



**Newsletter – Issue 32**  
**Week Commencing – 17 May 2021**  
**St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy**  
Creswick Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield, S35 8NN T : 0114 2468020  
e-mail [enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk)  
Visit our website: [www.st-thomasmoresheffield.co.uk](http://www.st-thomasmoresheffield.co.uk)



**Please help everyone by adhering to the social distancing rules and the changing Government Road Map, to 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 be 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.

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.
- Once you have dropped off/picked up your child/children, please do not congregate in groups outside the school gates. We ask that families move away from the entrance/exit to avoid causing congestion, which causes problems for others entering or leaving the school site.

**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

## Breakfast Club 2021

Drop off is between **8:00am and 8:30am** with strictly no admissions after 8:30am. The cost 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, 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.**



**The Sheffield Children's University Passport activity newsletter for the Spring Bank holiday is now available!**

You can find a copy of the newsletter here:

<https://bit.ly/SCUSpringPassportNewsletter2021>

As well as a set of brand NEW Sheffield CU holiday home learning challenges, you can find details of activities from their Learning Destinations and a full list of them all at the end of the newsletter.

With the libraries are still not quite fully operational, it might be difficult to get your hands on a Sheffield CU Passport to Learning at the moment.

However, you can now order these online here:

<https://bit.ly/SCUOrderPassporttoLearning>.

These Passports will cost £4.50 (incl. postage). Due to restricted access to their offices at the moment, there is likely to be a delay in postage but they aim to send them out as soon as possible!

We have an upright piano that we no longer need (see picture below). It will probably need re-tuning. Please let the school office know if anyone could make use of it. It would need to be collected from school



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Spring Bank Half Term

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 4 trip to Mossy Lea, Glossop

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Year 6 High Rope Adventure Course trip- Sheffield Institute of Sport

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 End of Year Retreat Day (non-uniform)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Last day of the school year

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION


## World Environment Day Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021



World Environment Day this year at St Thomas More will take place from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Each class is going to be having their own theme and doing a range of activities around this theme.

<b>F2</b>	Our theme is animals. We are going to be learning about caring for our wildlife. We are going to go on a mini beast hunt, make clay mini beasts and learn about how important mini-beasts are to our environment 😊
<b>Y1</b>	Our theme is the ocean. We will be learning about the impact of plastic in our oceans and how this affects marine wildlife! We will also have a go at sketching our favourite ocean-based animals using oil pastels!
<b>Y2</b>	Our theme is recycling. We are going to spend time discussing the importance of recycling and the impact that this can have on the environment. We will build our own recycling bins, labelled appropriately, and see which team can recycle the most things in the week!
<b>Y3</b>	Our theme is plastic pollution. We will be exploring the impact that plastic can have on the environment and the wildlife. We will be writing persuasive letters to supermarkets to encourage them to use less plastic packaging, we will be holding a class debate on the uses of plastic and we will be writing poetry to raise awareness for the impact of wasting plastic.
<b>Y4</b>	Our theme is weather. We will be looking at the impact weather can have on farming and the importance of sustainable farming for our environment. The children will be learning about how our weather can provide sustainable energy and food production.
<b>Y5</b>	Our theme is climate change. We will be learning about what climate change is, what causes climate change to occur and what climate change means for us and for our environment. We will also be exploring ways in which we can play our part in reducing the rate of climate change and hold a debate to answer the following moral question... Who is responsible for preventing climate change from destroying our world?
<b>Y6</b>	Our theme is air pollution. We will be learning about the causes of air pollution and ways that our generation can eliminate it. Then we will be writing persuasive speeches to companies and the people of the world to lower and eliminate air pollution. Finally, we will present these in class and vote on who is the most persuasive team!

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

	<b>CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS</b> <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
F2	Dominic	For	Being a super helper during tidy up time and completing your independent learning super speedy this week. 😊 Well done Dominic!
	Erin		Being a fantastic talk partner in our maths learning this week and showing the rest of the class how to use our star words in the talk task 😊 Well done Erin – keep it up!
Y1	Anayah	For	Really impressing everyone with your fantastic mental arithmetic skills this week! You are always checking your symbols to make sure you are using the right strategy too – great job!
	Joshua		Showing real determination and independence in your work this week – especially in your maths work, where you have used your strategies to solve addition and subtraction equations! Well done! 🌟
Y2	Bruno	For	Your brilliant handwriting! You have taken on board advice from teachers to try to join your writing and have done this beautifully in English this week! I love that you have challenged yourself with this and are trying hard every day to make it the best it can be!
	Jonathan		Your excellent attitude to learning. You have really impressed me this week with how focused you have been. You are striving to be the best you can be and trying extremely hard in your learning. Keep it up!
Y3	Masi	For	Your wonderful, creative ideas in your character description of the BFG! We look forward to reading your work and finding out what lovely ideas you have included. Well done, Masi!
	Eoghan		Using star words consistently in our maths lessons. You are thinking carefully about methods to use and you are explaining this really well to your partners. Super work, Eoghan!
Y4	Harry	For	Making big improvements in maths this week. Well done!
	Rosie		Having a great attitude in English this week and for producing longer pieces of writing. Well done!
Y5	Ava	For	Really pushing yourself to have a go at your tasks in class before asking for help. You have really tried to be more independent and as a result your confidence is growing - keep it up Ava!
	Mercy		A fantastic effort in your Big Write - you have really impressed us with your writing! Keep it up Mercy!
Y6	Sammie	For	Designing an informative and persuasive poster during our research on Jane Goodall and saving the chimpanzees - Keep it up!
	Kaisie		Demonstrating perseverance and stamina during our cross country race – amazing effort!! Keep it up!

