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DON'T FORGET TO SIGN OUR PARKING PROMISE!

Please make sure you sign and return our Parents Parking Promise – you can find it in this newsletter! A huge thank you to those parents who have signed and returned the form already! Thank you for your support with this 😊

YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Homework this week for Y2 – Y5 will be based around becoming a School Councillor! Elections will be held on July 12th.

If you are considering applying to be in School Council, then please come along to the School Council 'Drop In Sessions' to find out more about what it's like being in School Council (and maybe get some tips about applying!).

The sessions will be held on the following dates in the Science Room:

Thursday 27th June @ 12:30pm

Friday 28th June @ 12:30pm

We hope to see you there!

Thank you from School Council 😊



Important Dates:

NEW DATES/CHANGED DATES:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 26th June
Parent Workshop @ 9:15am

Wednesday 26th June
Y5 '5 Live' Conference

Thursday 27th June – Wednesday 1st July
Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 28th June
Y4 Wear What You Want Day for £1.00!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SUMMER

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Monday 1st July
Y4 Flute Concert @ 2:50pm

Tuesday 2nd July
Parent Ambassador Meeting @ 9:00am

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th July
Y6 Residential Trip

Thursday 4th July
Y1 Butterfly House Trip

Thursday 4th July
Y3 Come Dressed in the colours of a country's flag for £1.00!

Friday 5th July
Y5 Magna Trip

Friday 5th July
F2 Circus Skills Morning

Tuesday 9th July
Y4 Cannon Hall Farm Trip

Thursday 11th July
Y2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Thursday 11th July
Y4 Padley Pilgrimage Mass

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

THURSDAY 27TH JUNE – WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY

OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 27th June: 3:20pm – 3:40pm

Wednesday 28th June to Tuesday 2nd July: 8:30am – 8:50am & 3:20pm – 3:40pm

Wednesday 3rd July: 8:30am – 8:50am

Scholastic will be in school selling books for a week! There will be an offer for parents to pre buy a voucher online which the children can then use to purchase books in school if parents aren't able to attend.

The benefit of this is that children will get an additional 20% free to spend. In June there is also a 3 for 2 offer, buy two books get a third free 😊

RAFFLE TIME!

School will be holding a raffle to raise money towards the planned playground markings 😊 Tickets will be on sale at Sports Day and then in school for the following 3 weeks and will be **drawn on Friday 5th July.**

1st Prize: Family ticket to Legoland Discovery Centre, Manchester

2nd Prize: A 45 minute session at Swegway Park, Ecclesfield

3rd Prize: A 45 minute session at Swegway Park. Ecclesfield

Tickets £1 a strip! Good Luck Everyone! 😊

Important Dates:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SUMMER 2:

**Friday 12th July
F2 Botanical Gardens Trip**

**Tuesday 16th July
Y3 Tree Top Trek Trip**

**Wednesday 17th July
Progress Assembly @ 9:15am**

**Wednesday 17th July
100% Attendance Reward @
12:00pm**

**Thursday 18th July
Leavers Mass @ 10:00am**

**Thursday 18th July
Disco: F2/KS1 @ 1:15pm – 2:15pm
KS2 @ 2:20pm – 3:20pm**

**Friday 19th July
Y3 BFG Film Afternoon for £1.00!**

**Monday 22nd July – Monday 2nd
September
Summer Holiday!**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR AUTUMN 1:

**Tuesday 3rd September
Back to School!**

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT A NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!

We are looking at the possibility of a new type of after school club! We would really like your views on this 😊 It will help us to understand the needs of our families so please head over to our website to take part in our questionnaire. **You will find it on the home page of the website – you just need to answer the questions online and submit!**

We really need your input for this so please do fill it in! Thank you 😊

Thank you to those who have already filled it in! **This consultation closes at 3:00pm Friday 28th July!**

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARKING PATROL UPDATE

Last Friday School Council did their first parking patrol at the end of the day. They had to issue a number of parking notices to parents due to the following:

- Parking on the kerb
- Idling engines
- Using the school drive to turn
- Not leaving enough space to enable cars to safely go up and down Creswick Lane

We did notice an improvement in the number of inconsiderate parking and we believe this was due to the fact parents/carers saw us there in our high visibility vests – we hope that even if we aren't there that considerate parking will continue! Thank you to all those who parked considerately! We will be doing more surprise spot checks!

BAD PARKER OF THE WEEK!



This car is parked well onto the kerb and could potentially make it difficult for people to get past.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

ATTENTION PARENTS/CARERS/GRANDPARENTS!



We are inviting you to come along to join your child in their classroom to design and create a piece of artwork for the nation-wide Spirited Arts 2019 Competition that we are taking part in.

You are invited to join your child on **WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY FROM 1:45 - 3PM**. The children will be looking at a particular question about RE - either "Where is God?" or "Windows on the Soul" and then designing/creating a piece of art to show their answer/interpretation to the question.

They will also be writing about their artwork. We will be submitting 10 pieces of artwork to the national competition. Also, there will be winners in each class who will get a certificate in celebration assembly as well! We hope that you can join us! Many thanks for your support!

