



Newsletter – Issue 6
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Testing those who are symptomatic of Covid19 is a key strategy in managing and reducing the spread of the virus.

Detailed below is the government guidance on what the symptoms are of Covid19:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

In line with DFE guidance, anyone who is symptomatic we are asking that they are tested. Please note period of isolation for the person with symptoms is 10 days from the start of symptoms, a household member would need to isolate for 14 days.

Attendance expectations

From the start of the autumn term 2020 pupil attendance is mandatory and the usual rules on attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

School has received guidance from the Local Authority, which states that where families will not engage with the testing process of Covid19, school will not be able to authorise the absence and as such, no schoolwork will be provided during the period of absence.

Yewlands Virtual Y5/6 Open Evening.

Below is the link for this.

<https://youtu.be/9Rf0icTqCQQ>

Yewlands have provided some prospectuses for St T M families who do not have the facilities to view this online. Let the school office know if you would like one of these.

For families who would like to view this online the link to this is

https://www.yewlandsacademy.org/Data/About_Downloads/YewlandsAcademyProspectusWeb.pdf.

Finally, Yewlands have the LearningSupport@yewlandsacademy.org email if families have any queries.

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

At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to become the wonderful person God created us to be.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

We really are so appreciative of everyone's understanding and support in implementing protective measures to help reduce the spread of the virus. We realise there are lots of things to remember!

Recently we have noticed some of the protective measures are not always being followed so here is a reminder of the key protective measures we are asking you to follow. (please do not be offended if school staff remind you regarding the below, it's about working together to help stop the spread of the virus)

- Only 1 parent/carer per family to come on school site at drop off/pick up times- this helps to keep the number of people on school site at any one time to a minimum.
- Please keep 2m apart from anyone not in your household- this helps to limit the spread of the virus. There are 2m markings throughout the school site to support this.
- Please keep your child/children with you at all times- this supports the protective bubble we have in place in school.
- Although we love to chat to our families, in order to keep lines moving etc, please phone/email or send a note into school with any messages etc for staff.

Thank you for your help.

PARKING

Once again, we are reminding parents/carers to not park or turn your car around in the car park entrance; it is extremely dangerous for pedestrians. We ask all our school community to park and drive respectfully and responsibly at all times.



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Saints to Celebrate in October

There are a number of notable saints whose feast days could be highlighted this month:

Thursday 1st	St Therese of the Child Jesus <i>The Mission Together website has several resources focussing on St Therese</i>
Friday 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday 9th	St John Henry Newman <i>One of our most recently canonised saints. Look up his 'Radiating Christ' prayer, and his 'God has created me' quote.</i>
Thursday 15th	St Teresa of Avila <i>Her prayer 'Let nothing disturb you' is very appropriate for these times. And her prayer 'Christ has no body now on earth...' is particularly beautiful.</i>
Thursday 22nd	St John Paul II <i>A good opportunity to share his Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.</i>

Please can parents/carers remind children not to ride their bikes/scooters on school premises. Thank you.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary


October is the month for the Holy Rosary and the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary is Wednesday 7th October.

For your homework, you need to become rosary designers and create an actual 3D rosary or a decade of a rosary. You can use items from home to design your rosary. For example, use beads and string, knotted string, Cheerios or cereal and string, rocks/stones from your garden, playdough, draw using colours and paper or any other creative ideas that you can think of.

Remember, you can't bring in your homework, so please email a picture of it to your teacher. You could even email a picture of yourself and/or your family using your rosary to pray.

