



Newsletter – Issue 11  
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**ATTENTION! REMINDER FOR Y6 PARENTS!**

Please return the permission slip ASAP for your child for the Y6 Athletics Event that is taking place on FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER.

**Please see the TRIPS AND EVENTS section for more information!**

**ATTENTION! REMINDER FOR Y5 & Y6 PARENTS!**

Please return the permission slip and voluntary contribution ASAP for your child to attend the Singing Festival on 7<sup>th</sup>

December. **This needs to be returned by FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER. Please see the TRIPS AND EVENTS section for more**

**ATTENTION! REMINDER FOR Y5 PARENTS!**

Please return the permission slip and voluntary contribution of £13 ASAP for your child to attend the Kelham Island Museum Visit taking place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

December. **As always if we do not receive enough contributions the trip may have to be cancelled. Please see the TRIPS AND EVENTS section for more information!**

**Important Dates**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Y6 Athletics Event @ Yewlands School

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

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Wear Purple for the start of  
Advent

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Y6 Advent Liturgy @ 9:15am

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Parent Ambassador Meeting @  
2:30pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Y5 & Y6 Singing Festival at  
Sheffield University

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Y5 Trip to Kelham Island  
Museum

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Y6 Silent Afternoon for £1.00

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
School Christmas Fair @  
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Y6 PJ Day for £1.00

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Y5 Advent Liturgy @ 9:15am

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

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

## **WE REALLY NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!**

We'd really love to hear your views on our school so we've created an online survey. This can be accessed on the homepage of our website. It's easy to fill in via the drop down menus for your responses. We'd appreciate it if as many of our families could respond as possible – it's important we get your views! Go to our website here <http://stthomasmorepri.sites.schooljotter2.com/> to fill it in.

Thank you in advance for your support!



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

Raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle are now on sale - 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! Good Luck!



## **Important Dates**

### **Continued:**

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

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Y3 Advent Liturgy @ 9:15am

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

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
F2 Totley Hall Farm Trip

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Y4 Advent Liturgy @ 9:15am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Y6 Games Afternoon for £1.00

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Friends Association Christmas  
Party Lunch

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
DOLCE Christmas Dinner

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Mass in school @ 9:30am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
F2/KS1 Disco @ 1:20pm –  
2:20pm  
KS2 Disco @ 2:20pm – 3:20pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Christingle Service @ 2:15pm

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

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	94.7	1
Year 1	95.7	2
Year 2	98.3	0
Year 3	99.3	0
Year 4	97.3	2
Year 5	99.3	0
Year 6	92.8	1
<b>School Total</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>6</b>

Well Done Y3 & Y5 - you will receive an extra playtime for your fantastic attendance this week!

## GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



**This week's winner is...Emmanuel in Y5!**

You've received this award for challenging yourself in all of your learning this week, and especially for showing resilience in your writing. You've worked so hard to understand and apply the skills we've learned, keep it up!



Well done Emmanuel!

## LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

F2/KS1	Luna	for	Always being a kind and helpful friend to all members of our school community
KS1	Emma	for	Always being willing to step up for job squad! Thank you!

## 100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	
Year 1	Oskar
Year 2	Percy
Year 3	Florence
Year 4	
Year 5	Imogen
Year 6	Declan

## OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Oskar
Y1	Everton
Y2	Mia
Y3	Nono
Y4	
Y5	Erin
Y6	Kamal



Children with out of school achievements!  
Well done! 😊

Our matchbox prize winners!  
Well done! 😊



# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



## School Christmas Fair!

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

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

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!



## HELP NEEDED IN Y5!

Y5 have a big D&T project coming up in a couple of weeks and they really need any unwanted junk modelling resources!

They are looking for the following:

- boxes of all kinds
- yoghurt cartons
- toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- plastic bottles and containers etc.

It would be much appreciated!

Thanks in advance ☺



## ADVENT

Advent begins on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December this year. To celebrate and mark the start of this joyous period all children and staff are asked to wear something purple on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December! We will also start sending home our Advent Cribbs from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.



Here are our Active Travel Winners! Well done – you managed to travel to school in an active way for the two weeks of Active Travel we had recently ☺

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## FRIENDS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS EVENTS NEWS!

### Friends Christmas Party Lunch Day – Tuesday 18th December

The Friends Association will be providing Christmas Lunch for every child in school on this day! No need to bring a packed lunch or order a hot dinner on this day – it will be a fun afternoon of food, drink and laughter!

### Christmas Disco – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

The Friends association are organising a Christmas Disco on this day. Tickets are priced at £2 each. There will be refreshments on sale including hot dogs, sweets and drinks. **F2 & KS1 will be 1.20pm - 2.20pm and KS2 will be 2.20pm – 3.20pm.** Children should bring party clothes to change into in the afternoon. Children will then take part in party games in their classes for the other part of the afternoon.

