



Newsletter – Issue 8 24th October 2019

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We hope you have a nice
break and we will see you
on Tuesday 5th November
2019



POLITE NOTICE

When pressing the intercom to gain access to the school via the pedestrian gate, please wait for the gate to fully open and do not push it. This will cause the gate to stop opening. Thank you for your co-operation.



We now need **63** Aldi stickers to complete our poster before 2nd November! We are nearly there! Thank you to everyone for helping us reach our target!

Important Dates:

NEW DATES ADDED:

Wednesday 13th November 13:15-14:00
Y1 Library Afternoon

Monday 18th November 2019
F2 Vision Screening

Tuesday 19th November 14:00 – 15:00
Y2 Library Afternoon

Friday 22nd November 14:30 – 15:15
Y6 Library Afternoon

Monday 2nd December Snowflake Light Switch
On

Tuesday 3rd December 14:30-15:15
Y5 Library Afternoon

Thursday 5th December
F2 Library afternoon

Monday 9th December Snowflake Assembly

Tuesday 10th December 14:30 – 15:15
Y3 Library Afternoon

Friday 13th December 14:30-15:15
Y4 Library Afternoon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK:

Friday 25th October 9.10am
Parent/teacher Association Group Meeting in
School

Friday 25th October
Y6 Trip to Eden Camp

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR AUTUMN 1:

Monday 28th October- Monday 4th November
Half Term

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR AUTUMN 2:

Thursday 7th November 9.10am
Assembly on Safety on Building Sites

Friday 8th November
Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Monday 11th November
School photographs

Important Dates:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR AUTUMN 2 CONTINUED:

Wednesday 13th November 09.10am-
09.30am
F2 Parent/Carer Workshop Read Write
Inc.

Friday 15th November
Whole School Trip Fundraiser 2

Friday 15th November 2.30pm
Remembrance Day Showcase-
Parents/Carers welcome

Tuesday 26th November
Y3 Graves Art Gallery Trip

Wednesday 27th November 2019
5.30pm
Multiplication tables check meeting for
parents/carers of Y3 & Y4

Wednesday 27th November
F2 trip to Ecclesall Woods Discovery
Centre

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

Friday 29th November
Y4 Visit to Royal Armouries Leeds

Sunday 1st December 2019 2.00pm
St Thomas More Church Fayre

Friday 6th December
Y6 Bun Day

Wednesday 11th December 9.30am &
2.15pm
Y1 and Y2 Advent Production

Friday 13th December
Y5 Bun Day

Tuesday 17th December
Christmas Disco
KS1: 1.10pm-2.10pm
KS2: 2.10pm-3.10pm

Wednesday 18th December 9.15am &
2.45pm
F2 Advent Extravaganza

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

Visit to Mount Tabor Foodbank.

Last Friday (18th October) we went to Mount Tabor food bank (part of Parson Cross Initiative Projects) with Mrs Faley and Mr Hughes. The reason for the visit was to take the donations of food given to us by St Thomas More Community as part of our Harvest Fast work. While we were there, we were shown around and found out that approximately 70 families currently use the food-bank. This can mean up to 250 children and adults are being supported by the Mount Tabor Foodbank. All of the workers are volunteers and so do not get paid for their time. The foodbank relies totally on donations to keep running.

We would like to thank members of our school community for all the donations we received – we can see from our visit that they have gone to a good cause.

Below is information about Parson Cross Initiative Projects based at Mount Tabor Church.

By Georgie-Leigh & Lesley (Y6)



Wednesday 18th December
Dolce Christmas Dinner

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

Friday 20th December
Y4 Bun Day

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 10th January 2020
Y3 Bun Day

Friday 17th January 2020
Y2 Bun Day

Friday 24th January 2020
Y1 Bun Day

Friday 31st January 2020
F2 Bun Day

Friday 7th February 2020
Whole School Snowflake Appeal Fundraiser

Thursday 12th March – Friday 13th March 2020
Y4 Residential to Kingswood

Friday 20th March 2020
Whole School Trip Fundraiser 3

Friday 22nd May 2020
Whole School Trip Fundraiser 4

Monday 29th June 2020
Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



Class library afternoon session autumn 2:

Each class has chosen an afternoon session of library based enrichment for this half term.

