



Newsletter – Issue 16

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Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a peaceful and restful Christmas break. The children have returned to school full of fun and I have enjoyed finding out about their surprises from Santa! Thank you as well for all the kind cards and presents that were received!

As we begin 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you all our school Mission statement “Love One Another As I have Loved You”. In school, this is a daily message we promote with the children. We would ask that you reflect and support this important message. As adults, we are role models to our children in all that we do - the way we speak to each other, the way we behave towards each other, the way we treat each other. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Faley

HELP NEEDED!

Please note that children will be walking to St Thomas More Catholic Church on the following dates:

Tuesday 29th January Y1, Y3 & Y5

Thursday 31st January Y2, Y4 & Y6

You do not need to sign a permission form as it will be covered by the local walk policy. 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:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK:

**Friday 11th January
Y3 Swimming Resumes**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN SPRING 1

**Monday 14th January
Y5 PJ Day for £1.00**

**Thursday 17th January
Mass in School @ 9:30am**

**Thursday 17th January
Parents Evening**

**Friday 18th January
Y1 Superhero Dress Up Day for
£1.00**

**Tuesday 29th January
Y1, Y3 & Y5 Walk to Church**

**Thursday 31st January
Y2, Y4 & Y6 Walk to Church**

**Friday 1st February
Y5 Bright Colours Day for £1.00!**

**Saturday 9th February
School Mass at St Thomas More
Church @ 5:00pm**

**Thursday 14th February
Y5 Science Afternoon @ 2:15pm –
3:15pm – Parents Welcome!**

**Friday 15th February
Y6 Big Sing @ Notre Dame**

**Friday 15th February
Y5 Games Afternoon for £1.00**

**Monday 18th February – Monday
25th February
Half Term Holiday**

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

Here is a list of what trip or activity each class will be taking part in in the Spring Term and what the cost will be for each child for that trip or activity. We hope this will make it easier for you to budget for it 😊

CLASS	SPRING TERM ACTIVITIES/TRIPS	COST PER CHILD
F2	SPRING 1: Visit from Nurse SPRING 2: Trip to Asda Trip to Eureka	FREE FREE £15.50 PER CHILD
Y1	FRIDAY 18 TH JANUARY: Superhero Dress Up Day!	£1.00 PER CHILD
Y2		
Y3	SPRING 1: Mexican Theme Day SPRING 2: Trip TBC next week	£1.00 PER CHILD TBC
Y4	1 ST FEBRUARY: RESIDENTIAL FINAL PAYMENT DUE	£50.00 PER CHILD OR £25.00 IF PAID IN INSTALLMENTS IN DECEMBER
Y5	World Book Day World Poetry Day NSPCC workshop Cricket in the Classroom UniHeroes	FREE FREE FREE £15.00 PER CHILD FREE
Y6		£10.00 PER CHILD

Important Dates:

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

5th – 6th March
Y4 Residential Trip

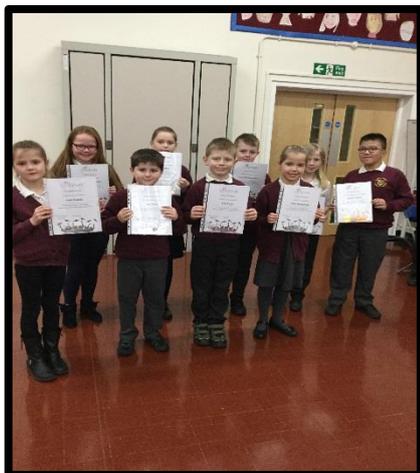
Wednesday 6th March
Ash Wednesday Mass in
School @ 9:30am

Friday 29th March
Y5 Backwards Day for £1.00!

Wednesday 19th June
Notre Dame Roadshow at
School @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

REMINDER Y3 CHILDREN AND PARENTS!

Just a reminder that
swimming resumes this
Friday 😊



Our Children's
University Certificate
Winners! Well Done 😊

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES!

Green 679: Harmony
Music Lesson

Green 559: Necklace

If you have one of
the above tickets
please bring it into
school to claim your
prize! 😊



Our Early Bird
Winner! Well Done
😊

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	85.9	0
Year 1	96.7	2
Year 2	99.3	0
Year 3	95.4	1
Year 4	96	3
Year 5	92.7	4
Year 6	97.6	5
School Total	94.8	15

Well Done Y2 you will receive an extra playtime for your fantastic attendance the last week of last term!

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Sophie in F2!