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



### Last week's winner is Poppy in Year 5 for:

Always being resilient and showing great perseverance during lessons, even when completing tasks which she finds difficult. Well done Poppy for always trying your best.

## Last Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	97.3	0
Year 1	97.9	1
Year 2	96.6	3
Year 3	97.5	3
Year 4	92.8	1
Year 5	96.7	1
Year 6	93.2	4
<b>School Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>13</b>

Wow! Well Done Year 1! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!



### 100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Jacob
Year 1	Heath
Year 2	Zosia
Year 3	Everton
Year 4	Dantaye
Year 5	Florence
Year 6	Raphael

## Outstanding Homework Winner



F2	Elena
Y1	Carlos
Y2	Sebastian
Y3	Kordell
Y4	Darcey
Y5	Carly
Y6	Yuxiang

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

We are so happy and excited that we are able to bring this page back. See below some trips/events that are taking place:

## Year 6 End of Year Retreat Day **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021**



Attention Y6: On Thursday 15th July, we will be having our end-of-year retreat day - ALL DAY!!

This will be in school, but you can wear your own clothes this day! We will be having a fun-filled, reflective day before we set off to secondary school.

## Year 6 High Rope Adventure Course- Sheffield Institute of Sport **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Y6 will be going to the Sheffield Institute of Sport to take part in a High Rope Adventure Course on Tuesday 13th July 2021. We will be manoeuvring around 34 challenging obstacles! We will start off the day in school and then leave at 11:15am, travelling by coach. Children will be back to school before the end of the school day.

Children should come to school in their normal outdoor PE kit (white t-shirt, dark-coloured shorts or joggers and trainers) and will be permitted to stay in this all day. Please bring a packed lunch and a water bottle for a picnic before we start our course.

The pricing, including the coach and the course, is £8.50 per child. Please see ParentMail to give consent/pay for your child to go on this trip. Unfortunately, if we don't have enough contributions towards this trip it will have to be cancelled.

## After School Clubs Summer 2

Details of and booking for after school clubs for Summer 2 for F2 to Year 4 will be revealed tomorrow (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May) at 11am. Please keep a look out on ParentMail, as there are limited spaces.

We are looking into organising an after school club for Year 5. Please note, the Year 6 after school basketball club will be continuing until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Y4 Trip- Mossy Lea, Glossop

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

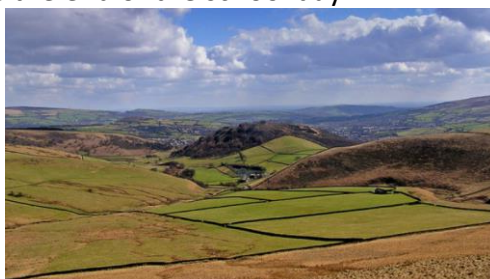


Countryside Learning are running a project, across different grouse moors in England, to enable primary school children, from schools which are 'local' to the heather moorland to access the moors and learn about:

- The Wildlife on the moors
- Emergency Services- Keeping our moors safe
- The job of a moorland gamekeeper
- The National Parks - Their role in conservation of the uplands

The main aim of the project is to educate primary school children, about the countryside on their doorsteps, and hope that they gain an increased understanding of wildlife and human life on the moors. We want them to experience the awe and wonder of their local moorland and encourage them to want to access it.

The trip takes place in **Mossy Lea in Glossop**, which is a truly beautiful part of our countryside. The coach will set off at 08:30am, so please make sure children are in school by 08:15am. They will be back to school before the end of the school day.



### **The Weather:**

Children must dress appropriately for the outdoors so please ensure they have:

A waterproof coat

A rucksack to carry their lunch, 2 water bottles and have room to put their coat in if it gets warm.

Trousers that are warm and comfortable for walking

Suitable footwear, ideally walking boots or trainers that are suitable for walking in.

A hat and their own sun cream, which they must apply themselves.

Please do not send them in any items of clothing that you are unhappy to be potentially covered in mud by the end of the day.

*This trip, including the travel costs, is completely free. It has been part-funded by Countryside Learning and the short fall has been made up from the Year 4 class budget. All we need is permission for your child to attend. Please see ParentMail for the online permission form.*