



Newsletter – Issue 10
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HELP NEEDED!

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

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!

Important Dates

**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**

**Tuesday 20th November
Y1, Y3 & Y5 Walk to Church**

**Thursday 22nd November
Y2, Y4 & Y6 Walk to Church**

**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**

**Wednesday 5th December
Parent Ambassador Meeting @
2:30pm**

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



DON'T FORGET! Children in Need Day!

**THURSDAY 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!**



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! 😊

OUR MATCHBOX CHALLENGE WINNERS!

Most items placed in the matchbox:

Carly in Y3 - A whopping 73 items! Well done Carly, you win a £10 gift voucher!

Most sponsorship money collected:

Katie in F2 - A fantastic £57.90! Well done Katie, you win a £10 gift voucher!

Best decorated matchbox:

Jasmine in Y5 - Well done Jasmine, you win a £5 gift voucher!

These prizes will be presented in this week's Celebration Assembly 😊

Thank you to everyone who took part - all together an amazing £419.60 was raised!! 😊

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!

Monday 17th December
F2 Totley Hall Farm Trip

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	94.3	0
Year 1	97	0
Year 2	98	0
Year 3	97.1	0
Year 4	97.7	0
Year 5	98	3
Year 6	99	3
School Total	97.3	6

Well Done Y6 - you will receive an extra playtime for your fantastic attendance this week!

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is...Maisie in Y6!

Maisie received this award for not being afraid to make mistakes or ask for help and persevering through her maths tasks leading to success!

Well done Maisie!

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

F2	Jonathan	for	Amazing the adults at lunchtime with your super mature attitude and always being willing to help! Well done!
Y6	Olivia	for	Showing a kind and caring attitude to all members of our school community during our weekly mile! Well done!

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Lily
Year 1	Arthur
Year 2	Susanna
Year 3	Poppy
Year 4	Max
Year 5	Bethany
Year 6	Gabriel

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Douglas
Y1	Charlie
Y2	Naomi
Y3	Guedaliah
Y4	Raphael
Y5	Bethany
Y6	Theo



Children with out of school achievements! Well done! 😊

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Christmas Fair



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!



IMPORTANT NOTICE – CHICKEN POX

We have confirmed cases of chicken pox in F2. For more information on symptoms and treatments please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

THANK YOU!

A huge thanks for all the donations received this week of chocolate bars and sweets for the Christmas Fair Lucky Dip! It's much appreciated! ☺



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! ☺



RAFFLE TICKETS ARE GOING ON SALE – WILL YOU BE LUCKY PRIZE WINNER?

Raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be on sale from next **Monday 19th November** - 50p a ticket, £2 a strip or £5 for 3 strips. There will be opportunities for children to buy them in school as well as opportunities to buy them before and after school – we will have parents and children will be selling them!



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Moment One: Families of Hope

November 2018

As promised, here is more information regarding our work in school linked to Diocesan topics. The children will be receiving a lesson on this first moment along with homework this week linked to this first moment topic. **Homework will be given out on 14.11.18**

Moment One: Families of Hope is rooted in our belief in the promise that Jesus made when he said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die'

(Jn 11:25–6).

Our hope as Christians is that death is not the end but that at the end of our time here on earth we will be reunited eternally with Jesus in heaven:

We are reminded of this hope in Pope Francis' document *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), which teaches us about love in the family. Hope is an essential part of this love:

"Here hope comes most fully into its own, for it embraces the certainty of life after death. Each person, with all his or her failings, is called to the fullness of life in heaven. There, fully transformed by Christ's resurrection, every weakness, darkness and infirmity will pass away. There the person's true being will shine forth in all its goodness and beauty. This realization helps us, amid the aggravations of this present life, to see each person from a supernatural perspective, in the light of hope, and await the fullness that he or she will receive in the heavenly kingdom, even if it is not yet visible. (117)"



A Big **THANK YOU**



To the children, parents and staff of
St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School
for supporting Burngreave Foodbank with your Harvest
collection. You donated an amazing 123.9 kg of food
which will provide over 290 meals to people in need!
Thank you so much for your kindness!

Burngreave foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.
Registered Charity Number: 224386 | Registered in England and Wales



Thank you to everyone who brought
in goods for our Harvest Festival
Collection – it's fantastic to know
how much this has helped people in
our community! 😊



CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 9th November

F2	Catherine	for	Fabulous mathematical thinking and reasoning – you are also speaking in full sentences too! Amazing effort! 😊
	Luna	for	Dazzling RWI sounds skills and for always joining in with our singing! Well done Luna! 😊
Year 1	Amelia	for	Concentrating and listening in all of your learning this week, and for being a fantastic God parent at church. Keep it up Amelia :)
	Victor	for	Challenging yourself and carefully thinking about a range of punctuation to use in your sentences. Keep it up Victor! :)
Year 2	Jessie	for	Coming back to school with a positive attitude and approach to your learning! Keep up all of your hard work, Jessie!
	Harry	for	Your super writing this week about the rainforest! You included some amazing adjectives in your descriptive piece, well done!
Year 3	Sophie	for	For showing our new Y3 teacher Mr Platts how to follow our school rules perfectly and for being prepared and ready to learn at all times! 😊
	Simon	for	Demonstrating excellent knowledge and enthusiasm during the History Van visit!
Year 4	Raphael	for	Sharing his ideas in a controlled but enthusiastic way. He always makes a positive contribution to class.
	Archie	for	A fantastic explanation of how to use a bar model, numberline and array to help with multiplication.
Year 5	Lesley	for	Your thoughtful and carefully considered ideas shared in RE this week. You have thoroughly understood the sacrament of marriage, well done!
	Madison	for	Showing superb determination and concentration in maths this week. You fully engaged yourself with our learning – fabulous work!
Year 6	Elijah	for	Always providing thoughtful and deep answers to any question! Keep it up!
	Holly	for	Always being a hard worker and providing great explanations in class for any subject! Keep it up!

