



## Newsletter – Issue 4 25th September 2018

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We have been contacted by NHS Public Health England regarding the flu vaccinations that are given in school. For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu).

Children in reception, year 1,2,3,4 and 5 will be given the vaccination at our school, on **Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Parents need to fill in an on line consent form in order for their child to receive the vaccination in school.

The information below has been sent to school from NHS Public Health England

*'If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an on line consent form;*

<https://www.nhs.uk/flu/information?type=flu&id=107119>

***The vaccinations will take place at your child's school from October to December 2018. The link will close 26th September 2018. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since Sept 2018 please disregard this text. Thank you for your co-operation and support in trying out this new electronic consent scheme.***

***Kind Regards***

***IntraHealth Immunisation team***

### Important Dates

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
9.10am F2 Welcome Liturgy**

**Monday 1st October at  
9:10am  
Whole school Harvest Fast  
Day assembly**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
No Pen Day!**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Flu Vaccinations in school  
for F2, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10am  
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day –  
wear bright colours for a  
£1.00 donation!**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Y6 Trip to Magna  
F2 Local Walk**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents Evening**

**Sunday 14th October at 9am  
School Mass at St Thomas  
More Church**

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Y2 Conisbrough Castle**

**Monday 22nd October  
at 9.10am  
Mission Together assembly**

### F2 Welcome liturgy

We welcome the new F2 children to our school community through a welcome liturgy. Parents are invited to attend the liturgy where the children will receive a special gift from school. This will be on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.10am.**

**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

## 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!!

## Important Dates

### Continued:

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
Y3 Magna Trip

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
St Thomas More Church  
Christmas Fayre

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Y5 & Y6 singing festival at  
Sheffield University

**5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
Y4 Residential Trip

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
Y6 Residential Trip

## Well done to our new Class Ambassadors!



CLASS	AMBASSADORS
Y1	Darcia Kylan
Y2	Jonas Abi
Y3	Max Ellie
Y4	Max Nikola
Y5	Emma Georgie-Leigh
Y6	Olivia Alhaji



**Children with out of school achievements! Well done! 😊**

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Last Weeks Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2 Class	97	1
Year 1	96	0
Year 2	96.7	0
Year 3	95	0
Year 4	96.3	0
Year 5	98.7	0
Year 6	96.4	1
<b>School Total</b>	<b>96.6%</b>	<b>2</b>

Well Done Y5 they will receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week!

## 100% Attendance Winners

F2	Camille
Year 1	Eoghan
Year 2	Abi
Year 3	Kadija
Year 4	Gavin
Year 5	Millie
Year 6	Ruby

Please note that children will be walking to St Thomas More Catholic Church on the following dates:

Tuesday 20th November Y1, Y3 & Y5  
Thursday 22nd November Y2, Y4 & Y6

You do not need to sign a permission form as it will be covered by the local walk policy.

If you hold a current DBS and would be willing to accompany the children and attend Mass, we would be very grateful. Please speak to the school office or a member of staff.

Thank you for your support.

## OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Sebastian
Y1	Joel
Y2	Tristan
Y3	Simon
Y4	
Y5	Jasmine
Y6	Holly

## Y3 PE DAY!

Y3 will now be doing PE on a Monday afternoon so please can you make sure your PE kit is in school if you haven't already!

Thank you 😊

## F2 local walk

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

F2 will be going on a walk to look at the amenities we have in our local area. Please can you make sure that your child is wearing a coat and suitable footwear for walking on this day. We will be going on our walk in the afternoon. If you are available on this day and would like to volunteer to help us from 1pm onwards please let F2 staff or the office know.

Miss Bennett, Mrs Eyre and Mrs Ash

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



## Time to book your Parents' Evening appointments!

For our parents evening on the 11th of October we will be using Parents Evening Manager on ParentMail. *You can book your parents' evening appointments from your smartphone, tablet or computer from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am until booking closes on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm.*

You will be alerted instantly once the appointment booking goes live and will be able to select appointment times that are convenient to you. It's all very straightforward, but if you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site:

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/>

Please note, you will need to be registered on ParentMail to be able to book appointments - if you haven't received a registration email or text, please contact the school office.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the ParentMail App so you can book appointments on your phone as soon as the appointment booking goes live! To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

If you have any issues or queries with the process please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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We've had a request that parents' check the labels in school uniform to ensure children haven't accidentally taken home someone else's uniform.

Please could you check your child's uniform in case they have brought home the wrong one! We have had a few missing uniforms lately that have had names in. Thank you for your cooperation 😊



# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Meet our new School Council Members!

