



Newsletter – Issue 8
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We hope you have a peaceful and relaxing break and we will see you on Monday 2nd November 2020



Sheffield, along with Doncaster, Barnsley and Rotherham will move into the **'Very High'** alert category from 00:01am on Saturday 24th October. Find out what the new rules and restrictions are and what they mean for you and your loved ones:

<https://sheffnews.com/news/sheffield-moves-to-tier-3-very-high-in-fight-against-covid>

Parents/Carers, can we ask that you keep us informed over the half term period via enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk regarding any children/household members who are symptomatic and require a Covid19 test. Even though we are not in school, we still require this information.

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.

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.

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Attendance expectations

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

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.

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!

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)

- 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.
- 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.

If you're thinking of St Mary's Catholic High School in Chesterfield as an option as your child's Secondary School, they are consulting on the 2022-23 Admissions Policy. Details can be found in the link below:

<http://www.stmaryshigh.derbyshire.sch.uk/2022-admissions-consultation/>

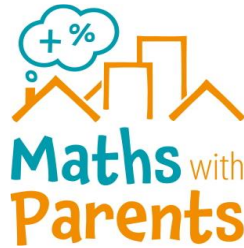
Please be respectful and considerate towards our neighbours. Please do not turn your car around/park in their drives.

Thank you.

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Maths with Parents

Nearly half the school have signed up for Maths with Parents. We would love it if the rest could get on board and sign up! Login details have been provided in homework books.



Welcome to Maths with Parents this year!

Inside your child's homework books this week, there is a letter with a unique code for maths with parents.

We have been given access to this fantastic resource so that it will allow you and your child/children to watch short videos explaining the topics your child/children's teacher chooses, and then play fun games and activities together using items around the home to explore the maths in the real world. The class teacher then gets your feedback and photos so they can see how you are getting on.

Below, is some guidance on how to access maths with parents.

- 1) Visit www.mathswithparents.com
- 2) Click on I'm a Parent, then the Parent Signup button
- 3) Enter your details, then launch the site
- 4) Enter your child's details and their 6-digit class code (once registered, you will not need this again!) *This is in your child's homework book

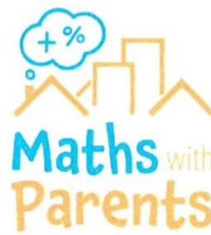
Once you have signed Up – what next?

- Watch the introductory video to see how it works
- Watch the video for the first topic with your child and choose the activity to play first
- Leave feedback for the teacher or upload a photo. This is so important, so they know how your child is getting on
- Pick an item to dress up your Mathscot!

We hope you enjoy exploring the topics together!

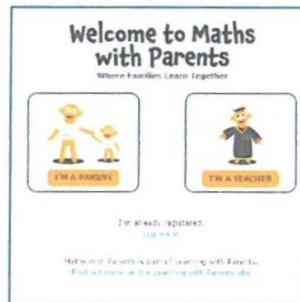
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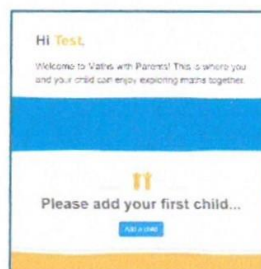
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Click to enter your details
Click to launch the site



3

Click to add your child
Enter your child's details and 6-digit class code.
Once you have used this to register, you will not need it again!



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Then you will see your login details, so you are ready to get started and enjoy our games and activities at home!

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CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS

Friday 16th October 2020

F2	Amy	For	Showing us your super, positive learning and being a fantastic role model to your friends in class. Well done Amy, keep it up!
	Theo		Joining in on the carpet, and becoming a brilliant independent learner. We are proud of you Theo, keep it up!
Y1	Finley H	For	Trying super hard with his amazing adjectives this week – I have been impressed with your contributions to our class discussions about what the jungle looks, smell, sounds, feels and tastes like! Well done!
	Coen		Some fantastic learning in RWI this week – you have blown me away with your amazing blending of green and alien words! Great job!
Y2	Roger	For	For being the perfect role model for other children! You are always listening and always ready to learn. Your attitude in school is fantastic and the effort you put into your work is amazing! I have been especially impressed with your non-fiction writing all about meerkats! Well done!
	Rhys		For blowing Miss Bowman and Miss Bennett away with your amazing reading skills! You have really challenged yourself this week to read some trickier books and are listening so well in RWI which has helped you learn and remember the sounds! Well done, keep it up!
Y3	Darcia	For	Trying really hard this week with partner talk. You have thought carefully about how to question your partner and making the most of time to discuss.
	Allyssia		Your amazing attitude to your learning about the character of Harmony this week. You have tried really hard to include features of a narrative in your writing!
Y4	Alice	For	Your attitude towards your learning this week has been excellent. A great role model for our class.
	Tristan		For having a brilliant mindset in maths. Your determination to improve at rounding numbers has been really impressive. Well done.
Y5	Oliver	For	Showing admirable sportsmanship qualities during our Futsal event on Friday. Oliver you were supporting members of the class and members of your team who found it difficult and always stayed positive even when your team was not winning. Well done Oliver, keep it up.
	Claudia		Being highly resilient during our Futsal event on Friday. You preserved and kept trying to learn the new skills, even when you found it tricky! Well done Claudia, we were all so proud of you!
Y6	Max	For	Showing excellent concentrating and dedication to your learning by asking great questions and challenging yourself! Keep it up!
	Layla		Demonstrating perseverance and having more responsibility and ownership of your learning! Keep it up!

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Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	96.7	0
Year 1	96.5	2
Year 2	98.7	2
Year 3	95.2	1
Year 4	99.7	0
Year 5	100	0
Year 6	99.3	0
School Total	98	5

Wow! Well Done Y5! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Albert
Year 1	Erin G
Year 2	Philomena
Year 3	Jessica
Year 4	Bethany
Year 5	Oliver
Year 6	Gavin

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Sienna in Y1

For:

Always having a positive attitude towards her work, showing real determination in all her work and great perseverance! You are also a fantastic friend and partner and a real role model for other children for how kind and polite we should all be!

Rosary Homework Winners!

A HUGE well done to everyone! We will be making a whole school display out of them. They all looked amazing and thanks to all parents/guardians for helping your children to enhance their education!!! ☺ Mrs. Lord

Y1	Grayson & Poppy
Y2	Milly & Oscar N
Y3	Franklin & Vienna
Y4	Isaac & Sophia
Y5	Shaun & Zephaniah
Y6	Grace & Maya

F2 standard homework winner: Zack

TRIPS AND EVENTS - 2020/21

Saints to Celebrate this week

Thursday 22nd: St John Paul II - A good opportunity to share his Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary



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. 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.

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.)

Fundraising Day- Friday 20th November 2020

We are having a Fundraising Day on **Friday 20th November 2020** to raise money for the Friends Association. Below is what each class will be doing. Sponsor forms will be sent home with children. Due to the current guidelines, please remember to contact friends and families "virtually" to ask for sponsorship.

F2- Odd sock & sponsored bounce

Y1- Antartica theme & yoga-thon

Y2- Egyptian dress up & hoola hoop

Y3- Crazy hair & walk a mile

Y4- Sponsored bike ride

Y5- Aspiration dress up & danceathon

Y6- PJ/onesie day and sponsored silence