Class	Date/time
F2	Thursday 5 th December all afternoon. Children will have half an hour in the library in three groups of ten.
Y1	Wednesday 13 th November 13:15-14:00
Y2	Tuesday 19 th November 14:00 – 15:00
Y3	Tuesday 10 th December 14:30 – 15:15
Y4	Friday 13 th December 14:30-15:15
Y5	Tuesday 3 rd December 14:30-15:15
Y6	Friday 22 nd November 14:30 – 15:15

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	98	0
Year 1	86	1
Year 2	95.5	2
Year 3	97.3	0
Year 4	93.6	0
Year 5	92.3	3
Year 6	95.3	0
School Total	94	6

Wow! Well Done F2! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Erin
Year 1	Katie
Year 2	Eoghan
Year 3	Bethany
Year 4	Rian
Year 5	Kaisie
Year 6	Lesley

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK! Week ending 18th October

Class	
F2	Mollie
Y1	Olivia
Y2	Masi
Y3	Abigail & Zofia
Y4	Christina
Y5	Jack
Y6	Eddie

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Eddie in Y6!
For:

Persevering through your maths during this unit! We are so proud of your confidence and use of your strategies!

Out of School Achievement Awards





CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 18th October

F2	Mathaus	For	Settling in and having a fabulous first few weeks with us. You are making friends and trying your best! Well done 😊
	Nelli	For	Fantastic tidying up and always being a reliable helper! Keep it up Nelli! 😊
Year 1	Shayne	For	Being super confident and reading our Y1 prayer in our assembly!
	Jon	For	Challenging himself in all aspects of learning!
Year 2	Vanessa	For	Thinking carefully about the information and facts that you want to include in your information text about blue whales. You did a super job of this, well done Vanessa!
	Everton	For	Giving some super answers this week in our coding lesson! You listened carefully to instructions and used the correct vocabulary to describe what was happening in your game. Well done, Everton!
Year 3	Abigail	For	Great teamwork in our open-ended maths challenges this week, and some well thought out compound sentences! Great job!
	Percy	For	Showing resilience when approaching all his work this week – you have shown that even when things are tricky, it is important to continue working hard and try again. Great attitude to learning!
Year 4	Christina	For	Producing some fantastic work in maths and for showing great problem solving skills.
	Macy	For	Producing some excellent work in English this week and for having excellent presentation in all of your work.
Year 5	Archie	For	The problem solving skills you showed during our Explore Learning maths session. Your reasoning and perseverance greatly impressed the adults!
	Kirsten	For	The way in which you have approached your work over recent weeks. You have sought out challenges and worked hard to focus and complete tasks to a high standard. Well done!
Year 6	Elisha	For	Concentrating so well in all of your lessons this week AND producing some amazing literacy work! Keep it up!
	Rose	For	Focussing during lessons this week and offering any help to Mrs. Lord and Mrs. Hepkin – what a star! Keep it up!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Parent Ambassadors wanted for our F2 Class



We are looking for parent/guardian ambassadors to support our parental engagement within each class. The role will include the following:

- Communicating with other parents in your child's class
 - Liaising with Mrs Round and/or Mrs Faley
 - Attending parent meetings/workshops
 - Promoting parent workshops
- Share ideas and ways forward to support parental engagement
 - Attending half-termly coffee mornings in school

We need two ambassadors. Please fill out the slip below to show your interest.

I would like to be a parent ambassador to support my child/children's class.

Name:

Name of child:

(if more than one child, please indicate both children's names and year groups)

Thank you! ☺

Mrs Round

Our current Class Ambassadors are here to help!

Class	child	Parent/guardian
F2	To be recruited	
Y1	Milly Barker Douglas Kirk	Melissa Chappell & Sophie Kirk
Y2	Joel Nunn, Allyssia Shaw- Andrews	Rachel Nunn, Nicola Shaw
Y3	Darcy Darwent	Adele Darwent
Y4	Carly Fish, Oscar Welsby	Lisa Fish, Joanne Welsby
Y5	Abby Jones	Nicola Jones
Y6	Rose Saunby	Linda Winfield

TRIPS AND EVENTS

F2 TRIP TO ECCLESALL WOODS DISCOVERY CENTRE WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2019



F2 will be visiting the Ecclesall Discovery Centre on Wednesday 27th November 2019. The coach will collect us at 9.10am. We will be having a 'Festive Fun Day' where we will be singing around a camp fire with toasted marshmallows; making bird feeders, following the Christmas woodland trail and making fairy houses; and making a Christmas decoration. The coach will bring us back to school at around 3pm. Please check the weather forecast and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately but please remember that they still need to wear school uniform. As most of the activities will be outside they will need to be wrapped up in a warm coat ☺ Your child will need to bring a packed lunch or they can order one from school. If you would like to volunteer to help us on our trip please let Miss Bennett know ☺

PLEASE CAN WE HAVE CONTRIBUTIONS/SLIPS IN BY FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER.