CLASS	REPRESENTATIVE
Y2	Tristan Alice
Y3	Zach Carly
Y4	Harry Mischa
Y5	Aoibhin Bethany
Y6	Finley Chloe
CHAIR	Theo
VICE-CHAIR	Petros
TREASURER	Shanie
SECRETARY	Samantha

In Y6?  
Take a  
look at this!



## No Pens Day - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October!

As a whole school, we will be having a jam-packed, fun-filled day of activities...and not a pen



in sight!



(Do check out our Twitter account, @\_stthomasmore, on the day to see what we get up to!)

<b>Reception</b>	F2 will be creating our homes using different media! 😊 We will be using junk modelling, painting, chalking and other crafts to create them. We may also get technical and create digital ones on the iPads! 😊 😊
<b>Year 1</b>	Year 1 will have an action packed Wednesday. For topic we will be scientists, investigating different materials to see which house the Big Bad Wolf will not be able to blow down! We will also be recreating the story of Puff the Magic Dragon in our literacy lesson. 😊
<b>Year 2</b>	Year 2 will be having a fun-filled Wednesday! We will be thinking of some poetry that we can perform based on a story about a whale. We will be investigating seasons of the year through different materials. For topic, we will be creating our own castles using a range of different materials.
<b>Year 3</b>	Year 3's will be learning all about volcanoes! We will be using our design skills to create our very own Paper Mache volcanoes! We will also be conducting scientific experiments involving lava explosions!
<b>Year 4</b>	Year 4 will be creating animation using ICT and green-screening to recreate scenes from our class novel – How to Train Your Dragon. The fun will continue when we practise our maths skills using a variety of games. We will end the day by designing and making our own Viking shields.
<b>Year 5</b>	Year 5 will be getting arty and painting their paper mache volcanoes, and we'll even create an eruption! We'll then learn about The Great Fire of London and create some artwork and drama to bring it to life! 😊
<b>Year 6</b>	Year 6 will be creating artefacts linked to our Indus Valley Topic. We will also be conducting scientific experiments linked to our electricity unit.

## EVENTS AND TRIP INFORMATION



### Year 2 Trip to Conisbrough Castle!

Year 2 will be visiting Conisbrough Castle on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** as part of our topic on 'Castles: myths and legends'. We will be sketching the castle and taking part in a workshop 'Meet the Medievals' where we will learn more about the people who lived and worked in castles and their roles and responsibilities. We will be leaving at 9.15am and will aim to arrive back at school for 3pm. The weather will most likely be chilly so please wrap up! Coats and hats along with sensible but warm shoes will be essential ☺ We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £10 to cover the cost of the trip, this can be made online via parentmail. Unfortunately the trip maybe cancelled if we do not receive enough **voluntary contributions**.

If you have a DBS and would like to support us on our trip please let me or the office know.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_

To attend the Y2 visit to Conisbrough Castle  
on **THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £10

I would like to order the following packed lunch from school: Ham Sandwich  Cheese Sandwich  Tuna Sandwich

I will provide a packed lunch from home

We must presume you are providing a packed lunch if no indication is given

**This trip has already been subsidised by school and maybe cancelled if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions.**

Signed Parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:.....

### YEAR 3 TRIP TO MAGNA THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

As part of our topic on Rocks and Mountains Year 3 will be visiting Magna.

They will be involved in a fun filled day with a workshop on volcanoes.

The children will need to bring in a ruck sack a packed lunch and warm coat. It is advisable that they wear trainers and a pair of jogging bottoms or leggings with a t-shirt and their school jumper or cardigan. We will return to school for the end of the day.

This trip has already been subsidised by school but we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £12.00 per child to help towards the cost. As always if we do not receive enough contributions the trip may have to be cancelled.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order a packed lunch to be provided please contact the school office.

Please complete the permission slip below and return to school with your voluntary contribution.

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I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_

To attend the Y3 visit to Magna Museum on  
**25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £12

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order a packed lunch from school please contact the school office.

**This trip has already been subsidised by school and maybe cancelled if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions.**

Signed Parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:.....

## ATTENTION YEAR FOUR 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 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

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 also 1 evening activity.

The children will travel from school by coach *on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to Kingwood 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 £55 per child.*

*There will also be a further cost of approx. £15 for the coach return travel, making the total cost to be approx. £70.00.*

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. 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 the 10<sup>th</sup> 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/>

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### Y4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO KINGSWOOD PEAK VENTURE 5<sup>th</sup> TO 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019

I give my permission for my child: \_\_\_\_\_

To take part in the one night residential stay at Kingswood Peak Venture in Penistone.

