



Newsletter – Issue 35
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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.**

Reporting to parents and carers

Although we will be reporting on your child's attainment and progress for 2020/2021, we will not be reporting on attendance this academic year. This is due to the guidance given from the Department of Education: *'It is important that parents are informed about the education their child has received over the year but given the exceptional circumstances, schools do not have to provide quantitative attendance data, which would be difficult to compare with previous years' data, particularly for the spring term.'*



Monday 21st June

Year 1 Animal Experience in School

Tuesday 22nd June

St Thomas More Feast Day

Wednesday 23rd June

Year 5 Trip to Weston Park Museum

Thursday 24th June

Year 3 trip to Go Ape

Friday 25th June

Day of Many Colours

Monday 28th June

Year 1 & Year 5 Whitley Hall Cricket Session in School

Tuesday 29th June

Reception & Year 2 Sam's Safari in school

W/C 5th July

Sponsored marathon week

Monday 5th July

Year 1 & Year 5 Whitley Hall Cricket Session in School

Tuesday 6th July

Year 4 trip to Mossy Lea, Glossop

Friday 9th July

Sponsored Marathon money to be handed in by today

Tuesday 13th July 2021

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

Wednesday 14th July

Year 2 trip to English Institute of Sport
Year 6 trip to English Institute of Sport

Wednesday 14th July

Year 6 Disco in school 3:00pm- 4:30pm

Thursday 15th July

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

Friday 16th July

Last day of the school year

Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."

At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to come the wonderful person God created us to be.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

STM GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Calling all St Thomas More Geographers!

We are running a whole school competition this half term and we are asking you to get involved. The competition will be running for 4 weeks, starting from Wednesday 9th June to Wednesday 7th July and we are going to be choosing one winner from each year group for their amazing work. The winner will receive a special certificate and a prize.

All you have to do to enter is bring into school a piece of work about a country of your choice. If you or your family are from a different country, it would be amazing if you could base your work around that country!

Your work can come in any form. Please see some ideas below of what you can do:

- With an adult, cook a dish from your country of choice. You could bring this into school, or you could take photographs.
- Research the country of your choice and create a travel guide for someone who may want to visit.
 - Re-create the flag and be as creative as you like – what materials could you use?
- Find out what language is spoken in your country and write a guide on how to learn some of the language.
 - Create a piece of artwork about your country of choice.
- If your country has a traditional dance, could you have a go yourself and take a video to show to your class?

You can return your work in at any point during this time, but please make sure that your name and year group is written on the back.

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SCHOOL NAME ADDRESS TEL EMAIL	St. Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy. Creswick Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield. S35 8NN 0114 2468020 enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk
POST TITLE	Lunchtime Supervisor
GRADE AND SALARY	Grade 1 – SCP 1 – 2 (£17,842 - £18,198 pro-rata), actual pro rata annual salary (£2,027 - £2,067)
ROLE	Lunchtime Supervisor - Temporary
HOURS PER WEEK / WEEKS PER YEAR	5 hours per week 38 weeks per year
CLOSING DATE	1 July 2021 @ 12 noon
INTERVIEW DATE	w/c 5 July 2021

POST DETAILS

A temporary Lunchtime Supervisor is required initially for 1 year from 6 September 2021 to 21 July 2022 to join our experienced team who are responsible for supervising children and leading play activities during the lunchtime break. Hours of work are 1 hour per day over the lunchtime period 12pm–1 pm

You must be able to work well as part of a hard-working team and be able to work on your own initiative, to ensure that the children are safe and to maintain excellent standards of behaviour. Good verbal communication skills are essential for this role in order to liaise with children and other staff members. The successful candidate will need to be reliable and dedicated and to contribute to the development of a positive approach to lunchtime play; organise and take part in activities with children over the lunchtime period; supervise pupils immediately before, during and after the midday meal. Applicants should be willing to join in games, oversee quiet activities and supervise children having free play in the school playground.

We can offer you the opportunity to: • Work in a friendly & supportive environment • Be part of a team that provides a clear vision for the school's continuing development • To work alongside fantastic pupils and dedicated stakeholders • Continue your professional development.

Interested applicants are invited to contact the school and should speak with Mrs Sarah Proverbs, School Manager on 0114 2468020 or by e-mail sproverbs@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to complete an enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure form in line with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 and the Police Act Regulations.

Candidates need to apply on the CES Support Staff application form that is only available from the school.

Completed applications should be returned to Mrs Sarah Proverbs by the closing date.

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We are unable to cut the hedges outside of school until September due to it being nesting season.

For more information please see this website: [Hedge Cutting & Bird Nesting Season | The Law - The RSPB](#)

Sports Day 2021

As I'm sure you will understand, based on current DFE/public health guidance we cannot conduct our sports day this year in the same way as we have previously. We have come up with an alternative plan so our children can still participate in a sports day within their own bubble, therefore keeping it COVID safe. This year's theme is Euro's football competition and each class have chosen a country participating in this year's event. We would encourage children to come to school on the day of their sports events dressed in their team colours! Qualitas will be leading an afternoon of sports events in each class - below are the dates and country for each class.

F2 - Friday 2nd July – Germany



Y1 - Friday 9th July – Greece



Y2 - Monday 5th July – Poland



Y3 - Tuesday 29th June – Spain



Y4 - Tuesday 13th July – France



Y5 - Thursday 15th July – Portugal



Y6 - Wednesday 30th June – Italy



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Do you struggle to get your 5-a-day? Are you looking for quick & easy ways to improve your diet? Do you want some advice on how to keep your family healthy? Then why not join us for this FREE online webinar for our 10 Top Tips for a Healthier Family!

Part of the Eat Smart Sheffield '10 Top Tips Webinar Series', this session includes advice on how to keep you and your family healthy including simple swaps, portion control, making the most of mealtimes, and how to deal with fussy eating. Presented via Zoom and delivered by nutrition professionals, the session will be informative but fun, with time throughout to answer any of your questions.

To register, please follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eat-smart-sheffield-10-top-tips-webinar-for-parents-carers-tickets-157055803135>

For more information, please contact lisa.alldwinckle@learnsheffield.co.uk



For the w/c 21.06.21, we will be celebrating the Day of Many Colours. This is linked to the rosary and the feast of St Peter and St Paul. The Day of Many Colours is a day for children to celebrate their belonging to God's Universal Family. Based on the five colours of the Mission Rosary, this special day encourages children to unite in prayer with their sisters and brothers in Africa; the Americas; Europe; Oceania; and Asia. Each class will be celebrating by participating in a universal liturgical prayer along with other activities throughout the week, including playing games from other countries around the world! There will also be homework linked to these activities during this week too.

Each class will have a colour linked to the Mission Rosary, and the children can wear something or their whole outfit with that colour on Friday 25th June.

Colours for classes:

F2: Red

Y1: Red

Y2: White (It's your PE day so the white PE shirts will be fine)

Y3: Blue

Y4: White (It's your PE day so the white PE shirts will be fine)

Y5: Yellow (It's your PE day so please do PE in a yellow T-shirt)

Y6: Green

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CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS

Friday 11th June

F2	Minnie	For	Helping look after our caterpillars and thinking carefully about how we can keep them safe. Well done Minnie, keep it up! 😊
	Lucy		Persevering with your reading in RWI and trying super hard with your speedy words and reading with 'Fred in your head'. Keep it up Lucy 😊
Y1	Joshua	For	Spotting loads of nouns in lessons this week – and trying your hardest with all your sentences! You've really impressed me and Mrs North with learning to read most of your tricky words too! Well done!
	Amayah		Some great work in Maths this week – you're getting loads quicker with adding and subtracting mentally! You've also done a great job with creating fact families today too! Great job!
Y2	Emmie	For	Your enthusiasm with our science learning this week! You worked so hard to create your model sycamore seed and used lots of scientific language to describe how it was dispersed! Well done!
	Emmanuel		Your intriguing and in-depth questions during our history lessons. You have been so excited to learn about the Crimean War and have shown your enthusiasm through wanting to learn more. You are a role model!
Y3	Bobby	For	Your positive attitude to your learning all week. You have overcome a big obstacle this week, and you have shown your determination to learn. Well done, Bobby!
	Joshua		Your fantastic efforts this week during our PE lesson. You challenged yourself with your learning and you were an amazing team player. Well done, Joshua!
Y4		For	
Y5	Nozwelo	For	Being extremely mature and sensible during our RSE lessons this week and for sharing their thoughts and knowledge openly with the rest of the class. Well done!
	Oliver		Being extremely mature and sensible during our RSE lessons this week and for sharing their thoughts and knowledge openly with the rest of the class. Well done!
Y6	Raphael	For	Creating a fantastic geography movie at home based on our current topic on erosion and weathering! Keep it up!
	Nathaniel		Putting in amazing 100% effort into your maths lessons! Great perseverance and determination! Keep it up!

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GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



Last week's winner is Oliver in Year 2 for:

Your perseverance with irregular verbs! You have found irregular verbs tricky throughout the year, however you have never stop trying! You do not let anything defeat you and you have been thinking extremely hard about your verbs this week. Your hard work has paid off and you have successfully added irregular past tense verbs to your writing! Well done, keep up the good work!

Last Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	98.3	0
Year 1	99	0
Year 2	98.7	1
Year 3	95.4	2
Year 4	99.3	3
Year 5	98	1
Year 6	91.9	2
School Total	97.2	9

Wow! Well Done Year 4 ! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!



100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Nerae
Year 1	Finlay
Year 2	Roger
Year 3	Franklyn
Year 4	
Year 5	Simon
Year 6	Mischa

World Environment Day Homework Winners



F2	Zach
Y1	Adwapa
Y2	Katie
Y3	Kordell
Y4	Zofia
Y5	Oscar
Y6	Sammy

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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).

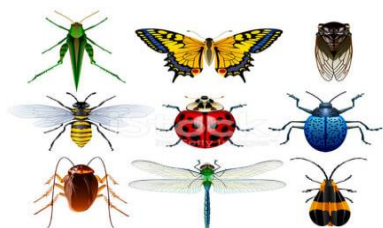
- Please keep 2m apart from anyone not in your household- this helps to limit the spread of the virus. There are 2m markings throughout the school site to support this.
- Please wear a face mask/covering on school site unless you are exempt.
- Please keep your child/children with you at all times- this 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.

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:

F2 Sam's Safari in School

Tuesday 29th June



On Tuesday 29th June F2 are having an animal workshop run by Sam's Safaris. We are going to learn about lots of different animals from the furry team, scaly team, creepy crawly team and the slimy team and even get the chance to be super brave and hold them! I wonder what animals we might get to see. 😊

The cost of this workshop is covered through the SHINE project. Please see parent mail to give consent for your child to attend this workshop.

Year 2 Sam's Safari in School

Tuesday 29th June



Sam's Safari will be coming into our class on the morning of the 29th of June, to show us a range of animals including reptiles, furry friends and minibeasts..... Miss Bowman hopes there are no spiders!! We are going to learn about the life cycle of animals and animal babies which links with our current science topic! 😊

We are asking for a small contribution of £2.50, please see ParentMail for payment and to give consent for your child to attend this workshop.

Year 1 Animal Experience

Monday 21st June



In Y1 we are very lucky to have WildHouse Animal Encounters visiting our classroom on the 21st of June 2021. This will take place during school time where the children will engage in a 2-hour session with over 15 different types of animals! There will be 2 dedicated animal handlers there to answer any questions about the animals – which links up fantastically to our current theme 'Crazy Creatures'.

In the session, we will be able to use our knowledge of types of animals to work out if they are insect, mammal, reptile, etc – and hopefully we can show off our learning about animal diets too! Each child will also get the opportunity to handle the animals (if we're brave enough!).

We are asking for a contribution of £5.00. Please see ParentMail for payment and to give consent for your child to attend this workshop.

Whitley Hall Cricket club coaching sessions



Y1 and Y5 will be having cricket coaching sessions on Monday 28th June and Monday 5th July. This is Year 5's P.E day anyway; however, Year 1 will need to come in their P.E kit on these days as well as their normal P.E days.

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Year 3 Trip to Go Ape

Thursday 24th June



On Thursday 24th June, Class 3 will be taking part in an amazing treetop adventure at Go Ape in Sherwood Forest! We will be testing ourselves physically and mentally in a tough treetop trek. The children will experience tree-to-tree crossings, free-fall Tarzan swings and riding super fast along very long zip wires! We think the children are going to love this amazing experience!

