



Newsletter – Issue 25 26th March 2019

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We would like to wish all our families, pupils and staff a wonderful break – we hope you all come back feeling refreshed and ready for our final term!

We return to school on Monday 15th April ☺



This Week is Early Bird Week!

Monday 25th March – Friday 29th March

We are running this to promote good punctuality! We recognise that the majority of your children do arrive on time for school every single day, that is fantastic and we want to celebrate and acknowledge that! During this week, for every day, that your child arrives on time they will get a sticker. Any child with 5 stickers (i.e. arrives on time every day that week) will go into a prize draw for a £10 Meadowhall voucher. The class with the best punctuality for that week will also win a prize!

Come on kids, make sure you are in school on time, it makes a big difference to your learning!

Did you know.....

5 minutes late every day = 3.5 school days missed per academic year

10 minutes late every day = 7 school days missed per academic year

20 minutes late every day = 14 school days missed per academic year

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

At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to be loved. We believe that Love is:

Kindness, justice, acceptance, forgiveness and friendship; it is unconditional and inclusive, allowing each one of us to learn and to grow to become the wonderful person God created us to be.

Important Dates:

NEW DATES/CHANGED DATES:

Wednesday 24th April
Y2 Walk a Mile in School Class Fundraiser for £2

Friday 26th April
Staff Bun Day – Proceeds to The Good Shepherd Fund – 20p a bun!

Tuesday 30th April
Thematic Approach to the Curriculum Workshop @ 9.00am

Wednesday 22nd May
Good Shepherd Mass @ St Marie's Cathedral

Wednesday 1st May
Y2 Crazy Hair Day for £1.00

Friday 3rd May
Tuck shop Starts

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS

WEEK:

Monday 25th March – Friday 29th March
Early Bird week

Tuesday 26th March
Y2 School Library Afternoon @
2:15pm – 3:15pm

Tuesday 26th March
Y5 & Y6 SWFC Environmental
Afternoon

Wednesday 27th March
Y6 Engineers Without Borders
Session

Wednesday 27th March
Y5 Leeds Cricket Trip

Thursday 28th March
Y6 School Library Afternoon @
2:15pm – 3:15pm

Friday 29th March
Y5 Backwards Day for £1.00!

Friday 29th March
F2 Crazy Hair/Hat day for £1.00

Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April
Easter Holiday

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

THE GRAND TOTAL AND A HUGE THANK YOU FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL!

Thank you so much to all our families and pupils for supporting all of our Sheffield Children's Hospital Fundraisers! We have had great fun and we raised an incredible £1000! Thank you so much for all your support – we couldn't do it without you and we really appreciate it!



THANK YOU F2!!

A big thank you to F2 who provided the buns, cakes, donuts and goodies last week for their Bun Day – you were amazing! They raised a super **£67.65!!** Thank you to all our families and pupils for supporting these events – this was our last bun day and we can't thank everyone enough for all their support! 😊

Thank you as always to School Council for sorting and delivering all the trays of goodies to each class and counting up the money raised 😊

Important Dates:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SUMMER 1:

**Monday 15th April
Back to school!**

Monday 15th April – Thursday 18th April
Y5 Bikeability

Wednesday 17th April
Y2 SATs Workshop @ 2:45pm

Thursday 18th April
Y6 Lenten Liturgy @ 2:15pm

**Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April
School Closed for Good Friday & Easter
Monday**

Tuesday 23rd April
Easter Bonnet Competition - £1.00 entry
fee

Wednesday 24th April
Y2 Walk a Mile in School Class Fundraiser
for £2

Thursday 25th April
Y1 Phonics Screening Workshop @
2:45pm – 3:15pm

Friday 26th April **NEW DATE!**
Staff Bun Day – Proceeds to The Good
Shepherd Fund – 20p a bun!

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Thematic Approach to the Curriculum
Workshop @ 9.00am

Wednesday 3rd May
Y2 Crazy Hair Day for £1.00

Thursday 2nd May
Parents Evening

~~Friday 3rd May~~ **SEE NEW DATE!**
Staff Bun Day – Proceeds to The Good Shepherd
Fund – 20p a bun!

