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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

GYMNASTICS ON TUESDAY: Has had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

BASKETBALL ON MONDAY: Has now be opened up to Y2. This will start on Monday 12th November.

MULTISKILLS ON THURSDAY: Open to F2, Y1 and Y2.

ATTENTION: REMINDER FOR Y1 PARENTS

Please make sure you have returned the permission slip and voluntary contribution of £10 for the Y1 trip to the Emergency Services Museum on Friday 16th November. 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!**

Important Dates

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!

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

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

Thursday 15th November
8:50am – 9:30am
English and Maths Mastery Workshop

Friday 16th November
Y1 Trip to Emergency Services Museum

Friday 26th November
Y6 Athletics Event @ Yewlands School

Sunday 25th November
St Thomas More Church
Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 4th December
Y6 Advent Liturgy @ 9:15am

Friday 7th December
Y5 & Y6 Singing Festival at
Sheffield University

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



REMINDER: ALL PARENTS!

MASTERY WORKSHOP THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Join us on Thursday 15th November for tea, toast and an introduction to English and Maths Mastery! As some of you may be aware, we have recently adopted a Mastery approach at St Thomas More, and we'd love a chance to show you what it's all about! Miss Bennett and Miss McKay will be leading a workshop for parents which will cover the following:

- How the Mastery approach works
- The 'Growth Mindset'
- What Mastery looks like in books
- What our children think

We will look to have tea and toast from 08:50-09:00, and the workshop will run from 09:00-09:30. We also hope this will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. It is wear something spotty for Children in Need day so feel free to wear spots when you attend! 😊

If you would like to attend, please return the below form to the school office, indicating also if you would like some tea and toast prepared, by Monday 12th November 2018.

Name: _____

Child of: _____

I will be attending the English and Maths Mastery Workshop on Thursday 15th November

I would love some tea and toast!

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Important Dates

Continued:

Wednesday 12th December
Y5 Trip to Kelham Island
Museum

Friday 7th December
School Christmas Fair @ 3:30pm
– 5:00pm

Tuesday 11th December
Y5 Advent Liturgy @ 9:15am

Wednesday 12th December
F2 & KS1 Advent Production @
2:00pm & 5:30PM

Thursday 13th December
Y5 & Y6 Singing Festival
Performance for Parents @
9:10am

Friday 14th December
Y3 Advent Liturgy @ 9:15am

Friday 14th December
Christmas Jumper Day – Donate
£1.00 to wear your jumper to
support Save the Children!

Tuesday 18th December
Y4 Advent Liturgy @ 9:15am

Wednesday 19th December
DOLCE Christmas Dinner

Thursday 20th December
Mass in school @ 9:30am

Friday 21st December
Christingle Service @ 2:15pm

5th – 6th March 2019
Y4 Residential Trip

3rd – 5th July
Y6 Residential Trip

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	95.7	0
Year 1	98.7	1
Year 2	97.3	0
Year 3	88.2	1
Year 4	86.3	2
Year 5	98.7	0
Year 6	97.9	3
School Total	94.7	7

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

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Rhys
Year 1	Obeng
Year 2	Bethany
Year 3	James
Year 4	Kirsten
Year 5	Maddison
Year 6	Shanie

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Luna
Y1	Ava
Y2	Fredi
Y3	Amanor
Y4	Yuxiang
Y5	Georgie-Leigh
Y6	Shanie

A NEW AWARD FOR OUR CHILDREN!

As part of our weekly Celebration Assembly on a Friday, we are introducing a "Growth Mindset Award" where one child each week will be recognised for displaying growth mindset qualities. We are very excited to see the ways our children achieve these awards!

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

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Children with out of school achievements! Well done! 😊

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

OUR WEEKLY MILE!

Walking is really good for our health and well-being so once a week during a lunchtime staff will walk a mile around the school grounds! We completed our first weekly mile last term and it was a great success - the children and staff loved it!



**1
MILE**

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 ☺

Thank you so much to all those that have donated items already! ☺



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



School Christmas Fair!

Come and join us at our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December
3:30pm - 5:00pm ☺



There will be an abundance of festive-filled stalls as well as a mega raffle and Santa's grotto!



We will start selling the mega raffle tickets after half term so watch this space!

If you would like a stall at the fair, then please contact Nicola Jones (Abby Jones Y4 mum). Stalls cost £7. Keep an eye out for our upcoming posters and leaflets for more information!



