



**St Thomas More Catholic Primary,
A Voluntary Academy**

2021/22 Newsletter – Issue 10

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open every day and continues to be a drop in session. No pre booking is required, which provides flexibility to drop off between **8:00am and 8:30am**, **with strictly no admissions after 8:30am.**

The cost is **£3** per session. Payment in advance via ParentMail (**cash payments are not accepted in school.**) and accounts are 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.

Attendance and Punctuality

This week we have been reviewing children's attendance and punctuality. You may receive a letter from school making you aware of your child's attendance and punctuality.

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance and punctuality then please contact the office.

Ventilation:

In line with DFE guidelines, we are continuing to ensure there is good ventilation in all rooms, being used in school - this is achieved by having windows open. As the colder weather is now approaching, you may wish to consider children wearing an additional layer under school uniform. Please ensure any additional layers are in line with our uniform policy.



Y6 EIS Athletics

Thursday 9 December 2021

F2 Festive Fun - Ecclesall Woods

Wednesday 15 December 2021

**Whole School Christmas Jumper/
Dinner day**

Thursday 16 December 2021

**F2, Y1 & Y2 - Christmas Drama
Workshop**

Friday 17 December 2021

Y2 EIS Gymnastics

Monday 10 January 2022

Y2 EIS Invasion Games

Thursday 17 March 2022

Y4 Kingswood Residential

Monday 16 May 2022

Wednesday 18 May 2022

Y6 York Residential

Monday 27 June 2022

Wednesday 29 June 2022

**This is not an exhaustive list of
planned events for the year, more
items will be added each week,
watch this space ☺**

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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Advent events:



Advent is such an important and special time for us here at St Thomas More. It is a real opportunity to explore this liturgical season with our children and families. As parents/carers have been unable to come into school for such a long time we want to facilitate you being able to attend our Advent events, whilst keeping everyone safe and ensure we consider business continuity. We know that the larger the events and the more mixing, the more likely an outbreak will occur and we want to avoid this and keep any disruption for children, families and staff to a minimum. We have therefore decided that each class will lead an Advent performance eg a liturgy and parents/carers will be able to attend. The class performing their Advent event will be the only class of children in the hall. A max of 2 parent/carers per family (of the class that are doing the Advent performance) will be able to attend. This allows us to manage capacity within our hall and keep mixing to a minimum and maintain a level of social distancing between visitors. Prior to each Advent event, families will be invited via parent-mail and asked to complete a form, providing details of the 2 parent/carers/family members that will be attending. Please note, the 2 family members attending will be seated together and be required to wear face coverings, any younger family members attending are to be included in the 2 - for example a parent and a younger sibling would count as 2. Please note, if school is experiencing any outbreaks or there is any change to the guidance, then events may need to be re-scheduled or cancelled.

The dates/times set for our Advent events are below....

All events are due to start at 9.15am so please wait off site and the gate will be opened at 9.05am. F2's Advent event will start at 2.30pm and the gate will be opened at 2.20pm.

Y6	Wednesday 1 st December
Y5	Wednesday 8 th December
Y4	Wednesday 15 th December
Y3	Wednesday 22 nd December
Y2	Thursday 16 th December
Y1	Tuesday 21 st December
F2	Monday 20 th December

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Advent



Monday the 29th November marks the start at Advent so we are encouraging our children to come in an item of Purple on this day. Children can wear their own clothes combined with purple if they want to or an item of purple with their uniform. Please be aware that this is the same date as the photo catch up day so if your child will be having a photo taken then please send them with a school jumper to change into.

F2 Admissions – September 2022

We are now welcoming visits from families who are thinking of St Thomas More Catholic Primary as an option for children starting F2 in September 2022.

We currently have the following date and time available after half term.

Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 9:15 am

We are still limiting visitor numbers in school so please contact the school office on 0114 2468020 to book in for a visit. We ask that only 1 parent/carers and child attend and also adult visitors should wear masks while in the school building.

Braiswick Photo catch up day- Please note change of date



Braiswick Photography will be coming into school in the afternoon on Monday 29th November 2021, to do a catch up visit for any children that did not have their photo taken when they came in on Monday the 8th November. We are aware that this is PE day for some children, so they can come in their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into!

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Severe weather notification

As we approach the winter months and the potential for bad weather. It is important that we have up to date contact information for notification of school closures or late starts.

Any notifications for families regarding this will be sent via Parent mail.



