



Newsletter – Issue 15 18th December 2018

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We would like to wish all our children, families, friends and staff a very peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year! We look forward to seeing you all when we come back to school on

Monday 7th January! 😊



Third Sunday of Advent

In this third week of Advent, we light the third candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the way.

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

Generous God, we give you thanks for all the good things you have given us. Inspire us to share what we have so all people may live a full and happy life. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

As we enter the last week of Advent we will light the fourth candle of Christ the child king who is on his way.

Caring God, Elizabeth was filled with joy when she saw Mary, and knew how special her baby would be. May all parents and their babies around the world have the chance to live healthy and happy lives, with hope for the future. Amen.



Important Dates:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK:

17th – 21st December
Early Bird Week

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

Thursday 20th December
Party Afternoon in all Classes

Friday 21st December
Christingle Service @ 2:15pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN SPRING 1

**Monday 7th January
RETURN TO SCHOOL!**

Monday 14th January
Y5 PJ Day for £1.00

Thursday 17th January
Parents Evening

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



This Week is Early Bird Week!

Monday 17th December – Friday 21st December

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



IMPORTANT: REMINDER ABOUT DISCO

Tickets are £2.00 each for the disco on Thursday 20th December. **If no money is received we will presume you do not want your child to go into the disco.**

Provision will be made for children not attending the disco to remain in a classroom with staff and there will be appropriate work to do.



Important Dates

Continued:

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

5th – 6th March
Y4 Residential Trip

3rd – 5th July
Y6 Residential Trip

FLU JAB

The flu nasal spray will be offered again in the New Year for any children who didn't take it up in the Autumn term. Consent forms will be sent out to those who didn't have the jab in Autumn!



REMINDER Y3 CHILDREN AND PARENTS!

Just a reminder there is **NO SWIMMING** this Friday due to Christingle but it will resume the first Friday back after the Christmas break 😊

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	97.6	2
Year 1	98.7	3
Year 2	98.7	0
Year 3	98.9	2
Year 4	96.7	2
Year 5	95	1
Year 6	97.2	4
School Total	97.5	14

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

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Oskar
Year 1	Vanessa
Year 2	Rosie
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	Harry
Year 5	Georgie
Year 6	Harvey

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Roger
Y1	Arthur
Y2	Gracie
Y3	Cole
Y4	Abby
Y5	Destiny
Y6	Ruby

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Harry in Y1!

You've received this award for showing us your determination and positive attitude towards all of your learning in Autumn Term. Keep it up Harry! :)

Well done Harry!

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

FS2/KS1	Eoghan Y1	for	Always being a kind and thoughtful member of our school community. Well done and thank you Eoghan!
KS2	Ellie Y3	for	Always being willing to help out wherever she is needed. Well done and thank you Ellie!

PARTY AFTERNOON – THURSDAY

20th DECEMBER

Thursday afternoon will also be party afternoon in classes – as well as the DISCO there will be party games in classes when not at the disco 😊 **Children should come in uniform as normal but can bring party clothes to school get changed into.**



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS ONLY A FEW REMAINING! IF YOU HAVEN'T BOOKED ONE NOW IS THE TIME TO BOOK!



Friday 21st December @ 2:15pm

As part of our advent celebrations we will be holding a Christingle Service in school on Friday 21st December. **Each family can request a maximum of 1 ticket per family.** Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis.

We realise our Christingle Service is always popular with our families in school as it is a beautiful and fitting event to mark the end of our time in school during the season of Advent. As we are sure you understand, we have limited space in our hall when all of our children and staff are in the hall. We have to abide with health & safety regulations too and so we are unable to accommodate all members of our school community. Thank you for your understanding with this!

Please send your request in to school by **ASAP**, if you would like to join us to round off our Advent celebrations.

Christingle Service Ticket Request

Friday 21st December

Childs name.....

Class.....

Maximum of 1 ticket per family

Signed..... Date.....

A HUGE THANK YOU!

You all raised a fantastic **£155.58** from your Mission Together Collections!

Well done everyone and thank you!



ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU!

A huge thanks to everyone who supported and came along to the Christmas Fair. We raised a massive **£499** from the fair itself plus money that has been raised from the raffle. The raffle is being drawn tomorrow and so far it has raised over **£700** - that is **AMAZING!!** We will have a final total after Christmas – thank you so much for all your support!

