



Newsletter – Issue 37 2nd July 2019

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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 😊

HELLO BABY REANEY!

Huge congratulations to Mrs Reaney and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Loki Reaney! Baby and mum are doing well 😊



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN AND MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

Please be aware that **only children independently travelling to/from school should bring mobile phones to school.**

If a child needs to bring a phone into school for this purpose, then the parent is required to complete a permission form. This is available to download via the school website on the School Policies page at the bottom.

We will also have paper copies of the form available in the office if needed.

As the current Y6 children will be leaving us in a couple of weeks, they do not need to have a form completed.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Important Dates:

NEW DATES/CHANGED DATES:

Tuesday 16th July @ 2:15pm
Y6 Leavers Showcase

Friday 19th July
Y6 Chippy Lunch @ 12:15pm – 1:00pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 1st July
Scholastic Book Fair – Last Day!

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SUMMER

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Tuesday 9th July
Y4 Cannon Hall Farm Trip

Thursday 11th July
Y2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Thursday 11th July
Y4 Padley Pilgrimage Mass

Friday 12th July
F2 Botanical Gardens Trip

Tuesday 16th July
Y3 Tree Top Trek Trip

Tuesday 16th July @ 2:15pm
Y6 Leavers Showcase

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

CHILDRENS UNIVERSITY FESTIVAL OF FUN!

THURSDAY 25TH JULY – FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

To find out more about Sheffield's Childrens University Festival of Fun please have a look on our school website under **Our Community/PE Sports and Community Links** – you can download the leaflet! There are lots of fun things for children to do from theatre skills to wall climbing club!

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 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:

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
Y6 Chippy Lunch @ 12:15pm –
1:00pm

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

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

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!

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARKING PATROL UPDATE

Last Tuesday School Council did their parking patrol before the start of school. They had to issue a number of parking notices to parents due to the following:

- PARKING ON THE KERB – THIS WAS THE MAIN ISSUE!

The Law on Parking on a Kerb:

- According to Highway Code Rule 243, you should not park near a school entrance — as well as anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services, at or near a bus stop, opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, over a dropped kerb, and in front of an entrance to a property.
- Since 1974, Highway Code rule 244 has stated that drivers "MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London and **should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it.**"
- Rule 242 states: "You MUST NOT leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road." This means if your car is reported or seen by a police officer and judged to be either in a dangerous position or causing an unnecessary obstruction of the road, you could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- It is against the law to park on the pavement/verge by the side of yellow lines.
- It should also be noted that unless you are accessing your own property via lowered kerb driveway, it is an offence to drive on the pavement. This provision applies even if you only have one or two wheels on the pavement and they also apply to motorcycles.

We also gave out notices for the following:

- Idling engines
- Using the school drive to turn

Thank you to all those who parked considerately! We will be doing more surprise spot checks so keep a look out and park responsibly!

BAD PARKER OF THE WEEK!





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	90.7	1
Year 1	88.7	4
Year 2	100	0
Year 3	98.1	1
Year 4	95	4
Year 5	96	0
Year 6	96	1
School Total	95	11

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

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Olivia
Year 1	Arthur
Year 2	Abigail
Year 3	Poppy
Year 4	Zachery
Year 5	Destiny
Year 6	Finley

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Lily in F2!

You have won this award for persevering with your writing when sounding words out and moving on to the next word 😊 You have never given up and can now do this confidently. Well done!

Super stuff Lily! 😊

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Leylan
Y1	Evret
Y2	Charlie P
Y3	Olly
Y4	Zachery
Y5	Jasmine

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

FS2/KS1	Harry Y2	for	Supporting your friends and helping them how to skip!
KS2	Oscar Y3	for	Helping and being kind to your friends!



Out of School Achievements Awards



CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 28th June

F2	Bruno	for	Fantastic independent writing themed around the story of 'The Singing Mermaid!' Well done Bruno 😊
	Douglas	for	Understanding and recalling Sikh traditions as part of 'Other Faiths Week'. Fabulous Douglas! 😊
Year 1	Nancy	for	Fantastic learning during our other faiths learning this week. Creating a fantastic piece of art work to represent the story of Abraham 😊
	Vanessa	for	Showing us your super imagination, writing an exciting story about Where the Wild Things Are! I really enjoyed reading it 😊 Keep it up Vanessa!
Year 2	Gracie	for	Your fantastic efforts this week in our PE lesson! You've mastered the moves brilliantly and you put in all of your efforts to dancing 'like an Egyptian'! Well done, Gracie!
	Bethany	for	Your fantastic work during our learning about Islam this week. You did an amazing job of explaining how Muslims show respect during prayers and designed your own prayer mat. Well done, Bethany!
Year 3	Christina	for	Contributing fantastically during our week's focus on other faiths 😊
	Florence	for	Showing fantastic mental maths skills as we have been focussing on developing strategies that we will be using in Y4!
Year 4	Grace	for	Amazing focus during our Hinduism afternoon. You produced an informative poster and retold the stories of The Bold Beggar and The Six Blind Men and the Elephant. Well done – keep up the good work!
	Harry	for	Perseverance in maths. You have worked methodically to solve problems involving patterns and sequences this week – they weren't easy but you stuck at it. Well done!
Year 5	Daisy	for	The fabulous confidence and teamwork you displayed at our Humanutopia workshop. You worked fantastically with the Year 10's and the Foxhill children!
	Tom	for	Your deep consideration of Judaism during our RE learning this week. You thought so carefully about this faith and shared some fantastic ideas.
Year 6	Ruby	for	Putting in 100% effort, asking good questions and demonstrating deeper thinking skills during our "mean" maths lesson!
	Vivian	for	Demonstrating amazing knowledge and inquisitiveness during our unit on Sikhism – you created some great posters!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

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 😊

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!

Y6 CHIPPY LUNCH!

FRIDAY 19TH JULY @ 12:15PM – 1:00PM

STM tradition for the past few years has been that the Y6 Leavers are provided with a chippy lunch which staff and pupils share together. We would like to invite Y6 parents into school to also share in the chippy lunch to celebrate your child's time at our school. Please complete the permission slip below to let us know if you will be able to join us. We would kindly also ask for a donation of £1 per parent attending. We are also asking if parents could supply other items, for example, crisps, cakes/buns, pop to have with this lunch 😊

Y6 CHIPPY LUNCH

FRIDAY 19TH JULY

I would love to join with the Y6's and staff on Friday 19th July at 12.15pm – 1:00pm for a chippy lunch.

I enclose a donation of £1.00 per parent attending

Childs Name _____

Parents Name: _____

Signed
Parent/Carer _____

Number of parents attending 1 or 2:
