

Newsletter – Issue 36

Week Commencing - 21 June 2021

St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy

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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.

Please could all children bring to a school a big strong carrier bag on the last day of school, Friday 16th July so children can take their books home.

We advise you to quarantine the bag of books for 72 hours.



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.

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.





St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy JOB ADVERT

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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POST TITLE	Buildings Supervisor	
GRADE AND SALARY	Grade 4 – SCP 7 – 12 (£20,092 - £22,183 pro-rata (Actual Pro Rata Annual Salary £19,005 - £20,983)	
ROLE	Buildings Supervisor - EO2S	
HOURS PER WEEK / WEEKS PER YEAR	35 hours per week 52 weeks per year	
CLOSING DATE	8 July 2021 at 12 noon	
INTERVIEW DATE	w/c 12 July 2021	

POST DETAILS

Buildings Supervisor. Hours: 35 hours per week for 52 weeks. Working hours between 06:30 and 14:00, including a 30 minute unpaid break. The Governors of St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy wish to appoint an enthusiastic, highly skilled and motivated Buildings Supervisor. The successful candidate will • Be supportive of the Catholic Ethos • Have excellent communication and inter-personal skills • Have a broad range of DIY skills • Be flexible and adaptable • Be highly motivated and hard working • Be able to form positive relationships with children and adults • Demonstrate initiative • Be able to work as part of a team. Your duties will include supervision of other premises staff together with some cleaning, general maintenance, security and porterage. We will be committed to your professional development and offer a friendly, supportive working environment.

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POST TITLE	Cleaner/key holder
GRADE AND SALARY	Grade 3 – SCP 5 – 6 (£19,312 - £19,698 pro-rata), actual pro rata annual salary (£8,090 - £8,251)
ROLE	Cleaner/key holder
HOURS PER WEEK / WEEKS PER YEAR	15.5 hours per week 52 weeks per year
CLOSING DATE	8 July 2021 @ 12 noon
INTERVIEW DATE	w/c 12 July 2021

POST DETAILS

A Cleaner/key holder is required from 1 September 2021 to join our experienced team who are responsible for the cleaning, upkeep, maintenance and security of the school. Hours of work are 3 and 3.5 hours per day between 3pm to 6pm and 3pm to 6:30pm.

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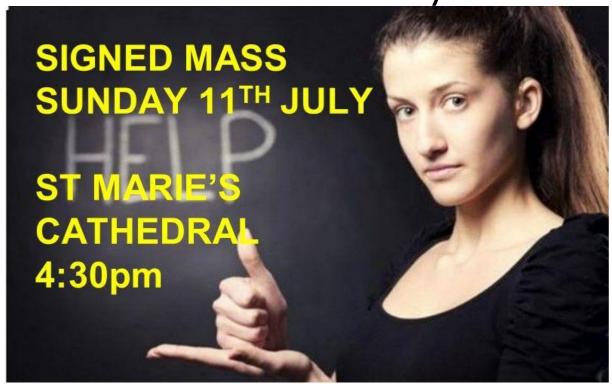
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Deaf Ministry



Celebrant: Fr Jim Clarke
No booking needed - stewards will
ensure social distancing

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.





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 has 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 (It's your PE day so blue T shirts instead of normal PE shirts)

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

Y5: Yellow

Y6: Green

End of Year – Staff Gifts

We have had a couple of enquiries this week from families asking if they can buy and bring in physical gifts or cards for staff for the end of the year.

Advice from the LA and the current COVID risk assessment includes very strict criteria that the school has to adhere to in order for us to be able to accept gifts/cards. One of these criteria is that we need to have a room available in school, which is dedicated to quarantining gifts/cards - this room cannot be used for any other purpose.

Another criterion is that the parent/carer giving it & the staff member receiving the gift or card must only handle the gift or card. This would therefore mean we would have to facilitate many parents/carers entering the school building at a time when our risk assessment restricts visitors to only those that are essential.

It's really kind of parents/carers that they want to provide gifts for staff and we know how much staff appreciate the kind gestures but unfortunately we are currently unable to meet the strict criteria for safe management of physical gifts/cards.

S	CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS Friday 18 th June		
F2	Casey	For	Showing fantastic listening on the carpet and being super helpful around the classroom. Well done Casey ©
.2	Robyn		Being a fantastic role model to your friends in class and putting 100% effort into all of your independent learning this week. Keep it up Robyn ①
Y1	Carlos	For	Working really hard on being kind and considerate this week – you have also shown some good teamwork in lessons and have produced a lovely design for your animal habitat too! Great job!
	Рорру		A beautiful job on your big write today – you have tried really hard to ensure all your sentences have super adjectives and verbs. Your handwriting is so neat and tidy too! Well done! ①
	Parker		All your effort with your handwriting! You have been trying so hard this week to ensure your handwriting is neat and beautifully presented. Keep up the good work Parker, well done!
Y2	Zosia	For	Your amazing scientific skills this week! You have done some brilliant learning on plants and how they grow, producing a beautiful hydroponics design! Well done Zosia!
Y3	Arthur	For	Your amazing efforts this week in maths. You have challenged vourself and thought carefully about how to prove your answers. Well done, Arthur!
13	Masi	161	Your amazing informal letter as Sophie from <i>The BFG!</i> You thought carefully about which features you would like to include and your piece was enjoyable to read! Well done Masi.
Y4	Priscilla	For	Fantastic effort throughout our unit of English this week.
	Danataye		Showing a great understanding of symmetry in our maths lesson this week.
Y5	Oscar		The high level of effort you have been putting out English lessons this week. You have produced some really good sentences which include semi-colons, a range of sentence openers, direct speech, up-levelled verbs and adjectives and alliteration. Well done Oscar!
	Joshua	For	Having a positive attitude to learning. I know that you have found some of this week's work tricky but you have been resilient and showed great perseverance. Well done Joshua for having a growthmind set!
Y6	Nikola	For	Putting in 100% effort into your maths assessments by showing such dedication and amazing use of your strategies! Keep it up!
Y 6	Jack		Putting in 100% effort into your newspaper Big Write! Great use of formal features!! Keep it up!

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



Last week's winner is Adwapa in Year 1 for:

Being a great role model to others in your class – you are always on task, listening and always trying your hardest with all your work. You are also a fantastic partner to your fellow classmates and you are always kind and polite to everyone around you – well done! ©

Last Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	98.3	0
Year 1	93.3	0
Year 2	97.7	1
Year 3	97.5	2
Year 4	99.4	0
Year 5	93.7	0
Year 6	94.7	4
School Total	96.3	7

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



100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners		
F2	Theo	
Year 1	Jensen	
Year 2	Evelyn	
Year 3	Harry	
Year 4	Darcey	
Year 5	Zeph	
Year 6	Nathaniel	

Homework Winners



F2	Minnie
Y1	Jake & Jacob
Y2	Zosia & Alfie
Y3	Franklin
Y4	Mia & Pricsilla
Y5	Ellie & Christina
Y6	Abby & Maya



Please help everyone by adhering to the social distancing rules and the changing Government Road Map, tokeep yourselves and your family safe.

Testing those who are symptomatic of Covid19 is a key strategy in managing and reducing the spread of thevirus.

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 tomeasure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughingepisodes 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 tasteanything, 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 ifno symptoms.

Here is a reminder of the key protective measures we are asking you to follow. (Please do not be offended if school staffremind 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



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 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 o**n 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.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

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

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 5^{th} July each class in KS2 will run a marathon around our field. Every child will complete 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 1 and Year 5- Whitley Hall Cricket Sessions in School

Monday 28th June and Monday 5th July



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

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.

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.

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.