Friday 3rd May
Tuck Shop Starts

**Monday 6th May
School Closed for May Bank Holiday**

Wednesday 22nd May
Good Shepherd Mass @ St Marie's Cathedral

**Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
Spring Bank Holiday**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SUMMER 2:
**Monday 3rd June
Back to School!**

Wednesday 19th June
Notre Dame Roadshow at School @ 5:30pm –
7:30pm

Thursday 20th June
Y6 Catholic Cup Football Tournament

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th July
Y6 Residential Trip

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR F2 PARENTS

Coming into class independently:

After Easter, we are going to ask parents to leave their children at the gate and to come into school themselves. I will be stood at the main door to welcome children in and to ensure that they hang up their coats and bags and to settle them into class. This is to prepare the children for their transition to Year 1, in which they have to be able to go into class independently.

Proud clouds and reach for the stars:

We are however going to let parents bring children in each Wednesday (if you wish to), and this is so that parents can add a 'proud cloud' and a 'star' to our display. Proud clouds and stars will help us to assess the children, as in early years it is vital that parents are involved in this process. On the proud cloud, you will be asked to write something that you are proud of your child for e.g. writing a sentence independently, learning to ride a bike etc. On a star will be a written question asking whether your child can do something that we don't have evidence for e.g. Does your child know what floating and sinking is? It would really help us if you could give an example of when you have seen your child doing or saying something about this. Alternatively, if you are unable to or don't wish to come in on Wednesdays, you can pop into class and pick up some clouds or stars to complete at home and bring in another day, and I will also bring them to each parents evening.

Parent communication:

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please do pop in as the children arrive or alternatively contact the office to leave a message or to arrange a convenient time.

Many thanks,

Miss Bennett

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ATTENTION: PARENTS OF F2 CHILDREN

On **Thursday 18th April at 2.15pm** it is the Y6 Lent Liturgy which is based on the final events leading up to Jesus being put to death on the cross. Parts of the liturgy will be loud and also dark. Because of this, some of our youngest children in school may find this a little bit frightening.

If you have concerns about this, then please come and chat to staff.

THEMATIC APPROACH TO THE CURRICULUM

On **Tuesday 30th April at 9am**, we will be running a workshop based on our new approach to the curriculum and we would love it if families could join us for the workshop! In the meantime, your child will be sent home a 'knowledge organiser', which will support them in their learning for their upcoming theme. The knowledge organiser will consist of lots of facts and vocabulary to learn which will be taught throughout the theme.

The aim of these is to ensure that children have a good knowledge and understanding of the key ideas and vocabulary before beginning the theme, therefore being more fluent in their understanding and use of vocabulary needed. Children will still be given creative homework and activities for them to complete over the course of the theme. We would be grateful if you can support your child in learning the key vocabulary and facts and the creative homework activities.

AFTER SCHOOL SECURITY INFORMATION

When we return after the Easter Holiday (from w/c 15th April) the bottom gate leading to the KS2 Yard/Adventure Playground and the gates providing access to the rear of the school and field will be locked at 3:30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Access to school after 3:30 will be via main reception only.

We are making this change because we are increasingly using the outside space for After School Clubs and need to ensure the safety of children and staff onsite and outside after normal school hours.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	96.7%	0
Year 1	96.7%	2
Year 2	98.7%	0
Year 3	98.5%	0
Year 4	97.3%	3
Year 5	99.3%	1
Year 6	97.2%	2
School Total	97.8%	8

Wow! Well Done Y! You will receive an extra playtime for your fantastic attendance last week!

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Sebastian
Year 1	Joel
Year 2	Alice
Year 3	Simon
Year 4	Rieneidi
Year 5	Millie L
Year 6	Skye

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Shay in Y4!

You have won this award for

Your outstanding charity work. You recognised that there are children less fortunate than you are and with a positive mind-set, you wanted to help them. We couldn't be more proud.

Super stuff ! 😊

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	
F2	Parker
Y1	Obeng
Y2	Mia
Y3	Rian
Y4	Sophie
Y5	Maddison S
Y6	Maisie

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

FS2/KS1	Romaine F2	for	Fantastic positive behaviour at lunchtimes. Thank you and keep it up!
KS2	CJ Y5	for	Always being kind and helpful to every member of our school community. Thank you and keep it up!

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

TIME TO BOOK YOUR PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS – PARENTS EVENING THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2019



For our parents evening on Thursday 2nd May 2019 we will be using Parents Evening Manager on ParentMail. You can book your parents' evening appointments from your smartphone, tablet or computer from NOW until booking closes on Friday 26th April 2019 at 3:30pm.

You will be alerted instantly once the appointment booking goes live and will be able to select appointment times that are convenient to you. It's all very straight-forward, but if you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site: <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp>

Please note, you will need to be registered on ParentMail to be able to book appointments – if you haven't received a registration email or text, please contact the school office.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the ParentMail App so you can book appointments on your phone as soon as the appointment booking goes live! To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

If you have any issues or queries with the process please contact the school office as soon as possible.

OUR BUN DAY FUNDRAISERS!

Thank you so much for your support with these Bun Day events – it has really made a difference to our contribution to the Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal! 😊

Here is the final total for our bun days!

CLASS	DATE
Y6	Thank you Y6!
Y5	Thank you Y5!
Y4	Thank you Y4!
Y3	Thank you Y3!
Y2	Thank you Y2!
Y1	Thank you Y1!
F2	Thank you F2!
TOTAL RAISED	£540.01 WOW!!!!

Well done everyone!

Thank you to all who donated and took part!



CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 22nd March

F2	Emmie	for	Wowing us with your spring poem and counting in twos and fives! Amazing! Well done 😊
	Rhys	for	Having lovely manners all week. You are so polite and always say thank you. You have also blown us away with your self-made number lines outdoors. Fantastic! 😊
Year 1	Allyssia	for	Fantastic effort in all of your learning this week and becoming more confident at joining in on the carpet.
	Eoghan	for	Writing a super story about Grandad's Island, thinking carefully about your handwriting and using up-levelled vocabulary.
Year 2	Spencer	for	Your amazing efforts in maths this week! You have tried really hard to use the less than, more than symbols to identify the value of numbers!
	Fredi	for	Being super grown up and independently using the resources in our classroom that can help you! You have taken so much pride in your own learning. Well done, Fredi!
Year 3	Ellie	for	For having a fabulous attitude towards your learning and for always engaging in lessons. You're always working really hard and are making some fantastic progress. Well done!
	Joshua	for	For showing great determination in overcoming some difficult maths work this half term and for making a great improvement with your presentation. Your behaviour is also a shining example to your peers. Well done!
Year 4	Nikola	for	The effort, enthusiasm and leadership skills that you showed on World Poetry Day. You helped others be the best they could be and delivered your verse perfectly.
	Leo	for	Your positive attitude towards your learning. Mrs Round and I are incredibly proud of how you are progressing. Keep it up.
Year 5	Faryl	for	Your concentration and effort in music this week. You worked so hard to follow the rhythm of a tricky song and to sing along whilst playing instruments!
	Sefana	for	The enthusiasm and creativity that you showed during our World Poetry Day session on 'Food, Glorious Food'. You put 100% into creating your poem and performed it beautifully.
Year 6	Vivian	for	Putting 100% effort into your Big Write using accurate newspaper features and challenging yourself! Way to go!
	Lola	for	Improving your arithmetic skills independently. Keep it up!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

F2 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SPRING FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

Friday 29th March: Crazy Hair/Hat Day for£1!

Thank you for your support! 😊

Y2 SATS WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2019 – 2.45PM

As the KS1 SATs are approaching, we are holding a workshop on the above date. Towards the end of next half term, the children will be sitting their 'mock SATs' to give us an idea of additional support that we need to put in place to support them in passing. During the workshop, you will also be able to look through your child's mock assessments to enable you to support them at home.

Please let us know if you can attend by Monday 15th April.

Many thanks, Miss Garner

Y1 PHONIC SCREENING INFORMATION WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 25th APRIL @ 2:45PM – 3:15PM

Miss Keenan will be running a Phonics Screening Workshop for Y1 families on Thursday 25th April at 2:45pm – 3:15pm.

This workshop will give you more information about phonics screening and what it entails. We hope you can make it 😊

Y2 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SUMMER FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

Wednesday 24th April: We will be holding a 'Walk a Mile in school' for a £2 donation

Wednesday 1st May: Crazy Hair Day for £1 donation.

ATTENTION Y6! IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT Y6 RESIDENTIAL

LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT!

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

Wednesday 3rd July – Friday 5th July

PAYMENTS DUE:

- The remaining amount due for the Y6 residential is **£140** and needs to be made by **the 29th March** please. The total cost of the Residential trip is £160 and as all children have paid a £20 deposit so the balance is now £140.
- The £140 payment can be made in full to be received in school by the 29th March via Parentmail.
- Or you can make the payment in two instalments of £70. The first £70 to be received by Thursday 28th February and the final instalment of £70 to be received by the 29th March via Parentmail.

All the above payments can also be made directly to school in a named envelope by the dates mentioned above.

If you would prefer any other payment options please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support.