



Newsletter – Issue 7 16th October 2018

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ATTENTION! REMINDER FOR Y6 PARENTS!

Please confirm 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.** If we do not receive enough interest to make the trip viable to go ahead we will of course return your £20 deposit. **Please see the TRIPS AND EVENTS section for more information!**

ATTENTION! REMINDER FOR Y3 PARENTS!

Please make sure you have returned the permission slip and voluntary contribution of £10 for the Y3 Magna Visit. This trip has already been subsidised by school and maybe cancelled if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions. **Please see the TRIPS AND EVENTS section for more information!**

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR SCHOOL STALL!

Having a clear out of old and used toys, games and children's books before Christmas? Want to support the local community? Then help is at hand!

School are running a toys and games stall at St Thomas More Church Christmas Fayre on November 25th. We would really appreciate it if families and children could donate any toys, games and children's books that are no longer used or needed and are in good condition to the school for us to sell at the fayre!

Just drop them into the school office or children can bring them to class to be passed on to the office. Many thanks in advance 😊

Important Dates

Monday 15th October to Friday
26th October
Active Travel Challenge

Thursday 18th October
Y2 Conisbrough Castle

Monday 22nd October
at 9.10am
Mission Together Assembly

Monday 22nd October to Friday
26th October
Early Bird Week

Tuesday 23rd October
Individual/Family Photographs

Tuesday 23rd October
at 2:45pm
F2 Parents Tapestry Workshop

Thursday 25th October
Y3 Magna Trip

Friday 26th October
F2 Family Morning – from drop
off until 9:15am

Tuesday 6th November
History Van Visit to KS2

Wednesday 7th November
9:00 – 10.00am
F2 Stay & Play

Thursday 8th November
F2 & Y1 Church Visit

Monday 12th November
Wear Odd Socks Day in
support of Anti-Bullying Week!

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



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS!

Individual and family group photos will be taken in school on **Tuesday 23rd October**.

If you have children who do not attend St Thomas More Catholic Primary and you wish to have them as part of a group photo then please come to school for 8:30am on **Tuesday 23rd October**.

If you do not want your child to have an individual and/or family group photo then please return the slip below to the school office by **Friday 19th October**.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Name of child/children: _____

Class/classes _____

I do not want my child to be photographed alone/ or in a family group.

Signed Parent/Carer _____



Children in Need Day!

15th November - donate £1.00 to wear anything spotty!

We are celebrating Children in Need day on Thursday 15th November - help us raise money for Children in Need by donating £1.00 to wear anything spotty - as many spots as you like on anything you like!



Important Dates

Continued:

Monday 12th November to Friday 16th November
Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 15th November
Children in Need Day
Donate £1.00 to wear anything spotty!

Friday 16th November
Y1 Trip to Emergency Services Museum

Sunday 25th November
St Thomas More Church
Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December
Y5 & Y6 singing festival at
Sheffield University

Wednesday 12th December
Y5 Trip to Kelham Island
Museum

5th – 6th March 2019
Y4 Residential Trip

3rd – 5th July
Y6 Residential Trip



Children with out of school achievements!

Well done! 😊

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Weeks Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2 Class	91.7	1
Year 1	99.3	1
Year 2	86	1
Year 3	98.9	1
Year 4	89	4
Year 5	99.3	0
Year 6	88.6	0
School Total	93.3	8

Well Done Y1 & Y5 - they will receive an extra playtime for their fantastic attendance this week!

F2 parent workshop: Tapestry Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 2.45pm

We are inviting F2 parents into school to learn more about Tapestry, the app that F2 staff use to assess the children. Each day we will use Tapestry to record observations of the children. Parents are invited and will be provided with their own login details so that you can access the observations at home. **The workshop will be on Tuesday 23rd October from 2.45-3.15pm.** If you are able to attend please let either Miss Bennett or the office know 😊

Many thanks,

Miss Bennett



100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Milly
Year 1	Everton
Year 2	Harry
Year 3	Amanor
Year 4	Leo
Year 5	Kirsty
Year 6	Alhaji

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Milly
Y1	Vanessa
Y2	Gracie-Ann
Y3	Brody
Y4	Reineidi
Y5	Lesley
Y6	Harris

ROAD CLOSURES ON CRESWICK LANE

We have been informed (and you may have noticed the signs) that there will be road closures on Creswick Lane from 9:30am - 2:30pm starting 16th October for 8 days. This shouldn't effect drop off and pick up at school but please be aware of this if you need to be at school for any reason between 9:30am - 2:30pm! 😊



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

10 day Active Travel Challenge

We will be taking part in South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership's 10 day Active Travel Challenge starting on **Monday 15th October** and finishing on **Friday 26th October 2018**.

