



Newsletter – Issue 4 26th September 2019

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need volunteers for our upcoming trips this term and throughout the year. If you have an up to date DBS check and would like to accompany us on any trip (free of charge) then please contact the class teacher or the school office 😊

NEW GATES!

The new gates are now up and running YIPPEE! The pedestrian and drive gates are electronically operated gates. They are programmed to be open at key times of the day. The footpath gate will open **at 08.00am for breakfast club and close at 09.10am**. The other pedestrian gate will open **at 08.30am and shut at 09.10am**. At other times, they will be closed/locked and anyone arriving at school will need to press the buzzer. Staff in school will then be able to see via security cameras who wants to access school and will facilitate the opening of the gates. Both gates will open at **3.10pm and shut at 3.40pm**.

CONSULTATION ON CHRISTINGLE TICKETS



As you may be aware, our end of Advent celebration of Christingle is always an uplifting experience. Due to health and safety reasons, we can only accommodate a limited number of children and adults in the school hall. During our Christingle celebration, all the children and staff are present so there is limited space for additional guests - we can accommodate 80 visitors for this celebration. For the past few years, tickets have been allocated on a "first come first served" basis with a maximum of 1 ticket per family being given, to facilitate as many families as possible joining us. Feedback received has asked school to consider allocating tickets in a different way. We are therefore running a 2 week consultation where you can share your thoughts about the allocation of tickets. The consultation will run via the school website and will open this Friday around 3pm and will be open for 2 weeks.

Important Dates:

NEW DATES/CHANGED DATES:

Friday 4th October @ 9am
Parents Ambassadors Meeting

Wednesday 18th December
Dolce Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December
Christmas jumper day to support Save the Children £1
Donation

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN AUTUMN 1:

Thursday 26th September
F2 Welcome Liturgy @ 9:15am

Monday 30th September
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Assembly

Friday 4th October
Last chance to bring in canned goods for Family Fast Day

Friday 4th October
Whole School Trip Fundraiser 1

Monday 7th October
Y3 Multi-Skills After School Club starts

Wednesday 9th October
Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 10th October
Parents Evening @ 2:00pm

Friday 11th October
Y6 Retreat Day

Friday 11th October
F2 Trip to Botanical Gardens

Tuesday 22nd October PM
CAFOD Children Rights classroom workshops for Y5 & Y6

Tuesday 22nd October
Y2 Local Walk to Grenoside Woods @ 1.15pm

Friday 25th October
Y6 Trip to Eden Camp

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN AUTUMN 2:

Friday 8th November
Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Friday 15th November
Whole School Trip Fundraiser 2

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

PLEASE DO NOT TURN YOUR CAR AROUND IN THE
ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL, THANK YOU



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Our School has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and South Yorkshire Police. This project is known as Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specifically trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child. The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the young person and their family.

Our school is keen to offer the best support possible to all of our young people and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any questions/require any more information, please pop into the school office for an information leaflet or speak to Mrs Faley or Mrs Round

PARENTS AMBASSADORS MEETING

Parent ambassadors meeting on Friday 4th October at 9am.
If you are currently not a parent ambassador but are interested in the role, then please come along to find out more!

Important Dates Continued:

Friday 29th November
Y4 Visit to Royal Armouries Leeds

Friday 29th November
Y5 Trip to Ripon Prison & Police Museum

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 7th February 2020
Whole School Snowflake Appeal
Fundraiser

Thursday 12th March – Friday 13th March
Y4 Residential to Kingswood

Friday 20th March 2020
Whole School Trip Fundraiser 3

Friday 22nd May 2020
Whole School Trip Fundraiser 4

PTA

This year we are going to re-launch our Parent/Teacher Association Group. To begin this process we will be hosting an AGM on Friday 25th October at 9.10am in school. At this meeting we will provide the current financial position as well as elect to key roles of Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer & Secretary. If you would like information on the roles & responsibilities of these different committee members, please collect an information leaflet from school. If you would like to put yourself forward for one of the roles but are unable to attend the AGM, please submit this in writing to the school by 3.30pm on Monday 21st October. Please note in order to be eligible to be part of the PTA you must be a current parent/carer or staff member.