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

After School Activities –Spring Term 1 2019

All Clubs will run from Monday 7th January and continue for 6 weeks until week ending 15th February 2019

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 6 weeks	Year Group	Please tick
Monday	Motor Skills Mrs North	NO COST	INVITED CHILDREN ONLY	
Tuesday	Y5 & Y6 Gymnastics Miss Royles	NO COST	INVITED CHILDREN ONLY	
Wednesday	Basketball Miss Davies	£2.50 per week £15.00	KS2 14 places	
Thursday	F2 & KS1 Multiskills	£2.50 per week £15.00	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

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

NOTICE FOR FAMILIES/CARERS DRIVING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Please can everyone be careful when driving and parking around school. There was an accident outside school on Friday, luckily no one was hurt but it is a timely reminder about the importance of driving safely, especially near school. Also last Friday during the school fair, there was severe traffic congestion on Creswick Lane due to inconsiderate parking and this led to some dangerous driving on pavements directly outside school.

Our children's safety is our biggest concern so please help keep our children safe by driving and parking carefully and considerately outside school.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

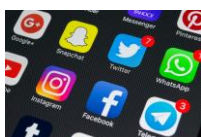


USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

We realise that some year groups have and make use of social networking sites to communicate information for their year group. When used in this way these are a fantastic way of communicating and reminding re school events.

It has been brought to our attention that in the past couple of weeks, these systems may have been used in an inappropriate way and comments made which could be detrimental to home school relationships.

We would ask if anyone has any concerns that they come and speak with us in school about those concerns, rather than post them on social media apps/sites. Thank you for your support with this.



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Time to book your Parents' Evening appointments – Parents Evening 17th January 2019



For our parents evening on the 17th January 2019 we will be using Parents Evening Manager on ParentMail. *You can book your parents' evening appointments from your smartphone, tablet or computer from Thursday 20th December 2018 at 9:00am until booking closes on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 3:30pm.*

You will be alerted instantly once the appointment booking goes live and will be able to select appointment times that are convenient to you. It's all very straight-forward, but if you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site: <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/>

Please note, you will need to be registered on ParentMail to be able to book appointments - if you haven't received a registration email or text, please contact the school office.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the ParentMail App so you can book appointments on your phone as soon as the appointment booking goes live! To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

If you have any issues or queries with the process please contact the school office as soon as possible.



CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 14th December

F2	Rhys	for	Your perseverance with writing and recognising your name. You have practised and can now do this independently! Fabulous effort! 😊
	Sophie	for	Fantastic joining in and enthusiasm during our Nativity performance. You are a superstar! Well done! 😊
Year 1	Olivia P	for	Super listening in maths and trying really hard to use the star words and answer in full sentences! Keep it up Olivia! :)
	Eoghan	for	Putting in 100% effort into your coordination and balance in our warrior yoga dance! Well done Eoghan :)
Year 2	Kayleigh	for	Your enthusiasm to take on new roles in our KS1 performance – you contributed wonderfully!
	Abigail	for	Your wonderful work on our information texts this week – super questions! Well done!
Year 3	Macy	for	Fantastic confidence and clear speaking in our Liturgy this week! Well done Macy 😊
	Joshua	for	A wonderfully detailed Stonehenge drawing - you showed a great eye for detail and creative flair! Well done Joshua 😊
Year 4	Layla	for	Always being ready to learn. Listening to what the teacher says carefully and making some valuable contributions in class.
	Abby	for	Beautiful and well considered writing in her big write. Keep it up – I love reading your work.
Year 5	Emma	for	The mature way in which you conducted yourself during our class liturgy this week. You did a fabulous job of opening the worship!
	Rose	for	Learning your lines for our liturgy so well and helping to direct the other children with your cues – what a responsibility!
Year 6	Skye	for	Participating effectively with her table during reasoning maths skills this week! Keep it up!
	Maisie	for	Being ready to learn in all lessons this week! Great dedication to your learning! Keep it up!

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.

Thank you for your support.

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!



WELL DONE Y5!

Last week Y5 had a visit to Kelham Island Museum. We had some fantastic feedback from the tour guide! They were extremely impressed with the class, were amazed at the kinds of questions they were asking, and he even remarked that he's worked with professors and historians in that museum and they didn't ask the sorts of questions the Y5's were!

The staff made a point of coming up to staff and saying how well behaved and polite the children were, and how lucky we were to have such a good class. The staff thought they were a Y6 class until they were corrected!

Wow! Well done Y5 – we are very proud of you!