The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an active way of getting to school over the 10 day period. There are prizes for everybody who completes the challenge, as well as class and whole school prizes!

Walking cycling, skating, scooting and park & stride are all active ways of travelling and we hope by taking part in the challenge it will:

- Improve health & wellbeing of our pupils & their families
- Encourage pupils and families to be more active
- Reduce congestion and parking problems around our school
- Promote active travel for the journey to school and for families to continue to do this after the challenge!

During the challenge each classroom will have a wall chart on which pupils who have travelled actively will record their journey by adding a special sticker to the chart. Those pupils with 10 stickers on the chart at the end of the 10 day challenge will be awarded a prize.

Please be aware if you live a long way from school and need to drive you can still take part by parking away from school (at least a 5 minute walk) and walking the last part of your journey, this is called Park & Stride.

Our school could also win some fantastic prizes like scooter storage or even a visit from a theatre company. We are competing against schools from across South Yorkshire so we really do need your help. Please do your best to be active on your journey to school and help us complete the challenge ☺



Next Week is Early Bird Week!

Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October 2018

We are running this to promote good punctuality! We recognise that the majority of your children do arrive on time for school every single day, that is fantastic and we want to celebrate and acknowledge that! During this week, for every day, that your child arrives on time they will get a sticker. Any child with 5 stickers (ie arrives on time every day that week) will go into a prize draw for a £10 Meadowhall voucher. The class with the best punctuality for that week will also win a prize!

Come on kids, make sure you are in school on time, it makes a big difference to your learning!

Did you know.....

5 minutes late every day = 3.5 school days missed per academic year

10 minutes late every day = 7 school days missed per academic year

20 minutes late every day = 14 school days missed per academic year



We have reviewed and updated our Uniform Policy - this has been placed on the website if you wish to view it!

The only change is the clarification that pumps can be worn for outdoor PE ☺



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

After School Activities –Autumn Term 2 2018/19

All Clubs will run from Monday 5th November and continue for 7 weeks until week ending 21st December 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**

Day	Club	Total Cost For 7 weeks	Year Group	Please tick
Monday	Basketball	£2.50 per week £17.50	KS2: Y3 - Y6 14 places	
Tuesday	Sports – Gymnastics	£2.50 per week £17.50	KS2: Y3 - Y6 14 places	
Thursday	Multiskills	£2.50 per week £17.50	F2, Y1 & Y2 12 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



CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 12th October

F2	Parker	For	Excellent effort with your writing during RWI. You are always trying your best! Well done 😊
	Katie	For	Fabulous letter formation and dazzling pattern work in maths. Keep it up! 😊
Year 1	Charlie	For	Blowing us away with your fantastic maths vocabulary to describe different 3D shapes! Well done Charlie :)
	Frankie	For	Fantastic effort creating a picture of your house on the iPad and listening carefully to instructions! Keep it up Frankie 😊
Year 2	Lucas	For	Your fantastic efforts this week in literacy! You thought of super vocabulary to describe the locations you travelled to on your journey as Arthur the whale!
	Alice	For	Your amazing effort in our PE lesson this week! You worked well as part of a team and showed excellent sportsmanship!
Year 3	Eoin	For	Drawing an amazing mountain range and identifying and labelling all of the features!
	Ellie	For	Persevering in maths and applying your knowledge of place value to complete a number investigation!
Year 4	Kaisie	For	For working hard to understand how to use a bar model!
	Ruqayah	For	For writing an outstanding letter to Mr Sanchez, the Spanish Prime Minister, from King Solomon!
Year 5	Aimee	For	The resilience and determination you have shown in all of your learning this week. You've worked so hard, especially in maths with tricky subtraction problems. Well done 😊
	Georgie-Leigh	For	Your effort and stamina in English this week. We've done a lot of work on building sentences and using ambitious vocabulary, and you've challenged yourself brilliantly! Well done.
Year 6	Kamal	For	Exhibiting amazing effort in all of your lessons this week! Keep challenging yourself!
	Declan	For	Demonstrating amazing PE skills in dribbling, passing and shooting! Great technique!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

F2 FAMILY MORNING! FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

On Friday 26th October we are holding a session for the families of our F2 children.

You will be invited to stay in class with your children until 9:15am where they can share with you some of their learning so far. We will then invite you into the hall when you can stay for tea/coffee and cakes and chat to some school staff, governors and our friends association until 9:45am.

We really hope you can make it, and look forward to seeing you!