CHILD SAFETY

Please do not let your children climb on the railings outside the F2 Classroom.

F2 PARENTS- Reception Baseline Assessment

The DFE are introducing a Baseline Assessment for children in Reception. We have opted to be part of the pilot this year along with thousands of schools in England. It is a short, interactive assessment carried out in the first six weeks of reception between each child and Miss Bennett. This will form the start of a new progress measure for schools, making sure schools get credit for the vital work they do between reception and year 2. The DFE have produced a short information video and the link for this is as follows: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7CMu_Ef1Zs&t=3s

If you have any questions please pop into school and see Miss Bennett.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	95.7%	1
Year 1	98.6%	0
Year 2	98.9%	1
Year 3	96.7%	0
Year 4	93.2%	0
Year 5	97.2%	2
Year 6	96.9%	3
School Total	96.7%	7

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

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Ava
Year 3	Abigail
Year 4	Jennifer
Year 5	Jack
Year 6	Jasmine

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK Week ending 20th September

Class	Winner
F2	Coen
Y1	Katie
Y2	Myles
Y3	Charlie B
Y4	James
Y5	Raphael
Y6	Blake

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



Last week's winner was Fredi in Y3

For showing determination, resilience and confidence in his Maths and English work this week. Fredi has been a super star and has approached all his work with positivity! All in Year 3 are incredibly proud of his efforts! 😊

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK

FS2/KS1	Alfie	for	Being helpful and tidying things away
KS2	Aiden	for	Being helpful and polite

Out of School Achievement Awards



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



CELEBRATION AWARDS Friday 20th September

		for	
F2		for	
Year 1	Alfie	for	For coming into class with a big smile on your face and always being the first ready to learn! Super start to Year 1!
	Catherine	for	For your positive attitude to all aspects of school and learning, super start to Year 1, keep it up!
Year 2	Joel	for	Your super work in our maths lessons this week! You did a super job of partitioning 2-digit numbers. Well done, Joel!
	Harry	for	Thinking carefully about the past tense verbs that you are going to use in your diary entry. We can't wait to read it!
Year 3	Rosie	for	Trying really hard in all her work and being mindful about her presentation and handwriting – well done!
	Jonas	for	Working at record pace, speeding through the lesson challenges so fast that teachers need to give him an extra challenge! Great job this week!
Year 4	Shaun	for	being a great role model to the others in class and for showing a great attitude towards extra challenges in lessons.
	Florence	for	showing great confidence in maths this week and for consistently using full sentences in your answers to questions.
Year 5	Mayaziwe	for	the careful planning and consideration you gave to your first big write of Year 5. You really challenged yourself to use ambitious vocabulary and a range of features!
	Ruqayah	for	the enthusiasm and engagement you showed in our D&T introduction. You were focused on the project brief and have thought carefully about what we need to do to achieve the outcome.
Year 6	Faryl	for	Producing a wonderful narrative for your big write including amazing vocabulary and correct features!
	Eddie	for	Constructing an amazing Anderson Shelter in his topic homework linked to our war theme!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

F2 TRIP TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2019



F2 will be visiting the Botanical Gardens on **Friday 11th October 2019**. The coach will collect us at 9.15am. Whilst we are there we will be reading 'We're going on a bear hunt', and will be going on a bear hunt around the gardens! We will also be exploring the gardens and collecting autumnal souvenirs such as conkers, acorns and pinecones and will finish off with a teddy bears picnic and some 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. ☺ 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. Please can we have money/slips in before Friday 4th October 2019. If you would like to volunteer to help us on our trip and you are DBS checked please let Miss Bennett/ the school office know ☺ Many thanks.

F2 TRIP TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the F2 trip to Botanical Gardens on Friday 11th October 2019.

