



Newsletter – Issue 13 4th December 2018

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First Sunday of Advent

In this first week of Advent, we will light the first candle on our Advent wreath as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

As we move into the season of Advent we will be sharing a prayer that families can say together during each week of Advent:

Dear God, because you love us so much you sent your only Son into the world to do what is right and treat people fairly. Help us to prepare for his coming with joyful and humble hearts. We ask this through him, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.



Y5 & Y6 SINGING FESTIVAL 7th DECEMBER: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - PLEASE READ!

It has come to our attention that due to a mistake on the first letter that was included in the newsletter (subsequently altered) it has led some parents to believe that children needed to be in school at 8:30am on Friday 7th December. **THIS IS INCORRECT. Children should be in school at normal time in the morning and should bring a packed lunch that we will eat in school before leaving for the Festival at approx. 12:15pm.** Children will be back at normal home time. Sorry for any confusion caused by the mistake!

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.

Important Dates:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK:

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

Thursday 6th December
Y6 Silent Afternoon for £1.00

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

Friday 7th December
School Christmas Fair @
3:30pm – 5:00pm
CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN AUTUMN 2:

Monday 10th December
Y6 PJ Day for £1.00

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

Wednesday 12th December
Y5 Trip to Kelham Island
Museum

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

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

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

DON'T FORGET - WE REALLY NEED YOUR FEEDBACK – LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION: 17TH DECEMBER!

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! **The last date to submit your views is Monday 17th December!** Go to our website here <http://stthomasmorepri.sites.schooljotter2.com/> to fill it in.

Thank you in advance for your support and thank you to those who have already completed it! 😊

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! There are some fantastic prizes – a £100 shopping voucher, meal for 2 at Nandos, Family Skate and swim and many more! Good Luck!



Important Dates

Continued:

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

Monday 17th December
F2 Totley Hall Farm Trip

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

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE!

Tuesday 18th December
Christmas Jumper Day – Donate £1.00 to wear your jumper to support Save the Children!

Tuesday 18th December
Friends Association Christmas Party Lunch

Tuesday 18th December
Y6 Games Afternoon for £1.00

Wednesday 19th December
DOLCE Christmas Dinner

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

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

Friday 21st December
Christingle Service @ 2:15pm

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 14th January
Y5 PJ Day for £1.00

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	82.3	0
Year 1	100	3
Year 2	97.7	0
Year 3	92.1	0
Year 4	94	2
Year 5	97.7	2
Year 6	96.6	4
School Total	94.3	11

Well Done Y1 - you will receive an extra playtime for your fantastic attendance this week!

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Emmie
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Darcy
Year 3	Claudia
Year 4	
Year 5	Faryl
Year 6	Deangelo

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Oliver
Y1	Myles
Y2	Naomi
Y3	Tabitha
Y4	Connar
Y5	James
Y6	Vivian

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Rian in Y3!

You've received this award for demonstrating great determination and persistence in all areas of your work but particularly in your reading - you've impressed all the members of staff you've been working with! You should be very proud of yourself 😊

Well done Rian!

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

FS2/KS1	Bethany Y2	for	being an excellent role model by showing a kind and caring attitude towards our younger pupils. Thank you and well done!
KS2	Georgie Y5	for	being a positive role model by showing a mature and helpful attitude. Thank you and well done!



Child with Out of School Achievement!

Well Done! 😊

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IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE! CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

- Christmas Jumper Day will now be held on **TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER!** Children will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers by donating £1.00 to support Save the Children. This will be the same day as the Friends Association's Christmas Lunch and so we should all be looking very festive that day! 😊 Remember you don't have to buy a jumper – you could just decorate a top with baubles or tinsel! 😊



Winners of the Be
Bright Be Seen
Road Safety Poster
Competition!

Well done
everyone!



CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO THE FAIR!

Our School Christmas Fair is this Friday!

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!



LAST CHANCE TO BOOK A VISIT WITH SANTA AT THE 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 7th December.

My Child/(ren) Name(s): _____

Class(es) _____

I have enclosed a payment of £2.00 per child

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



Y6 had a great day at Yewlands last week taking part in the Athletics event!

TIME TO HAND BACK IN YOUR MISSION TOGETHER BOXES!