AT FIRTH PARK ACADEMY

ACCESS VIA SPORTS ENTRANCE ON BELLHOUSE ROAD(S5 0RD)

STARTING WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2022

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR(PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE)



Group 1	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Ages 4 - 5
Group 2	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Ages 6 - 7
Group 3	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Ages 8 - 9
Group 4	8:00pm – 9:00pm	Ages 10 - 13

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. **The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY WEDNESDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to Boys and Girls aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term(usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive a merit Trophy and course Certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including Penalty Shoot out, American Shoot out and Champions League Competitions.

The cost of the course is £6 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£24) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities including the large indoor sports hall.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
'FIRTH PARK' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO;**

07846 770 250

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)

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Celebration Winners

w/e 19 November 2021

F2	Albie	for	<i>Super tidying up this week and encouraging your friends to do the same! You have tried really hard in RWI this week too on the carpet! Great job!</i>
	Ted		<i>Some great dancing in PE this week and showing braveness and independence when using the adventure playground too! ☺ Well done!</i>
Y1	Hartlyn	for	<i>Using strategies taught to add and subtract within 20. Well done Hartlyn!</i>
	Benjamin		<i>Using strategies taught, to add and subtract within 20. Well done Benjamin!</i>
Y2	Mollie	for	<i>Showing a great understanding of why Shabbat is important to Jewish people.</i>
	Amayah		<i>Having some thoughtful ideas in our lesson on Anti-bullying.</i>
Y3	Evelyn	for	<i>Being a fantastic role model for anti-bullying week. You are always bursting with kindness and empathy for others and are a joy to have in class. Well done Evelyn ☺</i>
	Emmanuel		<i>Wondrous effort in dance! You are perfecting those jumps and spins and have impressed me with your learning of our dance routine. Well done Emmanuel! ☺</i>
Y4	Franklin	for	<i>Putting 100% effort into his maths this week by using different strategies to divide! Fantastic work! Keep it up!</i>
	Olivia H		<i>Producing wonderful and factual paragraphs about Sea Dragon for our non-chronological report! Keep it up!</i>
Y5	Gracie W	for	<i>Working really hard during our other faiths RE lessons this week. You have showed a really good understanding of the Islamic celebrations of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr as well as the Islamic pilgrimage to Mekkah. Well done Gracie.</i>
	Grace		<i>Your insightful contributions during our anti-bullying week assembly and our anti-bullying week lesson this week. Our anti-bullying motto for this year is 'One Kind Word' and you always treat others with kindness and respect. Well done Grace.</i>
Y6	Nozwelo	for	<i>Your thoughtful contributions during our retreat day this week. You reflected on what it means to be a part of our class, and you have some well-considered answers. Good work, Nozwelo!</i>
	Eoin		<i>Your great discussions during our work for Other Faiths Week! You impressed us with your interest and enthusiasm for the topic. Well done, Eoin!</i>

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"Virtues to Live by"



w/e 19 November 2021 - Winners

F2	Miles
Y1	Stanley
Y2	Delan
Y3	Alfie
Y4	Kordell
Y5	Priscilla
Y6	Claudia

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER

W/E 19 November 2021



This week's winner is Masi in Y4 for:

Persevering through all your work every day no matter what! You are always ready to master the lesson!

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Attendance & Punctuality w/e 19 November 2021

Class	Percentage	Lates
F2	96.6	0
Y1	100	2
Y2	99.3	1
Y3	96	2
Y4	97.2	2
Y5	89.6	6
Y6	94.3	0
School Total	96.2	13

Wow! Well Done Y1! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance and punctuality.