F2 STAY AND PLAY SESSION

WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

Throughout this year we will be holding stay and play sessions for F2 parents with each one focusing on a different subject. You are invited on the above date to stay and watch a RWI phonics lesson and participate in related activities with your child afterwards. You will also be able to look at their writing so far in their RWI books. **The session will run from 9:00 - 10.00am.** Please let us know if you can attend 😊

Many thanks,

Miss Bennett

F2 AND Y1 CHURCH VISIT

THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

As part of our RE learning, F2 and Y1 will be walking down to church to re-enact a baptism. We will be going on Thursday 8th November from 1.15-3pm. **Please can you make sure that your child is wearing a coat on this day.** If you are available on this day and would like to volunteer to help us from 1pm onwards please let F2/Y1 staff or the office know.

Many thanks,

Miss Bennett and Miss Keenan

YEAR 1 TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES MUSEUM

FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

As part of our 'I Need a Hero' topic, year one will be having a hands on learning workshop at the Emergency Services Museum in Kelham Island on Friday 16th November 2018.

Children will explore the different people who make up the emergency services and how important they are. They will also explore transport and even get a chance to dress up in their uniforms!

The trip will take place during school time. Lunch is not provided but children can either bring a packed lunch or order a school dinner (sandwiches).

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child to help towards the cost. **Unfortunately the trip maybe cancelled if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions.**

Please could you return the permission slip and your voluntary contribution to school as soon as possible.

I give permission for: _____

to attend the Y1 visit to the National Emergency Services Museum on 16th November.

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

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

KS2 CLASSES HISTORY VAN VISIT

TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

The History van is visiting our KS2 classes school on Tuesday 6th November! Each class will be taking part in workshops based around the Great War. It's an exciting day with lots of activities planned throughout the day for each class.

Please see the information further on in the newsletter to find out what each class will be getting up to!

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per child in KS2 to go towards the cost of this visit.

Please complete the slip below and return your voluntary contribution of £4.00 as soon as possible.

KS2 HISTORY VAN VISIT 25TH OCTOBER

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £4.00 for the History Van visit

Signed Parent/Carer: _____

Date: _____

FINAL REMINDER: ATTENTION Y3 PARENTS

**Y3 TRIP TO MAGNA
THURSDAY 25TH 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 as soon as possible.

I give permission for _____

to attend the Y3 visit to Magna Museum on 25th 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.

Signed Parent/carers: _____

Date: _____

**Y5 TRIP TO KELHAM ISLAND MUSEUM
WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

On Wednesday 12th December, Year 5 will be visiting Kelham Island Museum to take part in a Steel City investigation day to link with our 'Simply Sheffield' topic.

Using storytelling, object handling and exploration, children will learn about Sheffield's industrial history. They will discover how steel is made and have a go at making a spoon of their own. They will learn about Harry Brearley and his discovery of stainless steel. They will learn about heavy industries through imaginative exploration of the larger objects in the museum.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch and warm coat and will be in school uniform.

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 but we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £13.00 per child to help towards the cost. As always if we do not receive enough contributions the trip may have to be cancelled.

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

I give permission for:

to attend the Y1 visit to Kelham Island Museum on 12th December.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £13

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.

Signed Parent/Carer: _____

Date: _____

**FINAL REMINDER: ATTENTION Y6
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 3rd July 2019 until Friday 5th 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

3rd July – 5th 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: _____

the history van

The History van is visiting our KS2 classes school on Tuesday 6th November! We asking for a voluntary donation of £4.00 per child in KS2 to go towards the cost of this visit - please send in as soon as possible and place your contribution in a labelled envelope!

Grenoside and the Great War

4 Class KS2 Day plus KS1 joining at the end

Time	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9.00 – 9.25	Introduction in Hall for all KS2 Children and Staff – 'Your Country Needs You – WW1 Begins'			
9.30 – 10.15	'Training, Trenches & Casualties' With Jenny in Hall	'Enlist' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny	'Flag Days and Board Games' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny	'Medals for All' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny
<i>Break</i>				
10.30 – 11.15	'Medals for All' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny	'Training, Trenches & Casualties' With Jenny in Hall	'Enlist' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny	'Flag Days and Board Games' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny
11.15 – 12.00	'Flag Days and Board Games' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny	'Medals for All' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny	'Training, Trenches & Casualties' With Jenny in Hall	'Enlist' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny
12.00 – 1.15	<i>Lunch</i>			
1.20 – 2.10	'Enlist' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny	'Flag Days and Board Games' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny	'Medals for All' Teacher-led in classroom Materials and activities provided by Jenny	'Training, Trenches & Casualties' With Jenny in Hall
2.10 – 2.25	Afternoon Break			
2.25 – 2.40	KS1 Children and Teachers in the Hall (KS2 finish any unfinished items) A brief Introduction to WW1 – 'I Saw a Zeppelin - Game' With Jenny in Hall			
2.40 – 3.00	All KS1 and KS2 Children and Staff in Hall for Finale 'Singing our Way to War' With Jenny in Hall			