We will be spending a full day in the Sherwood Forest site. We will be taking part in an adventure trail, and we will be challenging ourselves with teamwork activities including a very exciting blind fold challenge! This will be a great opportunity for the children to work as a team and have a fun-filled day out towards the end of the school year. 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. All long hair must be tied up. Please bring a water bottle and a packed lunch. If you are in receipt of FSM and would like to order a packed lunch from school, please let the office know.

The pricing, including the coach and the course, is £20.00 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 before Friday 11th June it will have to be cancelled.

Y4 Trip- Mossy Lea, Glossop

Tuesday 6th 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.

A Packed lunch. If you are in receipt of FSM and would like to order a packed lunch from school, please let the school office know.

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

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Year 2 and Year 6 Sports Day Event at Sheffield Institute of Sport

Wednesday 14th July 2021

We are very excited that Year 2 and Year 6 have been invited through our sports provider Qualitas, to take part in a sports day held at the English Institute of Sport on the Wednesday 14th July. Children will be picked up by separate coaches at 8:30am so will need to be in school by **8:20am** on the day. Children will be leaving the event at 3:00pm and so will therefore be back in school around 3:30pm on the day. (Year 6 will leave slightly earlier at 2:30pm to get back to school in time for the disco)

Children will need to bring with them a packed lunch on this day to eat at the event; if you would like to order a packed lunch from school, please contact the office. Children should come to school in their normal PE kit (white t-shirt, dark-coloured shorts or joggers) and will be permitted to stay in this all day.

This event will be free of charge, including the transport. This is because school are using some of our sports premium to cover the costs, and this is because we want to ensure every child has the opportunity to take part in high quality sports provision.

Current government guidance outlines that school trips can go ahead if sufficient protective measures are in place. We will continue to monitor these guidelines and therefore the trip will only go ahead if the current direction does not change.

If you would like your child to attend this free of charge event, please complete the online permission form on ParentMail.

Sponsored Marathon



To help raise funds for our Nature Garden we are asking children to collect sponsorship for a whole class marathon.

During the week commencing 5th July each class in KS2 will run a marathon around our field. Every child will complete 3 ½ laps of the field and their time will be added to an overall total for the whole class.

The class in KS2 with the quickest time wins a prize!

EYFS and KS1 children will be working together to complete a shared marathon with each child completing one full lap of the field.

Your child will be provided with a sponsorship form to keep a record of their sponsors. The money that they raise will need to be brought to school in the form of cash or cheque made out to St Thomas More Catholic Primary.

Please return any money raised by Friday 9th July.

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Year 5 Local History Workshop at Weston Park Museum

Wednesday 23rd June 2021



Year 5 will be going to Weston Park Museum to take part in a local history workshop on Wednesday 23rd June 2021. We will be travelling to the museum by coach and we will be aiming to leave school at approximately 9:30am, so that we are ready to begin our session in the museum at 10:15am.

Please bring a water bottle and a packed lunch, as we will be having a picnic in Weston Park after our workshop. If you are in receipt of FSM and would like to order a packed lunch from school, please let the school office know. During the afternoon, we will spend some time playing rounders in the park. We will then return to school at approximately 2:30pm, so that we are back for normal pick up time.

The pricing for the trip will be £7 per child. The cost of the trip has been subsidised from the class budget. Please see ParentMail to give consent and pay for your child to come on this trip. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough contributions towards this trip then it will be cancelled.

Year 6 School Disco

Wednesday 14th July 2021



Year 6, get your dancing shoes on! We are having a Disco for Year 6 children in school on Wednesday 14 July 3:00pm- 4:30pm. There is no cost to this, school is funding it and we will provide drinks & snacks for the children. This is to mark the end of the children's time at St. Thomas More. Year 6 will be attending EIS on this day so we would encourage them to bring "party clothes" to change in to before the disco. Please see ParentMail to give consent if you would like your child to attend.

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Year 6 End of Year Retreat Day **Thursday 15th 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.

St Thomas More Feast Day **Tuesday 22nd June**



To mark this day, school have traditionally booked an ice-cream van and all children and staff get an ice-cream each. We will do the same this year (children with dietary requirements will be provided with an alternative)

Year 6 High Rope Adventure Course- Sheffield Institute of Sport **Tuesday 13th 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 now be leaving school at **09:00am** and will be back to school for lunchtime.

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 water bottle. Hair should be tied up.

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.