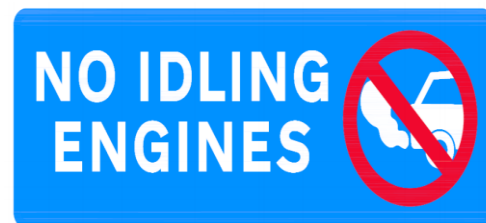
If you haven't already handed in your Mission Together Collection Boxes please could you do so by Wednesday 11th December so that we can get them sent off!



Thank you to all who collected money in their Mission Boxes! 😊

New signs have been put up outside school!

We have had some new signs put up outside school that you may have seen. These are to remind parents/carers to turn their engines off while waiting. There is a fixed penalty notice that maybe issued if this is not complied with.



Fixed Penalty Notice
May be issued



Thank you for your cooperation with this! 😊

REMINDER ABOUT SICKNESS BUGS

We have had a number of children off with sickness bugs and we just wanted to remind you about the exclusion period following a sickness bug. **School have an exclusion period following sickness bug of 24 hours from last episode of vomiting/diarrhoea.** Please can you make sure that you follow this exclusion period if your child becomes ill.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this!





CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 30th November

F2	Oskar	for	Amazing maths skills! You have blown us away with your vocabulary when measuring weight, capacity and size. Keep it up! 😊
	Leylan	for	Fantastic effort in everything that you do, particularly in reading this week! You are a superstar! 😊😊
Year 1	Bobby O	for	Show us your super listening and concentrating on the carpet this week and coming up with fab predictions about our new story. Keep it up Bobby :)
	Arthur	for	Being a fantastic role model. You are so helpful and always show kindness to everybody in class one. Keep it up Arthur 😊
Year 2	Grace	for	Your engagement this week in our topic lessons! You have really considered how it would feel to be in the Great Fire of London!
	Sophia	for	Your fantastic efforts this week in our literacy lessons. You have thought about how the woodland creatures would feel in our recount. Well done, Sophia!
Year 3	Guedaliah	for	Always showing a positive attitude to your learning – your enjoyment of your learning shines through Guedaliah! 😊
	James	for	Use of ambitious vocabulary within your Big Write! Well done James! 😊
Year 4	Reineidi	for	Showing perseverance when you were solving a mathematical conundrum using all four operations.
	Sophie	for	Being an 'always' child! You are always listening, always smiling and always working to the highest standard.
Year 5	Maddison	for	The way you have challenged yourself in your extended writing this week. You've written a fantastic newspaper report and included lots of tricky grammatical features, well done!
	Millie L	for	The consistency with which you are challenging yourself in all of your learning, especially in maths. You are showing superb resilience when problem solving and reasoning, well done!
Year 6	Petros	for	Becoming such a believable character in our liturgy with your drama skills! Keep it up!
	Harvey	for	Clear, confident and positive projection of voice in our liturgy! 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

ATTENTION Y4 PARENTS/CARERS: IMPORTANT RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION!

Final payment for the Y4 residential is now due and needs to be made by **the 1st February** please. The total cost of the Residential trip is £70 all children have paid a £20 deposit so the **balance is now £50.**

The £50 payment can be made in full to be received in school by the 1st February. This can also be made via Parentmail.

Or you can make the payment in two instalments of £25 to be received by Thursday 20th December and the final instalment of £25 to be received by the 1st February.

If you would prefer any other payment options please contact the school office.

We will contact parents in the New Year with a date for a meeting, to provide you with all the details and arrangements regarding the trip.

Attention Y5: Spring Fundraising Information!

Monday 14th January: PJ Day for £1.00

Thank you for your support! 😊

More fundraising to be confirmed next term!



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

ATTENTION Y6

PARENTS/CARERS: PERMISSION

NEEDED TO WATCH FILM



As part of year 6 English Mastery lessons we have been studying the childrens novel 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo.

During the week commencing Monday 17th December we would like to watch the film of the same name, however, it is rated 12 and 'contains infrequent moderate battle violence' as stated on the back of the DVD. We therefore require your permission for your child to take part in the viewing of the film.

Thank you.

Mrs Lord

Year 6

Please complete and return the slip to Year 6 by WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER.

I give permission for my child

.....
..... to watch the DVD of War Horse.

Signed.....

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! 😊

