



Newsletter – Issue 27

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Welcome back to all our staff, pupils, and families!
There is a lot to look forward to this Summer Term so we hope you had a relaxing break and are raring to go!



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 straightforward, 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.

Important Dates:

NEW DATES/CHANGED DATES:

Friday 26th April
Y1 Animal Afternoon

Friday 3rd May
Y1 Crazy Cap Friday for £1.00!

Tuesday 7th May
Y2 Wear Bright Clothes Day for £1.00!

Tuesday 4th June
Y2 Wear Your Clothes Back to Front Day for £1.00!

Thursday 6th June
Y6 Visit to Millennium Gallery

Tuesday 11th June
Y2 Weston Park Museum Visit

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS

WEEK:

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SUMMER

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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

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.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR F2 PARENTS

Coming into class independently:

This term we asking 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

Important Dates:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SUMMER 1:

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

Friday 26th April
Y1 Animal Afternoon

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

Wednesday 1st May
Y2 Crazy Hair Day for £1.00!

Thursday 2nd May
Parents Evening

Friday 3rd May
Tuck Shop Starts

Friday 3rd May
Y1 Crazy Cap Friday for £1.00!

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

Tuesday 7th May
Y2 Wear Bright Clothes Day for £1.00!

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!**

Tuesday 4th June
Y2 Wear your clothes back to front day for £1.00!

Thursday 6th June
Y6 Visit to Millennium Gallery

Tuesday 11th June
Y2 Weston Park Museum Visit

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 REMINDER! ENTER OUR EASTER BONNET PARADE!

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL - £1.00 ENTRY FEE!

We will be holding an Easter Bonnet parade on the Tuesday we come back after the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. School Council will be judging the bonnets on the day and there will be a special Easter prize for the winner from each class! There is a £1.00 entry fee for the competition

☺ We can't wait to see your bonnets – so get crafty over the Easter weekend !

THEMATIC APPROACH TO THE CURRICULUM

On Tuesday 30th April at 9:00am, 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

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 now 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 | 98 | 2 |
| Year 1 | 99.3 | 3 |
| Year 2 | 98 | 2 |
| Year 3 | 97 | 0 |
| Year 4 | 97.7 | 0 |
| Year 5 | 96 | 0 |
| Year 6 | 98.6 | 0 |
| School Total | 97.8 | 7 |

Wow! Well Done Y1! You will receive an extra playtime for your fantastic attendance last week!

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

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|--------|-----------|
| F2 | Jon |
| Year 1 | Evret |
| Year 2 | Charlie P |
| Year 3 | Cole |
| Year 4 | Kaisie |
| Year 5 | Georgie |
| Year 6 | Vivian |

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Brody in Y3!

You have won this award for showing a willingness to improve your mind-set over the last term and it has been fantastic to see you show determination when you have found something tricky. You haven't given up, you've persevered. Well done!

Super stuff Brody! 😊

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

| Class | |
|-------|-----------|
| F2 | Philomena |
| Y1 | Bobby O |
| Y2 | Jessie |
| Y3 | Kadija |
| Y4 | Nikola |
| Y5 | Bethany |
| Y6 | George |

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

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| FS2/KS1 | Olivia Y1 | for | Always being kind and helpful to every member of our school community, and being a good friend. Thank you and keep it up! |
| KS2 | Cole Y3 | for | Your mature, responsible attitude and always making sure you involve everyone in your games. Thank you and keep it up! |



Our Out of School Achievement Children!