I include a £20 deposit to secure the booking. I am aware that the trip will only go ahead if the school receive sufficient interest of over 20 children and I will receive a refund for the deposit should the trip have to be cancelled.

Signed Parent/Carer: -----

## ATTENTION YEAR SIX PARENTS

### Y6 Residential trip to Whitby.

We are pleased to announce that we are offering a 2 night residential to this year's class six pupils on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The Children will be staying at the Youth Hostel in Whitby next to the Abbey. The stay will include all accommodation, including 3 meals provided of breakfast, lunch and dinner, and refreshments during the stay. The cost to parents will also include the coach to and from Whitby.

The cost for the transport and accommodation including all meals and supervised activities is £160.00 per child, this is an approx. price at the moment as costing's of some activities still need to be confirmed.

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 YHA Whitby 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 Y6 Residential trip and include a £20 deposit, which will be needed to secure the booking with the YHA in Whitby. The final date for this will be the 19th October.

### Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO WHITBY

3<sup>rd</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

I give my permission for my child:

To take part in Y6 residential trip to Whitby on the above dates.

I include a £20 deposit to secure the booking

Signed Parent/Carer: -----

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Y6 TRIP TO MAGNA – TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Y6 class will be going to Magna Science Adventure Centre on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. The children will be leaving school at approx... 9.15am and travel by coach to the centre. We will be first exploring the Magna science attractions then participating in the "Big Circuits" workshop linked to our electricity unit. The children will need to bring a packed lunch to school for the day and will also need a warm coat, as the building is very cold.

**We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.00 per child to help towards the cost.**

Please complete the permission slip below and return to school with your voluntary contribution.

#### Y6 Trip to Magna on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

I give permission for : \_\_\_\_\_

To attend the Y6 visit to Magna I enclose a voluntary contribution of £14  .

*Unfortunately if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions the trip may have to be cancelled.*

My child is entitled to free school meals and I would like to order the following packed lunch from school: Ham Sandwich  Cheese Sandwich  Tuna Sandwich  I will provide a packed lunch from home

We must presume you are providing a packed lunch if no indication is given.

#### Reminder – Y6 Retreat Day – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

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 16th October and will collect my child from Church.

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

Signed Parent/Carer:.....





# MERIT

## Friday 21st September

Year 1	Obeng	For	Fantastic independent writing and reading this week! Keep it up Obeng! :)
	Evret	For	Being a fantastic talk partner this week and coming up with super adjectives for our dream jar writing! Well done Evret :)
Year 2	Kayleigh	For	You have made me smile so much with your amazing effort! You have taken part in all of our lessons, and you have shown you are a fantastic learner!
	Oliver	For	Your fantastic effort in literacy this week - you have created some super factual sentences about blue whales!
Year 3	Max	For	You have shown great focus and persistence in your Big Write this week!
	Cole	For	Wow! You showed excellent mapping skills in topic this week!
Year 4	Zac	For	For always showing great enthusiasm for learning. Zac consistently joins in with class discussions and listens to the opinions of others thoughtfully. He has shown fantastic determination to be the best that he can be. Well done!
	Archie	For	For always trying his best in everything he does. Archie is thoughtful and shares his views with the class in a clear and concise manner; always justifying his reasoning. Keep it up Archie!
Year 5	Emmanuel	For	your fantastic effort and participation in our grammar sessions this week. You really impressed me with your knowledge of how to use conjunctions and punctuate them properly, well done!
	Bethany	For	your superb effort and determination in maths this week. You've challenged yourself every day and have even helped your talk partner by explaining strategies. Well done!
Year 6	Shanie	For	Producing amazing artwork depicting a fact based on the Indus Valley!
	Harvey	For	Demonstrating great focus during his maths work and using his strategies!



# Time for School?

If your child was born between  
**1st September 2014** and  
**31st August 2015**, you need  
to apply for their school place.

Save Time - Apply Online at  
[www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/pupiladmissions)

**Closing date for applying  
15th January 2019**

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**0114 273 5766**



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## Children's Liturgy Groups St Thomas More Church

Every Sunday morning at 9.00am mass we have 2 Liturgy Groups:

**Little Fishes** for under 7's & **Mustard Seeds** for 7-11 year olds

The children's liturgy group volunteer leaders are Jayne, Angela, Helen and Rachel who help and encourage learning about the weekly gospel through stories, songs, activities and crafts.

Please come along and join us!

**St. Thomas More's Catholic Church, Margetson Crescent, Sheffield S5 9NB**

*Please note: Due to the reorganisation throughout our parish & deanery, as of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 there will only be 1 mass service which will be at 5.00pm on Saturday evenings where the children's liturgy will still be held.*