



## Newsletter – Issue 1 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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### Open evening dates for children transferring to Secondary School September 2018

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
All Saints Catholic High	22nd September	10-12pm
Chaucer Academy	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	4 - 7pm
Ecclesfield Secondary	27 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30- 8.30pm
Firth Park Academy	26 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30- 7.30pm
Fir Vale Academy Trust	19 <sup>th</sup> September	6-8pm
Handsworth Grange Sports College	26 <sup>th</sup> September	5-7pm
Hinde House 3-16 Secondary	20th September	6-8pm
Notre Dame Catholic High	25 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30- 7.30pm
Parkwood E-ACT Academy	26 <sup>th</sup> September	5-7pm
Yewlands Academy	25 <sup>th</sup> September	6-8pm

The online site closes 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 paper forms closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. National offer date is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.



**We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing summer break. We would like to say a big thank you to all the families for their kind words, cards and gifts at the end of the school year.**

**We welcome all our new staff and new F2 children to our school community.**

**I am sure you will all be excited about our new adventure playground.**

**Please can we politely ask that families refrain from using the equipment out of school times before 8.50am and after 3.20pm.**

**If the equipment is not supervised by a member of staff, or if it is used out of school times families will not be covered on the schools insurance.**

### Important Dates

**5th September – 9.30am  
Mass in school**

**10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September  
F2 Children start school**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Y3 children start  
swimming lessons**

**5<sup>th</sup> October  
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

**16<sup>th</sup> October  
Y6 Retreat day at St  
Thomas More Church**

**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.



## Milk For September

If you would like your child to receive milk from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September it will cost £12.60 .

This is for the whole Autumn term until the week commencing the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017. *Please note milk can be ordered at any time throughout the year. The price reduces on a sliding scale, as shown below. Please contact the school office for the correct price.*

## Reminder

Can we once again ask that all monies sent into school for, trips, breakfast club etc be sent in individual envelopes with the child's name class and information clearly written on the front and handed into class or breakfast club.

Please do not hand money in at the school office window.

Thank you



## YEAR THREE SWIMMING LESSONS

The Y3 Class will be going swimming from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September after lunch at approx. 1.30pm, until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

Pupils will be accompanied by school staff at all times, and they will be taught by qualified swimming instructors, supported by our staff. All pupils are expected to take part as swimming is a national curriculum subject. They will be travelling by coach to and from the venue.

Please can you ensure your child has their swimming kit in school that day. Pupils will need to wear appropriate swimwear (bikinis/shorts below the knee, underwear, are not acceptable). For each lesson your child will need to bring swimwear and a towel in a waterproof bag.

The swimming service has a no jewellery policy so please avoid any piercing until after the block of lessons or your child may miss out on their swimming allocation (taping is not acceptable as it will come off in the water). Hair must be tied back .

**Y6 will be having a retreat at St Thomas More Church on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

During the retreat, the children will be sharing mass together, and then thinking about the year ahead – their last one at Primary School. They will be talking about all the things they look forward to, and will have chance to express anything they are concerned about; asking God to give them strength in all they do.

All children need to bring a packed lunch and a drink on the day, and the children can wear their own clothes. The children need to be dropped off at church at 9.00am, and collected at 3pm from church. If you give permission for your child to walk home without an adult collecting them, please tick the box below.

## Y6 Retreat Day

I give permission for my child:

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To attend the Y6 retreat on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** and will collect my child from Church.

I am happy for \_\_\_\_\_ to walk home on their own.

Signed Parent/Carer:.....

**After school Clubs will commence from the week commencing the 10<sup>th</sup> September and continue for seven weeks until week ending 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. There are still places available on all the clubs at this present time. Please see attached form for details.**

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 2018 theme is "Family Fast Day" on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

We are calling it - "**Brighten Up Someone's Day!**" We will kick off with a CAFOD assembly telling the children about the meaning and purpose behind the event. **Our school is asking our school and parish family to donate any canned goods to school by Friday, 5th October - you can start bringing the canned goods on Monday 1st October please.**

Keeping with the "brightening up" theme, we are allowing the children to **dress up in bright clothes on Friday, 5th October for £1.00.** This money will be donated to CAFOD.

Some of our school council children, along with Mrs. Faley, will then take the food to people in our local community. At home, please feel free to further the event by having a simple, fasting meal together like soup and bread. Don't forget to ask your children what they learnt about from the assembly too!!

**FYI - DIOCESE THEME FOR 2018-19: "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: CALLED TO BE A FAMILY OF FAMILIES"**

The theme has been chosen to follow on from the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August, to share the aims of that meeting in the light of Pope Francis' encyclical **Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)**. The theme will present a special opportunity for school families to celebrate, not only the fact that parents are the primary educators of their children, but also the vital role that Catholic schools play in assisting parents.

The theme will rely on materials created by the Irish church's schools' steering committee for last year, and will invite schools to reflect on and celebrate the relationship that exists between home, school and parish through participation in four sub-themed catechetical moments.

**Information for these 4 moments will be shared throughout the year and linked to activities in school and through homework.**

**Moment One: Families of Hope** (November 2018)

**Moment Two: Families of Faith** (January 2019)

**Moment Three: Families of Love** (Lent 2019)

A group of children attended the Pizza Hut before we broke up for the summer break celebrating 100% attendance. Following this trip we received the letter below from the Manager at Pizza Hut. Well done to all the children involved.

Good Afternoon Head teacher

Yesterday a group of 16 young people from your school came for lunch to our Pizza Hut on Penistone road as a reward for 100% attendance.

My colleague Lorna and myself were absolutely blown away by how well behaved they were. The children were polite (and tidy) and still managed to have fun. All of the children who came are fantastic role models for your school and the community.  
See you all next year

From the Manager at Pizza Hut

**Summer Raffle**

**Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and a special thank you to the people/companies that donated prizes.**

**Well done to all the winners**

**We raised over £220**

# After School Activities –Autumn Term 1 2018/19

All Clubs will run from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September and continue for 6 weeks until week ending 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

All clubs run from 3.20 – 4.20pm



My Child would like to take part in the following clubs (please tick the box)

Club charges are listed below

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Total Cost For 10 weeks</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Please tick</u>
Tuesday	Sports – Gymnastics (With Our Sports apprentice)	£2.50 per week £15.00	KS2 - Y3 to Y6 14 places	
Thursday	Sports – Dance (with our sports apprentice)	£2.50 per week £15.00	Y1 & Y2 10 places	

I understand that: This form needs to be returned and handed into class as soon as possible

- After school activities will run for the specified weeks as listed
- Places are allocated on a first come first served basis
- All after school activities must be paid for when applying for a place.
- When you apply we will only contact you if the club is full and your child has not been allocated a place, then a full refund will be given

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please note if your child receives free school meals they are also entitled to one free half term session for this academic year. Please contact the school office to arrange this***