PARKING INCIDENT

As you are aware School Council are encouraging parents and carers to park and drive considerately, especially around school. Unfortunately, there has been an incident of inconsiderate rude behaviour outside school this week.

We had a report that there was standstill traffic on Creswick Lane as people were parked either side and just outside the gates. This meant no one could get past at all. Somebody then threw a can at one of our parent's windscreen from another car. This is a very serious and dangerous incident and, quite rightly, the parent has reported it to the police.

We need to create a safe environment for our children when leaving and arriving at school and also to be role models in terms of our behaviours.

Please make sure you sign our Parking Promise and adhere to the promises help us to ensure the safety of our school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARKING SQUAD

School Council have been concerned recently about the parking around school and have decided to form a School Council Parking Patrol!

They will be doing spot checks on parking before and after school – these will be surprise checks so no dates or times for drivers!

They will be looking at inconsiderate parking, for example, parking on grass verges, parking over drive ways and parking on the zig-zag lines.

We are asking all parents/families to sign up to the St Thomas More Parking Promise. This can be found in this week's newsletter – please can you sign and return it ASAP 😊

We will also be issuing 'Bad Parking Notices' to those cars that are deemed to be parking inconsiderately. They will also be taking photos for 'Bad Parker of the Week' for the newsletter (registration will be blurred out!).

This is something School Council are passionate about and is an important issue for the safety of children in our school!

Thank you from School Council for your cooperation with this 😊



St Thomas More's Parent Parking Promise

The area outside our school is busy in the morning and even more so at leaving times. Parents/carers who park close to entrances act irresponsibly, placing children in danger. The 'School Keep Clear' Zig Zag markings should maintain an area free from parked cars. This allows children and parents/carers walking in and out of school to cross safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic.

St Thomas More is keen to promote considerate parking and asks all parents to consider the local residents, staff, parents and pupils and promise:

- **I will NOT park across drives, even for a few minutes.**
- **If parking on a pavement, I will do so in a way that doesn't prevent pedestrians, disabled users or parents with buggies from using the pavement.**
- **If parking on corners I will ensure there is a clear view for those crossing the road.**
- **I will NOT stop on Zig Zag lines even for a few minutes.**
- **I will park in a considerate way that enables cars to pass and allows emergency vehicles access.**
- **I will NOT use the staff carpark to drop/pick up children at any times or use the driveway as a turning point.**
- **I will be respectful of other drivers and ensure there is room to pass on the road.**

Please also remember that walking to school is a great way to become healthier and can positively contribute to a child's development! It helps develop traffic awareness skills, keeps the environment cleaner and reduces traffic outside school at starting and finishing times. If you have to drive to school, please try to park as far away from school as you can and walk the rest of the way 😊

I promise to abide by the considerate parking promises detailed above and protect the safety of the children by being a thoughtful driver and will try to use my car as little as possible for school journeys.

Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	93.3	0
Year 1	97	4
Year 2	99.3	0
Year 3	98.9	0
Year 4	95.7	2
Year 5	94.3	0
Year 6	97.6	1
School Total	96.6	7

Wow! Well Done Y2! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Philomena
Year 1	Allyssia
Year 2	Sophia
Year 3	James
Year 4	Grace
Year 5	
Year 6	Ruby

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Ethan in Y1!

You have won this award for showing us a positive change in your attitude towards your all of your learning and being a fantastic role model to class one! 😊 We are really proud of you, keep it up!

Well done Ethan! 😊

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Philomena
Y1	Kordell
Y2	Charlie P
Y3	Poppy
Y4	Rieneidi
Y5	James
Y6	Shanie

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

FS2/KS1	Douglas F2	for	Being helpful and polite
KS2	Coran Y6	for	Showing respect to lunchtime staff by taking time, thinking and then giving reasons for why he thought something had happened



Out of School Achievements Awards



CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 21st June

F2	Romaine	for	Being curious and learning from all of the books around our classroom independently ☺ you also take great care of them. Well done!
	Zosia	for	A fantastic piece of artwork inspired by Henri Matisse! You really tried hard when creating your own stencils ☺ Fabulous effort!
Year 1	Evret	for	For blowing us away this week with the effort that you have put into all of your independent learning! Keep it up Evret! ☺
	Everton	for	For writing a fantastic description of the forest for our story 'Where the Wild Things Are'. Keep it up Everton! ☺
Year 2	Darcey	for	Trying your very hardest this week with your persuasive text! You used a range of different features and thought carefully about ways to improve when editing your work. Super work, Darcey! Keep it up!
	Abigail	for	Your efforts all week with your presentation. Even though this may have taken a little longer, you persevered and this has shown in your work this week. Well done, Abigail!
Year 3	Rian	for	Being really focussed all week and having a positive mindset in lots of our lessons. Your big write shows great effort and I am really pleased with your progress in using the grid method in maths. Well done Rian!
	Claudia	for	Producing an excellent piece of writing for your big write this week. We loved the chatty style of your informal letter. Well done Claudia ☺
Year 4	Grace	for	Demonstrating perseverance when investigating different number systems. What an important skill to possess!
	Nathaniel	for	The editing job that you have done on your Big Write. The paragraphs that you have written in your non-chronological report are brilliant. Keep it up!
Year 5	Emmanuel	for	The enthusiasm you have shown this week in all of your learning. You have been so eager to share your ideas and you have worked hard with your presentation. Well done!
	CJ	for	Your perseverance in maths. We completed a tricky Nrich problem this week and you found the solution using strategic thinking!
Year 6	Lacey	for	Demonstrating outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship while at the Catholic Cup! Well Done!
	Declan	for	Putting 100% effort into everything this week! You showed maturity, focus and concentration! Keep it up!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