I enclose £7.00 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: _____

Y2 TRIP TO YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2019



As part of our 'Travelling around the world' topic, Class Two are taking a walk on the wild side and heading to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Friday 8th November.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch or can order one from school. Children must come in their school uniform for this trip. All children are advised to bring warm clothing such as a coat, scarves, gloves, a hat and a warm, waterproof coat. Your child will need to wear suitable shoes for walking in – most school shoes will be fine. If you would like to volunteer on our trip and you are DBS checked please let Miss Garner/the school office know ☺

Please can we have money/slips in before Friday 18th October 2019

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.

Y2 TRIP TO YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2019

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Friday 8th November.

I enclose £14.00 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 MULTI-SKILLS SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



We will be running a FREE multi-skills sports after school club for up to 20 Year 3 children on a **Monday from 3:20-4:15pm**. Children in Year 3 will be taking part in an event at Yewlands School on Thursday 12th December and the after school sessions that we will be providing will be in preparation for this.

The sessions will begin on **Monday 7th October and run until Monday 9th December**. If you would like your child to take part in the sessions, please fill out the slip provided. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

Please note, this is a first come, first served basis. Also, if we do not receive enough replies, then unfortunately the club will be cancelled.

Y3 MULTI-SKILLS SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The sessions will begin on Monday 7th October and run until Monday 9th December from 3.20pm – 4.20pm

I understand that this form needs to be returned and handed in as soon as possible to guarantee a place.

We will only contact you if your child does not have a place on the after school club.

Name of Child: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Y4 TRIP TO YEWLANDS SCHOOL BASKETBALL EVENT

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER



Y4 will be attending a basketball event at Yewlands on Friday 11th October at 13:00-15:00pm.

Children will be walking to Yewlands School with members of staff.

They will need their normal PE kit and a water bottle to take with them.

Please complete and return permission slips no later than **Monday 7th October**.

Thank you

Mr Platts

Y4 TRIP TO YEWLANDS SCHOOL BASKETBALL EVENT

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

I give permission for my child _____

To attend the basketball event at Yewlands School on Friday 11th October at 1pm-3pm

Signed _____

Date _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

ATTENTION Y4 PARENTS!

We have been offering a 1-night residential trip to Kingswood Adventure Centre in Penistone for the Y4 class for the last two years, which has proved to be very successful. This year the proposed trip will take place on **Thursday 12th March 2020 staying for 1 night and returning on Friday 13th March 2020.**

The stay will include all accommodation, including meals provided on the first day of lunch, dinner and refreshments and the following morning breakfast, and lunch.

It will also include 6-day time activities (to be decided) and 1 evening activity.

The children will travel from school by coach **on Thursday 12th March to Kingswood Peak Venture in Penistone.** They will arrive in time for lunch and then participate in three activities before the evening meal and a further activity in the evening. The following day the children will have breakfast and participate in further activities before having lunch and making their way back to school by coach.

The cost for the accommodation including all meals and supervised activities is £58 per child. The cost of the coach will depend on how many children take part in the residential trip, and we will not be able to go ahead with the trip unless we have at least 20 children taking part. Once we know final numbers (i.e. once deposits have been sent in), we will be able to give a final total. **The maximum total cost will be £75 per child.**

We would ideally encourage the whole class to take part in the residential trip, as this will be a very valuable experience for your child.

We will be offering an information session for parents to attend in the near future to find out more about the activities the children will be participating in and further information on the Kingswood Centre. We will also be giving you information on clothing and footwear the children will need for the trip.

For now, we would like you to confirm below if you would like your child to take part in the Y4 Residential trip and include **a £20 deposit, which will be needed to secure the booking with the Kingswood Centre. The final date for this will be 4th October.** If we do not receive enough interest to make the trip viable to go ahead we will of course return your £20 deposit.

Further information about the Kingswood Peak Venture Centre can be found online at <http://www.kingswood.co.uk/centres/peak-venture/>

Y4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO KINGSWOOD ADVENTURE CENTRE THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2020- FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2020

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Y4 Residential Trip to Kingswood Adventure Centre.