Outstanding Homework w/e 19 November 2021



F2	Emilia L
Y1	Nerae
Y2	Eryn O
Y3	Douglas
Y4	Lewam
Y5	Mia
Y6	Oliver

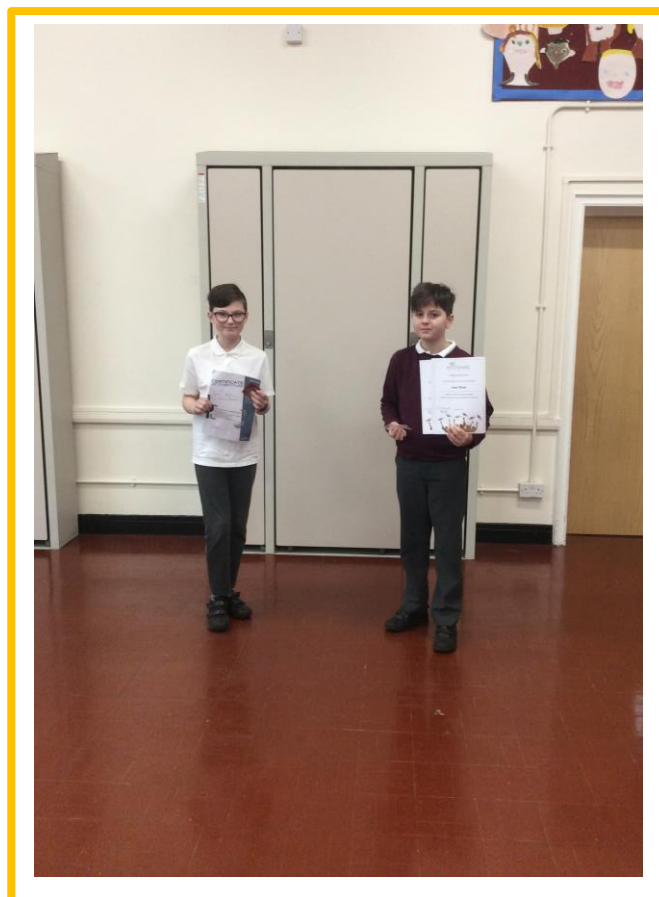
100% Attendance & Punctuality w/e 19 November 2021



F2	Nathaniel
Y1	Robyn
Y2	Finlay W
Y3	Philomena
Y4	Frankie
Y5	Abigail
Y6	Florence

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Out of school activities



Congratulations to Jennifer for getting invested in the
Scouts

And to Isaac for achieving his Gold, Silver and Bronze
badges from the children's university

TRIPS AND EVENTS



Qualitas Sporting Events and Competitions 2021-22

Event	Year	Venue	Date/Time
Athletics	6	EIS	09.12.21 / 09:00 - 12:30
Gymnastics	2	EIS	10.01.22 / 09:00 - 12:30
Dance festival	1 & 5	Winding Wheel	28.03.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Invasion games	2	EIS	17.03.22 / 09:00 - 12:30
Tag Rugby	4	Hallam sports park	22.04.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Mini-tennis	1	Places 4 People	19.05.22 / 09:00 - 12:30
Derby county football festival	2	Derby County football club	17.06.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Crown green bowling	SEND children	Places 4 People	21.06.22 / 09:00 - 12:00
Sports day	2&6	EIS	23.05.22 / 09:00 - 15:00
Quick cricket	TBC	Mount St Marys	18.07.22 / 09:00 - 13:00
Rugby union	TBC	Mount St Marys	19.07.22 / 09:00 - 13:00
Elite mini Olympics	TBC	Mount St Marys	19.07.22 - 09:00 - 13:00

F2 will have an event arranged during the summer term

There will be no cost to parents/corers for any of the above events.

These events including transport will be fully funded from the school's sports premium grant.

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EYFS and KS1 Christmas Drama Workshop Friday 17 December 2021

On Friday 17 December 2021, F2, Y1 and Y2 get to experience an in-school live performance from West End in Schools!

The Christmas spirit will be brought into school with a drama workshop and we will join Scrooge on his adventures through Victorian London based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens!

Using drama techniques drawn from professional theatre, the children will become immersed in the story's world as they inhabit the characters, recreate the Victorian setting, and explore the themes of the story.

We are asking for a contribution of £3.00 per child, towards this event. Payments should be made on Parentmail.

F2 Festive Fun Workshop - Ecclesall Woods

On Wednesday the 15th of December 2021, F2 will be visiting the Discovery Centre at Ecclesall Woods for a day of festive fun! Activities during the day will include a campfire with marshmallows, creating clay hedgehogs, exploring how animals hibernate in the winter and making a reindeer Christmas decoration! The coach will be setting off at 8.30am so please ensure you arrive at school by 8.15am at the latest. We will be returning to school before the end of the school day (approx. 2.30pm).

The contribution is £18 which includes a full day workshop and coach travel. Payments should be made and consent given on Parentmail.

If we do not receive enough contributions the trip may have to be cancelled.

Children will need:

- Warm, waterproof clothing/shoes (inc. hats, scarves, gloves, etc!) as we will be outside for most of the day!
- A packed lunch and water bottle. If you would like a packed lunch to be provided by school, please indicate in the options on Parentmail.