F2 TRIP TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

FRIDAY 12TH JULY

F2 will be visiting the Botanical Gardens on Friday 12th July. The coach will collect us at 9.15am and whilst we are there we will be having a teddy bears picnic, read stories about bears, we will be going on a bear hunt and will also be exploring the gardens and playing ring games.

The coach will bring us back to school after dinner. Please check the weather forecasts and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately e.g. they may need a raincoat if rain is expected.

Due to our fundraising, the trip will only cost **£2.50 per child!** 😊 Your child will need to bring a packed lunch or can order from school. As it is a teddy bear picnic, their packed lunch could be themed e.g. teddy bear crisps. If you would like to volunteer to help us on our trip please let Miss Bennett know 😊 Many thanks!

F2 BOTANICAL GARDENS TRIP

FRIDAY 12TH JULY

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the F2 Botanical Gardens Trip on Friday 12th July.

I enclose £2.50 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

I would like to order the following packed lunch:

Ham Sandwich Cheese Sandwich Tuna Sandwich I will provide a packed lunch from home

Signed: _____

Date: _____

F2 CIRCUS SKILLS MORNING!

FRIDAY 5TH JULY

The circus is coming to F2 on the morning of Friday 5th July! Greentop circus will be coming in to deliver a circus skills workshop with the children at 9.15am until 10.15am.

The children will take part in activities such as juggling, walking on pot stilts and spinning a diablo! Parents are also invited along to work with all of the children and support them with the activities! 😊 Due to the amount raised from our class fundraisers, the workshop will be free! **If you can come along to the workshop, please let Miss Bennett know so that we know how many parents to expect.** Many thanks 😊

Y2 YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK TRIP

THURSDAY 11TH JULY

Y2 will be making a wild and wonderful visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on **Thursday 11th July!** We will be taking part in a workshop with an opportunity to meet some animals up close and we will be exploring the zoo 😊

Children will be required to bring a packed lunch with them for the trip. If you would like to order a free packed lunch from school, please complete the slip below.

There is a voluntary contribution of £14.00 which will go towards the cost of the trip. This is voluntary, but unless enough contributions are received, we will not be able to go ahead with the trip.

Please complete the permission slip for your child and return with payment.

Please let a member of Y2 staff know if you have any questions.

Y2 YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK TRIP

THURSDAY 11TH JULY

I give permission for my child _____

to attend the Y2 on Tuesday 11th June.

I enclose £14 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

I would like to order the following packed lunch:

Ham Sandwich
Cheese Sandwich
Tuna Sandwich

I will provide a packed lunch from home

Signed: _____ Date: _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Y3 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SUMMER FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

Thursday 4th July: Come dressed in the colours of a country's flag for £1.00!

Friday 19th July: BFG Film Afternoon for £1.00!

Y4 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SUMMER FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

Friday 28th June: Wear What You Want Day for £1.00!

Y4 PADLEY GORGE PILGRIMAGE

THURSDAY 11TH JULY

On Thursday 11th July, Y4 have been invited to take part in the Children's Padley Gorge Pilgrimage. We will be leaving school after registration on that day and returning before the end of the school day.

Your children will require a packed lunch and a water bottle. Please speak to the office if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order one.

We will be celebrating Mass outside therefore please ensure you check the weather forecast closer to the day and ensure your child wears full school uniform with suitable coat/jacket and footwear. If we are lucky enough to get sunny weather on the day, please apply sun cream before school and bring a sun hat.

The Friends Association have kindly contributed to this trip, and it has also been subsidised by school, therefore we are only needing to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £6.00.

Y4 CANNON HALL TRIP

TUESDAY 9TH JULY

On Tuesday 9th July Year 4 will be going to Cannon Hall Farm.

Children need to come in their school uniform and bring a packed lunch and a drink. Please speak to the office if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order one.

There is a voluntary contribution of £10.00 which will go towards the cost of the trip. This is voluntary, but unless enough contributions are received, we will not be able to go ahead with the trip.

Y4 CANNON HALL FARM TRIP

TUESDAY 9TH JULY

I give permission for my child _____

to attend the Y4 Cannon Hall Farm Trip on Tuesday 9th July.

I enclose £10.00 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed _____

Date _____

Y4 PADLEY GORGE PILGRIMAGE

THURSDAY 11TH JULY

I give permission for my child _____

to attend the Y4 Padley Gorge Pilgrimage.

I enclose £6.00 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed _____

Date _____