You've received this award for believing in yourself more and more over the autumn term and for trying your best. Keep it up! 😊

Well done Sophie!

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

FS2/KS1		for	
KS2	Shay Y4	for	Always being willing to help around the classroom and caring for others when they are unhappy.

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Katie
Year 1	Victor
Year 2	Zofia
Year 3	Guedaliah
Year 4	Rieneidi
Year 5	Aoibhin
Year 6	Theo

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Catherine
Y1	
Y2	
Y3	Nono
Y4	Nikloa
Y5	Eddie
Y6	Sienna



**Our Out of School
Achievement
Children!**

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.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for their continued support and understanding with regards the new collection point for Y1 children at the end of the day! It's fantastic that we have all put the well-being of our children and the whole school community at the forefront of our minds with this new change and we really appreciate how well everyone has adapted to this – thank you! 😊

BAD WEATHER REMINDER AND TEXT ALERTS!

It's coming up to that time of year when we may experience bad weather and we want to make sure that you are aware we will contact you via text, in the first instance, should school be closed or have a later starting time. Information about closures/start times will also be added to the website, twitter and the school app. To ensure we are ready for this possibility, we will be sending out a **test text** message on Wednesday 9th January to parents/carers that we have mobile numbers for - if you don't receive the text please could you let the school office know so we can add your number to our text service.



CELEBRATION AWARDS

Friday 21st December

F2	Lily	for	Always being a kind friend and always trying your very best with everything you do. You are a superstar! 😊
	Zosia	for	Putting 100% effort into all that you do. You take your time and really take pride in all of your learning 🌟 well done!
Year 1	Charlie	for	Concentrating and on your sentence writing and writing super instructions for how to build a snowman! Well done Charlie :)
	Arthur	for	Showing us your super quick number bonds to 10 and 20 in maths! Well done Arthur :)
Year 2	Dantaye	for	Your fantastic work in maths this week. You thought of some wonderful strategies to use when answering lots of different questions!
	Gracie-Ann	for	Being a super friend this week and sharing your things. You have really impressed me with your wonderful kindness!
Year 3	Guedaliah	for	Coming up with a super design for your Bell Beaker pot and for making it out of clay! It looks fantastic 😊
	Cole	for	Good use of imagination and vocabulary when writing your story! Super stuff Cole 😊
Year 4	Max	for	Showing you're a very able member of year 4 by listening, contributing to discussions and sharing your understanding with your peers.
	Abby	for	The effort and enthusiasm that you put into your persuasive writing for your Big Write. I loved reading it!
Year 5	Faryl	for	Being such a pleasant and kind member of our class this term! You have settled into Year 5 so well and have embraced every challenge you have faced. Keep it up!
	Thomas	for	Your hard work and resilience shown this term. You have shown such determination to take on every challenge you have faced – especially in maths! Well done!
Year 6	Paulos	for	Using his strategies more accurately to improve his maths reasoning skills! Keep it up!
	Ewen	for	Trying to improve his arithmetic skills! Keep it up!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Attention Y1: Spring Fundraising Information!

Friday 18th January: Superhero Dress Up Day – come dressed as your favourite superhero for £1.00!

Thank you for your support and watch out - St Thomas More Superheroes will be on the loose!



Attention Y5: Spring Fundraising Information!

Monday 14th January: PJ Day for £1.00

Friday 1st February: £1.00 bright colours day

Friday 15th February: £1.00 games afternoon (end of the day)

Thursday 7th March: Y5 will be selling bookmarks they have made for World Book Day for £1.00

Friday 29th March: £1.00 backwards day (clothes, movement and talking!)

Thank you for your support! 😊



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.

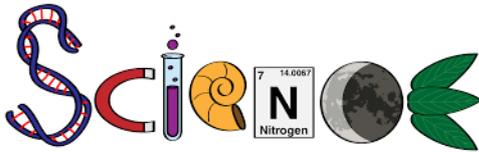
Thank you for your support.

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Y5 SCIENCE AFTERNOON

Thursday 14th February @ 2:15pm – 3:15pm

Y5 are having an exciting science afternoon and parents are very welcome as they can help us to run the experiments! We hope to see you there



NOTRE DAME ROADSHOW FOR Y6 STUDENTS ATTENDING NOTRE DAME IN SEPTEMBER 2019

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE @ 5:30pm –
7:30pm

A future date for your diary – staff from Notre Dame will be putting on a roadshow for parents and children who have gained a place at Notre Dame for September 2019. You will find out more about the school and be able to ask any questions that you may have! 😊