Two winners from each class will have their rosary project printed and added to our whole school display! You can make it as colourful, imaginative and 3D as you want. Use your creativity! ☺

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	CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS Friday 2nd October 2020		
F2	Nerae	For	Showing us your super listening on the carpet and for trying really hard with your letter writing in RWInc :) Well done Nerae!
	Filip		Coming into school with a smile and joining in with your friends during choosing time. Well done Filip :)
Y1	Daisy	For	Having a great start back at school this week – you have shown determination this week and you have really impressed all the adults in Y1 with your Maths work!
	Carlos		Trying super hard in all your lessons this week – especially in your writing these past few days! You have also shown kindness and honesty this week which we are all very proud of!
Y2	Emmanuella	For	For being a wonderful new addition to class two! This week you have joined our class and have been a delight to teach this week. You are super kind to everyone, always try your best and have made lots of friends already! Well done!
	Leylan		For blowing us away with your brilliant maths skills. You have really listened intently to our maths learning and have really impressed us with your ability to count in tens to 100 independently! Keep it up Leylan, you are a star!
Y3	Vanessa	For	Your amazing presentation in all of your work. Your handwriting is always presented beautifully, and you always put so much effort into your work. Well done, Vanessa!
	Bobby O		Your fantastic and informative poster about wearing reflective clothing at night. You used amazing scientific vocabulary in your poster too! Well done, Bobby!
Y4	Dantaye	For	For producing some great work in maths this week and for working really positively with your talk partner.
	Jonas		For showing great imagination and problem solving skills in our lessons this week. Well done!
Y5	Mercy	For	Writing great cohesive sentences about the Yellow Spotted Lizard from our Holes text. Keep up the hard work!
	Macy		Displaying a fantastic attitude to learning during our maths lesson on place value. You tried so hard even when you found it difficult, keep it up!
Y6	Erick	For	Demonstrating a real zeal for learning this week, especially during our maths reasoning lessons! Keep it up!
	Grace		Exhibiting an outstanding effort and positive attitude towards your learning! Keep it up!

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Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	100	0
Year 1	96.2	1
Year 2	97.3	0
Year 3	96.3	0
Year 4	94.7	1
Year 5	99.3	0
Year 6	99	2
School Total	97.5	4

Wow! Well Done F2 you will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK Week ending 2nd October

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners	
F2	Georgie
Year 1	Jacob
Year 2	Katie
Year 3	Kordell
Year 4	Charlie B
Year 5	Olly
Year 6	Sophia

Class	Winner
F2	N/A
Y1	Finley W
Y2	Luna
Y3	Vanessa
Y4	Dantaye
Y5	Brody
Y6	Raphael

TRIPS AND EVENTS - 2020/21



Year 2 children have recently attended the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield for an amazing morning full of lots of different activities to practice our PE skills, such as dancing, throwing, catching and team work skills. The event ran so smoothly thanks to the fantastic staff at the EIS, it was very well organised and all the children were so engaged, they just loved every minute. We all had a fantastic morning and it was great to get moving again!

Harvest Fast Day!

Here at STM, we always celebrate Harvest Fast Day as one way that we help those around us. Even though it will be celebrated a bit different this year, we still want to help others! So, on **Friday 23rd of October**, the children can wear bright colours when they donate £1.00. We will then send all our raised money to CAFOD in order to help others. Thanks in advance to all those who will participate! Stay tuned for how much we will raise. (Please remember to bring exact change as we are not allowed to give change back.)

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Y4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO KINGSWOOD PEAK VENTURE IN PENISTONE

Wednesday 21 April 2021 to Friday 23 April 2021

CANCELLED

In line with the current guidelines which advises school's not to have overnight residential trips, based on the current situation, whilst this is disappointing for the children, we have made the decision to **cancel** the Y4 Kingswood Residential, planned for next Spring. Refunds of any payments already made will be organised as soon as possible.



School photographs will take place on **Monday 9th November**. One photographer will be visiting the school and adhering to all COVID19 safety measures. Due to the current situation, we will only be offering individual photos, no sibling photos. This is because we need to keep to the class bubbles.

An online consent form has been sent out via ParentMail today. Please complete this before Friday 6th November at 10.00am to state whether or not you would like your child to be photographed. If you don't complete the form, we will assume you do not wish for your child to have their photo taken.