I enclose a £20.00 Deposit

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed: _____

Date: _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Y4 TRIP TO ROYAL ARMOURIES LEEDS

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Y4 will be taking part in a workshop and museum tour of the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds on **Friday 29th November**. The coach is picking us up at 09.00am and will be collecting us at 2.00pm.

Children must come in their school uniform with a packed lunch. As it will be late November, please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order one, please speak to the school office.

The cost of this trip is £14.00 per child. **Please pay this to the office by Friday 18th October.**

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.

If you would like to volunteer to go on this trip and have a DBS check, please contact Mr Platts or the school office.

Y4 TRIP TO ROYAL ARMOURIES LEEDS

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

I give permission for my child _____

to attend the Y4 trip to Armouries Leeds on Friday 29th November.

I enclose £14.00 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed _____

Date _____

Y5 VISIT TO RIPON POLICE AND PRISON MUSEUM

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

To consolidate and further our learning of our Crime and Punishment topic this autumn, Year 5 will be visiting the Ripon Police and Prison Museum on **Friday 29th November**. Sit in a prison cell, hear the door slam shut and imagine the harsh conditions of Victorian prison regimes. Try on prison uniforms, imagine the horror of being set in the pillory, strapped in a restraint chair or hung in chains. Turn the crank, carry out shot drill or work the treadmill. They'll discover the history of policing in Yorkshire, from the Anglo-Saxons to the formation of professional policing. Police uniform, insignia and transport are all displayed, with the chance to sit on an original police motorcycle! **The total cost of this trip is £21.00. Please pay this to the office by Friday 18th October**

We will be leaving school at 08:45 so children will need to be in class to be registered by 08:35. Children must come in their school uniform with a packed lunch. As it will be late November, please ensure your child is dressed for the weather as we will be outside for some parts of the visit.

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 £21.00 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.

Y5 VISIT TO RIPON POLICE AND PRISON MUSEUM

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

I give permission for my child _____

to attend the Y5 visit to Ripon Police and Prison Museum on Friday 29th November.

I enclose £21 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed _____

Date _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Y6 TRIP TO EDEN CAMP FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Y6 will be travelling to Eden Camp on **Friday 25th October** linked to our topic, "War: How can we learn from the past?" Eden Camp Modern History Theme Museum is a valuable educational resource which brings history to life for pupils and meets the requirements of the National Curriculum in all subjects. Their immersive displays bring history to life, allowing pupils to experience the sights, sounds and smells of life on the Home Front and the Front Line which encompasses a whole host of subjects and themes, from art, religious education and citizenship, to geography, design and science. Housed in their unique setting, in the buildings and grounds of an original WWII Prisoner of War Camp, the museum offers a broad insight into all aspects of the social and military history of WWII, as well as WWI and post WWII conflicts.

We will be leaving at 8:30am so children need to arrive at school at 8:20am. We will be arriving back at school at 3:45pm. The cost for the trip is £15 per child. Please can all payment/slips be in by Friday 4th October.

Children need to bring a packed lunch and a drink. All children are advised to bring warm clothing such as a coat, scarves, gloves, a hat and a warm, waterproof coat. Your child will need to wear suitable shoes for walking in – most school shoes will be fine.

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 £15.00 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.**

Y6 TRIP TO EDEN CAMP FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

I give permission for my
child _____
to attend the Y6 trip to Eden Camp on Friday 25th
October.

I enclose £15 voluntary contribution

I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed _____

Date _____

Y6 RETREAT DAY!

On Friday 11th October, Y6 will be having a "beginning of the school year" retreat day in school. Children are allowed to wear their own clothes on this day. The entire day will be filled with fun, engaging and reflective activities involving Y6 only! We will be having dinners as normal on this day. No permission slip or money needed!! Just a smile and reflective mind!! Thanks, Mrs. Lord 😊