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

CLASS ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR SUMMER TERM!

| CLASS | ACTIVITY | COST |
|-----------|---|---|
| F2 | SUMMER 2: DATE TBC Butterfly House and the Botanical Gardens | £20.00 PER CHILD |
| Y1 | SUMMER 1: 26.04.19 Animal Club Afternoon SUMMER 2: DATE TBC Butterfly House | ALREADY PAID FOR THIS WILL BE PART FUNDED THROUGH FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AMOUNT TBC |
| Y2 | SUMMER 2: 11.06.19 Weston Park Museum DATE TBC Yorkshire Wildlife Park | £16.00/18.00 PER CHILD TBC THIS WILL BE PART FUNDED THROUGH FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AMOUNT TBC |
| Y3 | TBC NEXT WEEK | |
| Y4 | TBC NEXT WEEK | |
| Y5 | SUMMER 1: 15.04.19-18.04.19 Bikeability W/C 20.05.19 Kwik Cricket tournament, Whitley Hall W/C 20.05.19 Visit and workshop with Crown Court Judge DATE TBC SUMMER 2: DATE TBC Visit from police officer 05.07.19 Magna stars and planets | FREE FREE FREE FREE £10.00 PER CHILD BUT LIKELY TO DECREASE WITH FUNDRAISING EVENTS |
| Y6 | SUMMER 1: 18.04.19 Lenten Liturgy 23.05.19 Yewlands activity for transition 04.06.19 Notre Dame transition session for whole class SUMMER 2: 13.06.19 Crucial Crew 06.06.19 Millennium Galleries Visit 19.06.19 Notre Dame Road Show 3-5th July Residential | FREE FREE FREE APPROX COST FOR CRUCIAL CREW & MILLENNIUM GALLERIES VISIT WILL BE £20.00 ALTOGETHER – WE ARE CURRENTLY FUNDRAISING FOR THIS FREE PAID FOR |



CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 29th March

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|--------|------------|-----|---|
| F2 | Oliver | for | Trying your best and being enthusiastic about all of your learning. Keep it up! 😊 |
| | Aleksander | for | Creating a beautiful spring picture – you put so much effort in and this really showed. Well done! 😊 |
| Year 1 | Everton | for | For remembering facts about Antarctica and comparing Antarctica to England. Keep it up Everton. |
| | Vanessa | for | For writing a fantastic set of instructions for how to look after a penguin. Well done Vanessa. |
| Year 2 | Charlie B | for | Your amazing efforts this week with addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers! We had some tricky exchanging and regrouping to do, but you blew our socks off with this! Well done! |
| | Jonas | for | Being a determined learner this week, and taking on every learning challenge that came your way! You really impressed us with your concentration all week. Keep it up! |
| Year 3 | Cole | for | Working really hard on improving your reading this half term and for producing some lovely pieces of independent writing! |
| | Claudia | for | Making some great progress this half term and for always having a fabulous attitude towards your learning. |
| Year 4 | Mischa | for | A positive attitude towards your learning. Mischa has always worked hard in all her lessons but she is beginning to ask how she can make her work even better. Well done! |
| | Layla | for | Demonstrating a great attitude towards teamwork. In PE, you encouraged and applauded your team mates. What a wonderful attribute. |
| Year 5 | Aoibhin | for | The consideration and care you showed when editing your persuasive letter this week. You worked really hard to reflect on your writing and on how to develop your skills. Well done! |
| | Grayson | for | The resilience and perseverance that you have shown in your maths this week. Exploring transformations has been a challenge but you never gave up – well done! |
| Year 6 | Ryan | for | Amazing effort in your reading assessment this week! Way to go! Keep it up! |
| | Alhaji | for | Showing determination and effort in all your assessments this week! Keep it up! Way to go! |

TRIPS AND EVENTS

F2 ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Please ensure that you donate your £1 to go towards this term's enrichment activities! This half term the money will go towards a mini Easter egg hunt, vegetables for our greengrocer role play area, seeds for planting and much more! Thanks in advance for your donations 😊

Miss Bennett

Y1 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SUMMER FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

Friday 3rd May: Crazy Cap Friday for £1.00!

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.

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!

Wednesday 1st May: Crazy Hair Day for £1!

Tuesday 7th May: Wear Bright Clothes Day for £1.00!

Tuesday 4th June: Y2 Wear Your Clothes Back to Front Day for £1.00!

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You are invited to...



Messy Easter!

 Good Friday, 19th April
9.45am to 12.00

St Mark's Church
Mainstreet, Grenoside.

A family friendly Easter event
 *All welcome!* 

For more information contact **Nicky**
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