There is a voluntary contribution of £16.50 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.

F2 TRIP TO ECCLESALL WOODS DISCOVERY CENTRE WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2019

I give permission for my
child _____ to attend the F2
trip to Ecclesall Woods Discovery Centre on Wednesday 27th
November 2019

I enclose a £16.50 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: _____



Balance-ability course for our F2 children!

Our F2 children over the next academic year will be taking part in a balance-ability program. Balance bikes are proven to support a child's development with gross motor skills as well giving them solid foundations to ride a bicycle safely and accurately.

Miss Ryan, our F2 TA, has recently been trained as a balance-ability instructor. We have bought 10 brand-new balance bikes, 10 helmets and lots of resources. Once the children have been assessed they will work in groups throughout the program. We would also like to invite parents in the Spring term to come and observe the children and hopefully encourage balance-bike riding.

Watch this space! ☺



F2 Parent workshop - RWI and writing

Wednesday 13th November 2019 @ 9.10-9.30am

F2 parents are invited to learn more about how we teach children the early skills and knowledge needed to read and write, and how you can help at home. Handy information and resources will also be provided for you take home. The workshop will be held in the hall – after dropping off your child please make your way to the main school entrance to sign in. Please let F2 staff or the office know if you can make it so that we can set up for enough people ☺

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Y1 TRIP TO TROPICAL WORLD LEEDS FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019



Y1 are going to Tropical World in Leeds to learn all about different types of animals such as fish, mammals, birds and reptiles! We will be taking part in a workshop all about habitats to see how and where lots of different animals from around the world live! 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. If you would like to volunteer on our trip and you are DBS checked please let Miss Bowman/the school office know ☺

PLEASE CAN WE HAVE CONTRIBUTIONS/SLIPS IN BY FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2019

There is a voluntary contribution of £15.50 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.

Y1 TRIP TO TROPICAL WORLD LEEDS FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019

I give permission for my child

to attend the Y1 trip to Tropical World Leeds on Friday 13th December 2019

I enclose a £15.50 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: _____

Y3 PORTRAITS TRIP- GRAVES ART GALLERY TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2019



Year 3 will be attending a portraits workshop at Graves Art Gallery on the 26th of November 2019.

In connection to our artwork on Royal Portraits, we will look at how different artists have approached portraiture through time and learn how to draw a face in proportion, like historical portraiture artists. We will also learn how to create a more expressive portrait, like artist Frank Auerbach.

Please make sure your child has a coat.

PLEASE CAN WE HAVE CONTRIBUTIONS/SLIPS IN BY FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER.

There is a voluntary contribution of £9.00 which will go towards the cost of the trip as well as travel there and back on the bus. This is voluntary, but unless enough contributions are received, we will not be able to go ahead with the trip.

Y3 TRIP TO GRAVES ART GALLERY TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

I give permission for my child _____

to attend the Y3 trip to Graves Art Gallery on Tuesday 26th November.

I enclose £9.00 voluntary contribution

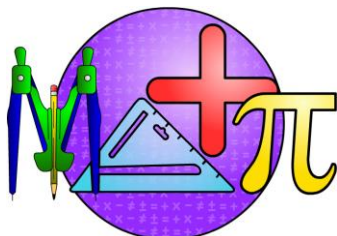
I am unable to contribute on this occasion

Signed _____

Date _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

**MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK MEETING
FOR Y3/Y4 PARENTS/CARERS
WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2019 @
5.30PM**



From the 2019/20 academic year onwards, all state-funded maintained schools and academies (including free schools) in England will be required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to year 4 pupils. The check itself consists of 25 questions. (Sound Check mode on TT Rockstars is exactly the same) The questions will only be multiplication and they will go up to 12×12 .

Mr Platts will be holding a meeting for Y3 and Y4 parents/carers about the multiplication tables check where he will be discussing the check itself, what we are doing in school and what you can do at home to support.

The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 27th November at 5:30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.



Year 6 athletics after

school club



We will be running a free athletics club for up to 20 Year 6 children on a **Wednesday from 3:20-4:15pm**. Children in Year 6 will be taking part in an athletics competition at Yewlands School on Thursday 9th January and the after school sessions that we will be providing will be in preparation for this.

The sessions will begin on **Wednesday 6th November and run until Wednesday 18th 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 return the slip to the school office by **Friday 25th October**. If we do not receive enough replies, then unfortunately the club will be cancelled.

I give permission for my
child _____ to
join the free athletics club on a **Wednesday from
3.20pm-4.15pm**. I will collect my child from school
on a Wednesday **at 4:15pm**

Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____