</i>	Session 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Session 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Both sessions <input type="checkbox"/> <i>This club finishes at 4.45pm</i>

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/carers: _____



We have 28 red chairs in school that are no longer needed. If any parent or carer could make good use of the chairs please talk to the school office or Mr Parker.

We are not making any charge for the chairs, however if you would like to make a small contribution to the school fund that would be very much appreciated.

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

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☐ 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 ☐