DON'T FORGET! 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!



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Anti-Bullying Week 2018: Choose Respect!



The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is: 'Choose Respect' and Anti-Bullying Week runs from 12th - 16th November. We will hold Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 12th November) - children can wear odd socks on this day if they want to 😊

The aims of this week are to help children and all of those who support them and work with them to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

Bullying myths and facts:

There are many myths surrounding bullying issues and some of these myths can often trivialise bullying and suggest the bullied individual is making a big deal out of nothing when actually that is not the case. The myths and facts below can be a great discussion point to raise awareness of bullying with children and young people.

Myth: Bullying is a normal part of childhood and you should just ignore it

Fact: Bullying is not "normal" or acceptable in any form and ignoring might not always make it stop. If you can, please confide in someone you trust such as a parent or teacher to help you get it stopped. Bullying can knock your self-esteem and confidence.

Myth: It is ok to hit someone who is bullying you, it will stop it

Fact: It's understandable that you may be angry but if you were to get violent or aggressive it may make matters much worse as you may get into trouble too.

Myth: Bullies are born this way, it's in their genes

Fact: Bullies often adopt this behaviour from their environment or sometimes, it's a reaction from them being bullied by others. Whatever the case, it is not right.

Myth: Bullying only happens in schools

Fact: This is not the case at all, bullying can happen to anyone at any place. It may be out of school, at university or even college. It can happen when you are out with mates or on the way to or from school.

Myth: You can spot a bully from the way they look and act

Fact: There is no such thing as a way a bully looks or acts. There is no specific dress code or behaviour code.

Myth: Online bullying is just banter and harmless

Fact: People being bullied online is a very serious issue, the bullying can go viral very quickly and make the problem escalate quickly. It is important to take a screenshot of any conversations, messages or posts that you feel are bullying so that you have a record.



CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 26th October

F2	Emmanuel	For	Your enthusiasm for all learning and for trying your best with your writing. Well done! 😊
	Shayne	For	Outstanding independent writing – you are always practising your skills! Keep it up 😊
Year 1	Harry	For	A fantastic week, showing us your super listening on the carpet and blowing us away with your inference skills. Keep it up Harry :)
	Vanessa	For	A super narrative about Puff the Gentle Dragon. You have used super vocabulary and put 100% effort into your handwriting. Well done Vanessa :)
Year 2	Mia	For	Amazing partner work and efforts.
	Priscilla	For	Outstanding behaviour all half term.
Year 3	Jennifer	For	Carrying out a successful investigation about volcanic eruptions and explaining her thinking. Well done!
	Kadija	For	A well written and presented Big Write which included lots of interesting ideas and exciting vocabulary.
Year 4	Alfie	For	Always giving well thought out answers in class. Whether it is maths, English, topic or science - I can always rely on you.
	Gavin	For	Listening carefully and following instructions in PE. You were the strongest, fiercest Viking that I've ever seen.
Year 5	Millie	For	Your super work in our Black History Month topic. We've covered a lot and you've been so engaged and interested which has come through in the work you've produced – well done!
	James	For	Consistently challenging yourself during this first half term. You've settled into Year 5 fantastically and put 100% into everything that you do. Keep it up!
Year 6	Theo	For	Concentrating and dedicating yourself by using your strategies in maths this week! Keep challenging yourself!
	Vivian	For	Settling in so well into Y6 – you are so well-mannered and dedicated to your learning! Keep it up!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

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: _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Y5 & Y6 SINGING PERFORMANCE FOR PARENTS THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Year 5 and 6 parents are invited to join us for a performance of the Sheffield Music Hub Singing Festival on **Thursday 13th December at 09:10am** in the school hall.

The children will be singing the songs they are learning for the festival at Firth Hall on the 7th December. They'll be finishing with a festive favourite that will be sure to get you in the Christmas spirit! We hope to see you there!



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.

Y5 KELHAM ISLAND MUSEUM TRIP

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

I give permission for:

to attend the Y5 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: _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

FOR ATTENTION OF Y5 & Y6 PARENTS

Sing Sensational!

Primary Schools Singing Festival

Firth Hall, University of Sheffield

Friday 7th December 2018



Enquiries: Caroline Hallam

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Web Site: www.sheffieldmusicHub.org

Sheffield Music Hub and the University of Sheffield have invited our children to take part in the Sing Sensational Singing Festival on **Friday 7th December 2018**. We're working hard in class to learn a number of songs that explore part singing in lots of different ways, and we'd love you to come and hear your children perform as part of a choir of around 200 children.

