



As you will be aware, Mr. Johnson announced on Monday 22nd February that it is his intention that schools will fully re-open on Monday 8th March 2021. Up until this date, attendance is only for eligible children.

We look forward to welcoming all children back on 8th March!

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 the 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.

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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 is 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 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.

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



Last week's winner is Dominic in F2 for:

Independently exploring different areas of the classroom and really enjoying being in those areas, even if they are not your favourite ones! This half term you have made us really proud, being kind to your friends and being super enthusiastic about all of your learning. Keep it up Dominic 😊

School Milk



If you would like your child to receive milk at school, you can pay for this on ParentMail the same way as you do Tuck shop. Milk is 95p per week. You can top up your account as much as you like and we will deduct 95p from your account every week.

Please note: Children under 5 receive free milk as well as those on income based free school meals.



Please could children return all books/equipment/laptops, which have been loaned since January when they return to school on Monday 8th March.

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CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS

Friday 26th February

F2	April	For	Showing Miss Carder your fantastic writing in your RWInc zoom sessions and for always trying your best! Well done April 😊
	Elena		Sharing your fantastic on the carpet and being super creative exploring colour mixing in the powder paint area. Keep it up Elena 😊
Y1	Finlay W	For	A fantastic start back at school this week. You have really settled back into class well and have worked very hard in all your lessons! Well done!
	Jensen		Having a wonderful first week back at school. You have impressed all the Y1 adults this week with your suggestions and ideas during class discussion and have produced some lovely writing work too! Great job!
Y2	Emmie	For	Your independent work at home! You have really impressed me with your incredible maths this week and it is amazing to hear that you are working things out on your own! What a star, keep up the good work!
	Kornelia		Your outstanding home learning every single week! The amount of wonderful learning you have completed whilst at home has blown me away. I am so impressed with your perseverance and growth mind-set with all your maths and English. Well done you should be very proud!
Y3	Myles	For	Your great work this week about retrieving and inferring from a chapter in The Iron Man! You have tried really hard with this and we are so impressed, well done!
	Vienna		Your wonderful enthusiasm in our whole class reads! You have read with expression and thought carefully about the characters and their feelings. Well done!
Y4	Jessie	For	Applying herself brilliantly all week. You have made lots of progress in English and your writing is developing so quickly. Well done.
	Alice		Working really hard at home at for always leaving feedback on looms!
Y5	Max	For	Putting so much effort into all of your learning this week and for being so kind and welcoming to your classmates. Well done Max!
	Lidya		All of the brilliant work you have produced whilst you have been doing remote learning. I can really see that you have been trying your best. Well done Lydia!
Y6	Erick	For	Putting in 100% effort into your maths learning during this unit! Keep up the effort and dedication to your learning!
	Maya		Putting in 100% effort into your remote learning! I am so proud of your dedication to your learning and presentation! Keep it up!

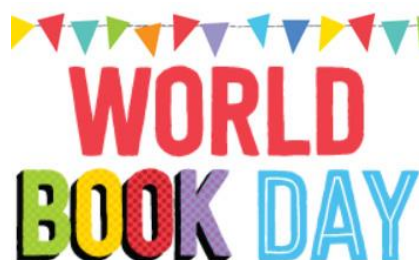
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Easter Hamper Raffle

Staff at STM have donated easter items to make these lovely Easter hampers for our raffle. As we are discouraging cash handling in school we have set up a payment item on ParentMail for you to pay for raffle tickets on there. Tickets are £1.00 each and you can buy as many as you like. All money raised will go to The Good Shepherd Appeal, which we support each year. The raffle will be drawn and the winners will be annouced on Monday 29th March. Good luck everyone!



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Although World Book Day should be held on the 4th March 2021, St Thomas More will be holding the event on **Friday 12th March 2021** instead so that all children can participate in school. To mark this day, each class will be off timetable to complete book, genre and author-related activities; watch out for tweets which will showcase the fun each bubble has!

As always, children are very welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, or in keeping with their chosen class theme. Teachers will also be doing lots of 'reading aloud' of books which the children can choose for enjoyment! Please see below for details of what your child's class will be up to!

Class	Activities
F2	F2 will be spending the day listening to our favourite traditional tales. We have lots of fun activities planned throughout the week linked to each tale including baking, singing songs and role-play. I wonder if we will find the Big Bad Wolf?
Y1	Year 1 will be spending the day creating our own original book characters – a heroic character and a villainous character! We will create artwork and fantastic descriptions for each character too! In the afternoon, we will make up stories about our two characters and do some storytelling and performance to share our stories with the class!
Y2	Year 2 will be taking part in 'The Masked Reader' competition! Come dressed up as a favourite author or book character, but do NOT tell anyone who you are! We will write our own descriptive clues and art work to hand out to others and complete some drama in order to help others guess who you are!
Y3	Year 3 will be thinking about their favourite books which they enjoy reading in school and at home. We will be dressing up as a character from our favourite book. Throughout the day, we will be producing artwork for our book, re-writing a different ending or a part of the book, taking part in a drama performance and writing a review.
Y4	Year 4 will be looking a range of picture books by Anthony Browne, Oliver Jeffers, Lemony Snicket and David Weisner. Throughout the day, we will produce artwork, a piece of independent writing, a drama performance and a comic based on the books that we read.
Y5	Year 5 will be diving deeper into our class book, "The Firework-Maker's Daughter". We will take part in drama activities based on what we have read so far and create character profiles. In a DT lesson, we will be creating 3D models of Mount Merapi. We will then use our models to conduct a science experiment, where we will replicate a volcanic eruption!
Y6	Year 6 will be making the characters and scenes in our story come to life. The children will be dressing up as any character from our class book, "The Spiderwick Chronicles". We will be writing alternative endings to the story, creating our own "creature" in an art lesson and designing a new house for Thimbletack in a DT lesson!!

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Illegal parking outside schools will get you a parking ticket. Worse, it could cost lives.

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Back to School – Strategies for Parents



Going back to school after the recent lock down might be a challenge for children, young people and parents. These 1 hour sessions are delivered in conjunction with our Attendance and Inclusion, Parenting and Emotional Health and Well Being teams.

Join us on these sessions for some practical tips & info or further support.



Wednesday 3rd March 2021 - 9:30am - 10:30am

Thursday 4th March 2021 - 1pm - 2pm

Friday 5th March 2021 - 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 8th March 2021 - 9:30am - 10:30am

Tuesday 9th March 2021 - 1pm - 2pm

Wednesday 10th March 2021 - 9:30am - 10:30am

Thursday 11th March 2021 - 1pm - 2pm

Friday 12th March 2021 - 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 15th March 2021 - 9:30am - 10:30am

Tuesday 16th March 2021 - 1pm - 2pm



To book a place please follow this link and book via Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/SheffParentHub>

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