You can purchase a ticket by either sending the £2 into school in an envelope marked with Disco & your child's name & class or you can give it to one of the following parents directly: **Aleksandra, mum of Vanessa Y1 & Nikola Y4; Joanne, mum of Oscar Y3; Kathryn, mum of Ryan Y6; Linda, grandma of Rhys F2 and Rose Y5; Nicola, mum of Abby Y4.**

### Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

We will be having a Santa's Grotto at our Christmas Fair. If you would like your child to see Santa and receive a small gift then it would be really helpful if you could purchase a ticket in advance – these cost £2 and can be purchased by either sending £2 in an envelope marked with Santa's Grotto and the form below or you can give it to one of the following parents directly: **Aleksandra mum of Vanessa Y1 & Nikola Y4; Joanne mum of Oscar Y3; Kathryn mum of Ryan Y6; Linda grandma of Rhys F2 and Rose Y5; Nicola mum of Abby Y4.**



### Santa will be visiting our Christmas Fair!

**He will only be with us though from 3.30pm until 5:00pm as he is very busy at the moment!**

If you would like to visit Santa in his grotto at the Christmas Fair, we are asking if you could pre-book your visit so Santa can try and see as many children as possible.

**Please fill in the form below and send it back to school along with your £2 payment to make sure you get to see Santa while he is in our school. Each child will receive a small gift from Santa.**

**I would like to pre -book a ticket to see Santa at the Christmas Fair on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

My Child/(ren) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a payment of £2.00 per child

Signed Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_



# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Come along & join us for some festive fun  
at our

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

from 2pm on Sunday  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
at St Thomas More  
Church Hall

Refreshments, Books, Cakes,  
Gifts, Raffle, Toys, Games,  
Bric-a-Brac, DVD's and more!

Father Christmas will also be in his  
Grotto!

*You can find us at: Margetson Crescent, Parson Cross, S5 9NB  
20p admission per person*

### REMINDER FOR PARENTS/CARERS!

Just a little reminder – can parents and carers to hand all money/items for trips/photos/ etc into class with their child in a named envelope.

It takes the office staff some time to try and match up money with forms and impacts on their ability to get on with their other jobs 😊

Thank you for your support with this – it's much appreciated!





# CELEBRATION AWARDS

## Friday 16th November

F2	Alfie	for	Remembering and retelling the story of the oil lamp and Hanukkah as part of our other faiths week learning on Judaism. Well done! 😊
	Milly	for	Always being a kind friend to everyone in our class and having beautiful manners. You have been a fabulous role model for everyone during anti-bullying week this week 😊
Year 1	Ethan	for	Fantastic effort retelling the story about Ganesh and recalling facts about the Hindu Gods. Well done Ethan :)
	Jessica	for	Showing kindness and respect when talking about how to be a good friend. Keep it up Jessica :)
Year 2	Bethany	for	Engaging with our discussions about anti-bullying week and using the example of the bruised apple to think about how bullying can make people feel hurt. You thought so carefully about this, Bethany!
	Rosie	for	Your fantastic contribution to our lessons about Judaism in Other Faiths week! I was so impressed by your interest and enthusiasm when learning about the Shabbat! Keep it up!
Year 3	Nono	for	Good knowledge and understanding about how to show respect to people during our topic on Anti-Bullying! 😊
	Olly	for	Fantastic work in our Other Faiths Week topic! You demonstrated good understanding of the 5 K's of Sikhism! 😊
Year 4		for	
		for	
Year 5	Sefana	for	Your superb work in our other faiths topic. You've considered the importance of Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr in Islam brilliantly and asked interesting questions.
	Kirsty	for	The careful consideration you gave to our debates in our Anti-Bullying lesson. You shared some very interesting ideas and listened carefully to other points of view.
Year 6	Olivia	for	Producing a wonderful jigsaw piece to represent your own individuality and discussing how to respect all! Well Done!
	Charley	for	Producing an amazing card for Rosh Hashanah as well as a persuasive poster for Mitzvah Day! Well Done!

# TRIPS AND EVENTS



## F2 TRIP TO TOTLEY HALL FARM

**MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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.*

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### F2 TOTLEY HALL FARM TRIP MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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## F2/KS1 ADVENT PRODUCTION

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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.*

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**Y5 KELHAM ISLAND MUSEUM TRIP**

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

I give permission for:

\_\_\_\_\_

to attend the Y5 visit to Kelham Island Museum on 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**



Enquiries: Caroline Hallam

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Web Site: [www.sheffieldmusicHub.org](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018.** We look forward to seeing you!

The children will travel by coach to the Sheffield University in the afternoon of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>School</b>			
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>Male / Female / Prefer not to say</b>	
<b>Does your child have a disability?</b> Yes / No (delete as appropriate) <b>Does your child have any Additional Educational Needs?</b> Yes / No <b>Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?</b> Yes / No			
<b>Please choose the category which you feel most closely resembles your child's origin</b>			
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.

<b>Signature of Parent/Guardian</b>			
<b>Print Name</b>		<b>Date</b>	

**Sing Sensational!**

**Please return Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to attend *Sing Sensational!* on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>RD</sup> 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.**

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## **Y6 ATHLETICS EVENT**

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

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

to attend the Athletics Event at Yewlands School on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attention Y6: Autumn Fundraising Information!**

**Thursday 6th December: Silent Afternoon for £1 Sssshhh!**

**Monday 10th December: PJ Day for £1**

**Tuesday 18th December: Games afternoon for £1 (non-electronic please!)**

Thank you for your support! 😊

