



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.

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 would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy, relaxing and peaceful Christmas break. This year has been very different to usual, and I know it has been difficult for many of us. Please do take this time to relax and enjoy time with loved ones. We are looking forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021!**

Please can we ask that any information relating to absences/appointments/Covid19 be emailed to [enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk) and not the class email address. The enquiries email is checked more regularly and we do not want information to get missed.

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 many things to remember!

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- 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 wear a face mask/covering on school site unless you are exempt.**
- 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, please phone/email or send a note into school with any messages, 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.

**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

## Tuck Shop – Spring Term

We are continuing with the Tuck Shop of Fridays after Christmas, within the Class Bubbles in the same way as we have during the Autumn term since returning in September.

To further reduce the amounts of cash being received in school we are trying a slightly different payment method on ParentMail. A new payment item has been added which will operate in a similar way to the Breakfast Club.

Parents/Carers can put money on the account as necessary and each week when any of the children have tuck shop 40p will be deducted from the balance.

Whilst we are discouraging cash, being sent into school, if any is received it will be added to the child's account balance and then deducted weekly. Once a child's balance gets low, parents/carers will be notified so that accounts can be topped up. Both tuck shop and breakfast club are available in the **Accounts** section of ParentMail, not the payments section. If you have any queries regarding tuck shop or need help making payments please contact the school office.

## Breakfast Club January 2021

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Breakfast Club surveys. Having reviewed the responses and the needs of our families, we will be restarting the Breakfast Club after Christmas. Following this feedback, we will initially be continuing with a drop in provision. This will be slightly different for the children in school to ensure they remain in their class bubbles. We will continue to review how successful this is during the first half term and may need to make some change if this becomes un-manageable as a drop in session.

Breakfast Club will restart on **Monday 11 January 2021**. Drop off will be between **8:00 and 8:30am** with strictly no admissions after 8:30. The cost for the first term is **£2 per session** (a reduction due to the free breakfast provision currently available in school). Payment will need to be made in advance via ParentMail (this will be available shortly to make payments), and accounts will be charged daily after each attendance. If there are insufficient funds on your child's account, they will be allowed to attend that day, but will subsequently, not be given entry until there are sufficient funds paid to their Breakfast Club Account.

Children must be brought to the main entrance by a parent/carer - please queue up the ramp, following the 2m markings. Children will sign in at reception as normal; however, **no cash will be accepted in school**.

## Parents Evening January 2021

The next Parents Evening in January will be held virtually via Zoom. Please see below for dates:

KS2 : Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Y1 : Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
F2 & Y2 : Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

From 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 you can book your Zoom slot on ParentMail. The appointments are 10-minute slots from 2:00pm- 6:50pm. If for any reason you cannot attend a Zoom meeting, please do not book a slot. Instead, please call the school office and we will arrange for the teacher to schedule a telephone appointment during weeks commencing 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Once slots are booked on ParentMail you will receive a Zoom invitation from the class teacher.

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## KEY WORKER CELEBRATION DAY - 21ST JANUARY 2021 -

### - MAINS -

CRISPY CHICKEN GOUJONS  
HOT DOG WITH KETCHUP  
VEGETABLE TIKKA MASALA WITH RICE (V)  
JACKET POTATO WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS

### - SIDES -

POTATO WEDGES  
SWEETCORN  
SPAGHETTI HOOPS  
HOME BAKED BREAD

### - DESSERTS -

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE\*  
APPLE SPONGE WITH CUSTARD\*  
FRESH FRUIT  
ORGANIC YOGHURT

\* SAUCES ONLY AVAILABLE WHEN SERVED FROM THE COUNTER

dolce



# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



## CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

F2	Benjamin	For	Listening really carefully in our maths lesson this week and using our star words bigger and smaller in your play. Well done Benjamin 😊
	April		Retelling the Nativity story and answering questions about Mary, Joseph and their journey to Bethlehem. Well done April 😊
Y1	Daisy	For	Being a fantastic friend this week to everyone in the class – you are always very kind and polite to those around you, and if someone is having an argument you can always sort it out! J Well done!
	Mila		Impressing everyone with your great knowledge about time – you are super confident at knowing if it is half past or on the hour and it has been great to see you share your knowledge this week J
Y2	Katie	For	Your beautiful handwriting. Every day you take care to ensure your writing is perfectly presented. You never rush and always try your best! You are now starting to join up too, which is excellent! Well done!
	Rebekah		Your kindness to other children. You are a lovely girl and are always putting others before yourself! You have made many friends and treat them with heaps of respect, generosity and are always looking to be helpful. What a great role model! Well done!
Y3	Bobby L	For	Trying your hardest this week in our RE lessons. You wrote a wonderful diary entry as Mary when she is visited by the Angel Gabriel. I really enjoyed reading your work, Bobby!
	Eoghan		Your incredible efforts with your narrative writing. You tried so hard during this lesson, and you thought carefully about what features you needed to use. I am really proud of your determination, well done Eoghan!
Y4	Anayah	For	Doing brilliantly on your maths assessments when you came back to school. Well done!
	Lucas		Writing an amazingly descriptive big write. Well done!
Y5	Florence	For	Always doing the right thing, always ready to learn and always ready to try her best! Well done Florence – you are a great role model for your class!
	Jennifer		A fantastic edit of your Big Write - your writing was amazing Jennifer! Keep it up!
Y6	Jessica	For	Putting in 100% effort into your Big Write by including amazing grammar, vocabulary and using a variety of sentence structures! 😊
	Archie		Putting in 100% effort into improving your handwriting this week, especially during your Big Write! Keep it up!

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Last Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	96.3	1
Year 1	97.9	2
Year 2	97	4
Year 3	95.9	7
Year 4	N/A	N/A
Year 5	98.7	0
Year 6	91.6	7
<b>School Total</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>21</b>

Wow! Well done Year 5! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!

## GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Jensen in Y1

For:

Always having a wonderful attitude towards your work – you are persistent when faced with a challenge and always complete your work to your best ability 😊 You are a true role model to the class for how hard you try with all your learning!

## Outstanding Homework Winner Week ending 11<sup>th</sup> December

Class	Winner
F2	Zach
Y1	Mollie
Y2	Bruno
Y3	Olivia P
Y4	N/A
Y5	Ava
Y6	Max

## 100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Theo
Year 1	Jake
Year 2	Oskar
Year 3	Everton
Year 4	N/A
Year 5	James
Year 6	Nikola



# TRIPS AND EVENTS - 2020/21

All the children had a brilliant time yesterday at their class Christmas parties! There were lots of singing, dancing, arts & crafts and lots and lots of laughter and smiles!





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## Y6 Crucial Crew Trip

WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2021

Y6 will be visiting Crucial Crew on WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2021. We will be leaving school at 9am and will arrive back at school by 3:20pm. Crucial Crew is an opportunity to experience a range of real life scenarios.

The scenarios will be: Home Fire Safety, Arson, Bus Safety, Road Safety, Running Away, Mock Court Trial, Internet Safety, Basic First Aid, Peer Pressure/Retail Crime and Alcohol Awareness.

The activities take place in a large warehouse type building, which can be quite cold. Children need to wear their school uniform, and have a warm coat. All children need to have a packed lunch and a drink.

We are asking for an £8 voluntary contribution for the cost of the coach. Please see ParentMail to pay/give permission for your child to attend this trip.

COVID measures will be maintained while on site.