



As you will be aware from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021, School is closed until further notice for all children, except those who are vulnerable (ie, have an EHCP or social worker) and those whose parents are Critical Workers, who should only attend school if they have no other provision for them. Children should remain at home where they can, out of the transmission chain.

**We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding through this difficult time. We hope that you are all keeping well, it has been lovely to hear how the children are getting on at home. Please keep in touch with us!**

**Please help everyone by adhering to the social distancing rules set by the government and keep yourselves and your family safe.**

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 10 days. Day 1 is the day after symptoms or the day after a positive test if no symptoms.

**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

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.

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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.

Please see link below to the newly launched Healthier Together website which provides a fantastic range of information, advice and resources for the public, families and professionals in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw.

A group, led by Nicola Jay, Consultant Paediatric Allergist at Sheffield Children's, has developed the website and it is hoped that it will be useful for members of the public and also professionals to access information on pathways, and also signpost for self-care advice.

<https://sybhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/>

## 1 to 1 Zoom Invites


Some emails re 1 to 1 Zooms are going to people's SPAM boxes- Please ensure you check your SPAM e-mail box to ensure your child doesn't miss their sessions. Thank you.



Huge congratulations to Mrs. Reaney and her husband on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Bragi Bjorn Aaronson Reaney. Isn't he just lovely!!



# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

 <b>CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS</b> <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
F2		For	
Y1	Nelli	For	Some great independent work changing sentences to include capital letters and full stops! You have tried hard to remember your finger spaces too! Well done!
	Mollie		Really challenging yourself in all your learning this week – you have tried your hardest to complete all the challenges I've set you! Great job!
Y2		For	
Y3	Vienna	For	Thinking carefully about the highs and lows of your journey through the last year. The answers you gave were thoughtful and reflective. Well done, Vienna!
	Kordell		Your enthusiasm for learning this week. You have tried your hardest and you have really engaged with our new class text, The Iron Man! Well done!
Y4	Isaac	For	Making big improvements in your writing. Your presentation and use of different skills are a pleasure to see.
	Darcey		Having a fantastic attitude towards our work on fractions this week. You have really impressed me with your understanding of equivalent fractions.
Y5	Jennifer	For	Trying so hard to write in your best handwriting in our RE lesson yesterday. Well done Jennifer.
	Florence		Always showing me that you are ready to learn and for always following instructions the first time you are asked. Well done Florence, you have been setting a brilliant example to the rest of the children this week.
Y6	Kirsten	For	An excellent and mature discussion during our RE lesson this week! Keep it up!
	Connar		Giving 100% this week in all your subjects, especially during our new Geography unit! Well done and keep it up!

## GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



**This week's winner is Samuel in Year 6**

**For:**

Persevering through your work – no matter what challenge you take on and with humour! Keep up the great attitude!!

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**SPRING TERM 2021**

**COME AND SEE AT HOME**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

*(04.01.21 – 29.01.21)*

Early Years	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	<b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> - People in the parish family
Year 2	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
Year 3	<b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	<b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	<b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6 Church	<b>SOURCES</b> - The Bible, the special book for the

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

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## EUCCHARIST - RELATING

*(01.02.21 – 05.03.21)*

Early Years	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	<b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	<b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	<b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b> - Living in communion
Year 5 memorial	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6 communion	<b>UNITY</b> - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

## LENT/EASTER - GIVING

*(08.03.21 – 01.04.21)*

Early Year	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	<b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	<b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.

If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.