

Newsletter – Issue 37

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Come on England!

What a great achievement by our England football team!

A few parents have asked if children can wear England clothes to school, so on Monday 12th July to celebrate this achievement (whatever the outcome on Sunday) children (and staff) can come to school dressed in England clothes/colours.

At 3pm tomorrow (Friday) all our classes will play "3 Lions" and practice cheering ready for Sunday!

Please could all children bring to 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 9th July Sponsored Marathon money to be handed in by today

> Monday 12th July 100% Attendance Reward

Tuesday 13th July 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 5 Local Walk to Grenoside Woods

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

Monday 6th September First day of Autumn term

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.

Breakfast Club September 2021



Drop off is between **8:00am and 8:30am** with strictly no admissions after 8:30am. The cost will return to **£3** per session from September as we will no longer have the magic breakfast provision 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. Children will sign in at reception as normal; however, no cash will be accepted in school.

End of Year – Staff Gifts

We have had some enquiries 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.



Year 1 Sports Day





Y4 'Lets Learn Moor' visit to The Moorlands



Science Week!

This year, science week was all about the importance of innovation. The children had great fun learning about innovating things that have happened in science.







Science Week! Carrying out practical investigations and having visits from lots of different animals!







Investigating our senses and using them to identify tastes.

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Exploring the bacteria that lives on our hands and why hand washing is so important.







Science Week!

Fact hunting, presenting information and learning about herd immunity.

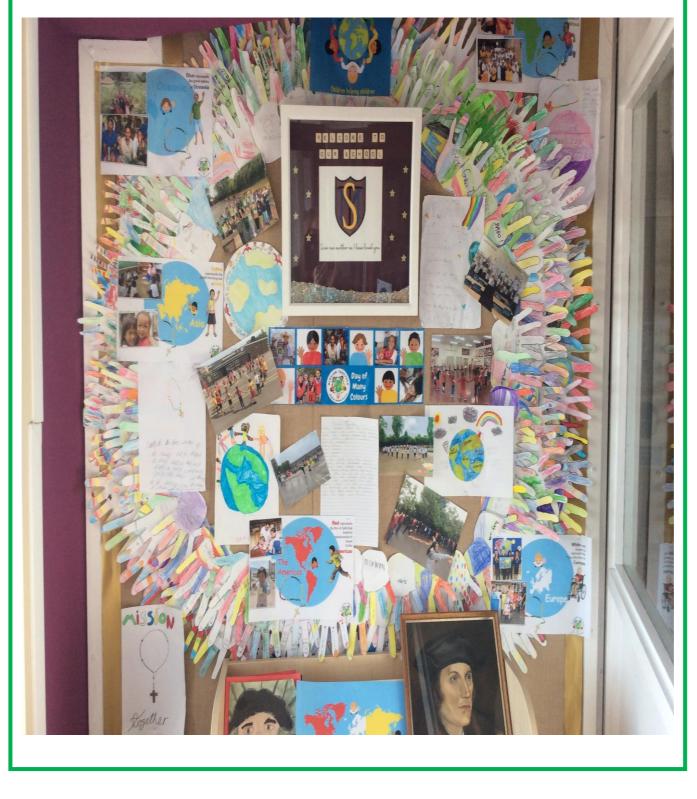




We had so much fun celebrating the Day of Many Colours. We produced amazing work, learned so many fun facts, created fantastic homework, had exciting PE games and more! We have a beautiful display in our entrance hall showcasing all the work

Please see our RE homework winners on the merit page.

Thanks to all the families for your ongoing support!



Congratulations to Zofia in Y4 who made her First Holy Communion recently.



What is happening after school next week?

We wanted to give you an update on what is happening after school next week so that everybody is clear on pick up times:

Monday 12th July:

Miss Chappell's re-arranged booster group Mrs. Round's re-arranged booster group Year 6 after school sports club

Wednesday 14th July Year 6 disco

Thursday 15th July Year 5 after school football club.

All other after school clubs/boosters will not take place in the last week.

P.E Kits September 2021



Y1 to Y6 children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on days they have PE. In Autumn & Spring terms, F2s will get changed for PE in school as this is part of their curriculum.

After School Clubs Autumn Term 2021



Below are the after school clubs available for the Autumn Term 2021 (Week commencing 6th September- Week commencing 18th October) 3.20pm-4.20pm:

Year 1: Motor Skills- Monday (**SOLD OUT**) Year 2: Board Games- Tuesday (**SOLD OUT**) Year 3: Sports- Monday Year 4: Art- Thursday

The clubs can be booked and paid for on ParentMail on a first come first served basis, whilst any places remain available.



S	CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS Friday 2 nd July		
F2	Elena	For	Independently challenging yourself in your learning during choosing time and blowing us away with your number bonds and writing equations! ⓒ Keep it up Elena.
	Amy		Listening really carefully about the animals at our Sam Safari workshop and sharing your super animal facts! ⓒWell done Amy!
Y1	Jensen	For	Beautiful sentences in your writing this week – you have impressed me and Mrs North with your use of effective adjectives, verbs and conjunctions! Fantastic job!
	Stasiu		Amazing work in Maths last week while we have explored multiplication and division – you can see the clear relationship between the two and you've also challenged yourself in your learning. Well done!
Y2	Catherine		For your excellent reading comprehension skills! You are just a phenomenal reader and you have answered a range of retrieval and inference questions with heaps of confidence. I am very proud! Well done!
	Emmanuella	For	For your brilliant perseverance with your maths. I am so proud of how hard you try every day with your maths and you always strive to be the best that you can be! This has led you to tackle some very tricky equations!
Y3	Lewam	E	Your enthusiasm for our singing lessons. You are a brilliant role model to the rest of the class with your participation and efforts. Well done, Lewam!
	Olivia H	For	Trying hard this week with your informal letter to Queen Victoria as Sophie from The BFG. You did a great job of including key features. Well done!
¥4	Fredi	For	Getting an amazing score on your Multiplication Fact Test. We are so proud of you! Well done.
	Kayleigh	For	Working hard on improving your presentation and for using a wide range of skills in English this week.
Y5	Eoin		Being so resilient in maths this week! We have been learning how to calculate short division with remainders, which is really tricky but you have really tried your best with this! Well done Eoin.
	Claudia	For	The high level of effort that you have put into your persuasive writing this week. I can't wait to see all of your hard work pay off in today's Big Write! Well done Claudia.
Y6	Leo	For	Putting in 100% effort into your singing performance practice! Amazing participation during your live recording! What a superstar!
	Abby	FO	Creating an amazing discussion text for your Big Write! Amazing use of formal features and showing a balanced argument!

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



Last week's winner is Jessica in Y6 for:

Persevering through all your lessons, no matter what! I am so proud of your confidence and use of your knowledge!

Last Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	93.5	0
Year 1	96.7	2
Year 2	96.7	4
Year 3	97.1	7
Year 4	99.7	3
Year 5	96.3	4
Year 6	92	5
School Total	96	25
Wow! Well Done Year 4	! You will receive an extra playtime f	or your great attendance last week!



100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners			
F2	N/A		
Year 1	Mila		
Year 2	Romaine		
Year 3	Kodell		
Year 4	Gracie-Ann		
Year 5	Claudia		
Year 6	Archie		





As we approach step 4 of the Governments road map, this doesn't mean the end of Covid, so please support us in maintaining out current protective measures up to the end of the summer term.

You may have heard the Education Secretary speak on 6th July where he explained that at step 4, school will no longer need to keep children in bubbles. The DFE have issued updated guidance for schools for September. We will be reviewing and working our way through this guidance over the next couple of weeks. We will issue information to families towards the end of the summer break regarding systems and procedures for September.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

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.

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Year 5 Local Walk to Grenoside Woods Wednesday 14th July

On Wednesday 14th July, between 10:25am and 12:00pm, Y5 will be going on a walk around the local area. During our walk, we will be using fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features of Grenoside. This will be a great opportunity to further develop and consolidate the knowledge that we have learned during our geography lessons this term. Please ensure that children bring a pair of sensible footwear to school on this day that they can change into before our walk (trainers or walking boots).

Please complete the online form sent via ParentMail to state whether or not you give permission for your child to go on this walk.

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.

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.