TRIPS AND EVENTS



F2 TRIP TO TOTLEY HALL FARM

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

F2 will be taking a trip to Totley Hall Farm to perform and act out the nativity scene on the above date.

This is an afternoon trip so we will be eating lunch before we leave therefore children will need to bring a packed lunch. If you would like to order a free packed lunch from school please complete the slip below. Please also ensure that your child is wearing a coat as it gets very chilly in the barn!

If any parents are DBS checked and would like to help on the trip please see Miss Bennett or the school office.

There is a voluntary contribution of £12.00 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.

Please could you send the completed information and payment into school as soon as possible.

F2 TOTLEY HALL FARM TRIP MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

I give permission for _____

to attend the F2 trip to Totley Hall Farm on Monday 17th December.

I enclose £12 voluntary contribution

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: _____



F2/KS1 ADVENT PRODUCTION

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

2pm and 5.30pm

Each F2/KS1 family will be allocated 2 tickets – as the production is spread over 2 performances, please choose the one that is most suitable for you by completing the slip below. **The tickets will be allocated on a first request basis.**

Again if you require additional tickets then please indicate this on the form and these will also be allocated on a first request basis.

F2/KS1 ADVENT PRODUCTION

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

2pm and 5.30pm

Ticket request form:

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

2 Tickets allocated:

2pm performance (No of tickets max 2)

5.30pm performance (No of tickets max 2)

(Please complete as appropriate)

I would like to request additional tickets:

2:00pm (*tickets required maximum 2*): _____

5.30pm (*tickets required maximum 2*): _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

**REMINDER! PLEASE COMPLETE AND
HAND IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

**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: _____

**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!



TRIPS AND EVENTS

REMINDER: FOR ATTENTION OF Y5 & Y6 PARENTS – PLEASE COMPLETE FORM

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.sheffieldmusic hub.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 in the afternoon of Friday 7th December. **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 which we will eat in school before leaving at approx. 12:15pm 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 by the end of the school day.**

Yours sincerely,

Your School Teachers and Sheffield Music Hub!

REMINDER! PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN BY NOVEMBER 23RD

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.

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

I will provide them with a packed lunch for 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.

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

TRIPS AND EVENTS

REMINDER! PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

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: _____

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100% ATTENDANCE

F2/KS1 ROLL OF HONOUR!


AUTUMN 1 – 2018

F2

Leylan	Philomena
Millie	Alfie
Catherine	Lily
Luna	Oskar
Parker	Douglas
Oliver	Emmie
Rhys	Olivia

Y1

Jessica	Franklyn
Everton	Amelia
Obeng	Myles
Nancy	Olivia
Arthur	Ethan
Evret	Rohan
Joel	Bobby
Vienna	Kylan
Oskar	Olivia
Kordell	Harry
Vanessa	



100% ATTENDANCE
KS1 ROLL OF HONOUR!
AUTUMN 1 – 2018

Y2

Sophia Harry

Susanna Darcey

Rosie Fredi

Tristan Gracie-Ann

Alice Charlie P

Isaac Naomi

Jessie James

Oliver Jonas

Gracie

A scroll with a roll of honour list. The scroll is unrolled in the center, showing a white rectangular area with text. The scroll is made of a light brown, textured material and has decorative wooden rollers at the top and bottom. The text is centered on the scroll and is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font. The background is white.

100% ATTENDANCE

KS2 ROLL OF HONOUR!

AUTUMN 1 – 2018

Y3

Sophie	Kadija
Jennifer	Rian
Amanor	James
Florence	Joshua
Claudia	Ava
Zeph	Shaun
Macy	Christina
Oscar	Simon

Y4

Raphael	Alfie
Harry	Connar
Gavin	Archie
Dylan	Abby
Maya	Ruqayah
Mwaniki	Kaisie-Leigh
Kirsten	Nikola
Yuxiang	



100% ATTENDANCE

KS2 ROLL OF HONOUR!

AUTUMN 1 – 2018

Y5

Marley	Millie L
Elisha	Bethany
Millie N	Daisy
Imogen	Destiny
Aoibhin	James
Rose	Georgie-Leigh
Kirsty	Aimee
Jasmine	

Y6

Deangelo	Charlie
Ryan	Olivia
Alhaji	Finley
Paulos	Petros
Ruby	Sienna
Maisie	Holly
Harris	Shanie
Theo	Vivian
Elijah	Chloe