The final performance will take place at Firth Hall, University of Sheffield at **2:30pm** and will be approximately 40 minutes. **Please arrive no earlier than 2:20pm as we will be rehearsing so you will not be able to come in.**

There is at least two tickets available for each child performing, but there may be more tickets made available in the last week if there are spare seats. Tickets will be collected on the door so please bring your ticket to the performance!

Sheffield Music Hub also would like to collect some simple, anonymous information about the children taking part in this festival. This information allows us to demonstrate to Arts Council England, and to other organisations that provide funding to Sheffield Music Hub, that we are having an impact on children's lives. The data we collect in this way helps ensure our continued ability to offer projects such as this to schools and families in Sheffield.

Please read and complete and return the Singing Festival Participant Form below to your child's school. If you have any further questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me at the email address below.

To attend our exciting Singing Festival Performance, please complete ALL the forms below and return to school by Friday 23rd November 2018. We look forward to seeing you!

The children will travel by coach to the Sheffield University on the morning of Friday 7th December we will need to set off at 8.30am so please can all children be at school for 8.20am in order for us to leave on time. **We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £4.00** to help towards the cost of the coach. Please send this into school in a named envelope together with the slip on this newsletter. Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the day. 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. **Children will return back to school on the coach after the performance.**

Yours sincerely,

Your School Teachers and Sheffield Music Hub!

Singing Festival – Participant Form

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to your child's school

School			
Date of Birth		Male / Female / Prefer not to say	
Does your child have a disability? Yes / No (delete as appropriate)			
Does your child have any Additional Educational Needs? Yes / No			
Is your child eligible for Free School Meals? Yes / No			
Please choose the category which you feel most closely resembles your child's origin			
White		Other Asian Background	
Gypsy or Traveller		Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	
Black or Black British – Caribbean		Mixed – White and Black African	
Black or Black British – African		Mixed – White and Asian	
Other Black Background		Other Mixed Background	
Asian or Asian British – Indian		Arab	
Asian or Asian British – Pakistani		Other Ethnic Background	
Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi		Not Known	
Chinese		Prefer Not To Say	
<i>As part of this application, we have collected data regarding ethnicity, disability and health and social care for monitoring equality of opportunity under the Equality Act 2010. Please tick here if you are happy for this information to also be used for evaluation and monitoring purposes</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			

Parent / Guardian to complete please:

I agree that the data collected about my child/ward may be used for evaluation and monitoring purposes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian			
Print Name		Date	

Sing Sensational!

Please return **Friday 23rd November 2018**

Child's Name: _____

I am able to attend *Sing Sensational!* on Friday 7th December 2018 at 2:20pm, and would like to claim my free ticket(s).

I would like:

One ticket : _____

Two tickets: _____

If there are any spare tickets once they've all been allocated, I would like _____ more.

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Y5 & Y6 SINGING FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

The children will travel by coach to the Sheffield University on the morning of Friday 7th.

December we will need to set off at 8.30am so **please can all children be at school for 8.20am** in order for us to leave on time.

Please see TRIPS AND EVENTS for more information about this trip.

We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 to help towards the cost of the coach. Please send this into school in a named envelope.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the day. 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.

Children will return back to school by coach after the performance.

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

Y5 & Y6 SINGING FESTIVAL
FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £4.00 for the Singing Festival

I will provide them with a packed lunch for the day

Signed Parent/Carer: _____

Date: _____

Y6 ATHLETICS EVENT

FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Y6 have been given the opportunity to participate in an Athletics event at Yewlands School. The event will take place between 1:00pm and 2:45pm.

The children will need to bring **a packed lunch, their PE kit consisting of shorts, trainers and t-shirt and a water bottle.** The children will be accompanied by St. Thomas More staff and volunteers. If you have a DBS and would like to volunteer please let Mrs Lord or the office know. There will be no charge for your child to participate.

We will be having a packed lunch in school at 11:40am so we are ready to leave at 12:40pm.

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.

Y6 ATHLETICS EVENT

FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

I give permission for _____

to attend the Athletics Event at Yewlands School on Friday 23rd November.

I will provide them with a packed lunch for the day and their PE kit

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: _____

