



## Newsletter – Issue 18 22nd January 2019

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### STM PARENTS – WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!

We are looking at our Mission Statement and how this reflects the Catholic Life of our school and how we live it.

We are interested in your views on this! On our website is a parent questionnaire about the Catholic life of the school so please could you complete this 😊

**The last day to fill it in is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Thank you for your support! 😊



### Important Dates:

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Y1 – Y6 LitFilmFest Showcase @  
2:45pm – All Welcome!

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN SPRING 1

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Y6 Bun Day!

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Y5 Bright Colours Day for £1.00!

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Safer Internet Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Y5 Bun Day!

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Y1 Fundamental Festival

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
School Mass at St Thomas More  
Church @ 5:00pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
F2 Eureka Trip

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Y5 Science Afternoon @ 2:15pm –  
3:15pm – Parents Welcome!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Y4 Bun Day!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Y6 Big Sing @ Notre Dame

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Y5 Games Afternoon for £1.00

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
February  
Half Term Holiday

**Lit Film Fest**  
powered by A Tale Unfolds

### MORE INFORMATION!

School Council will asking for a donation at the entrance of the hall to go towards our Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal – any amount big or small will help!! They will also be selling an array of buns/cakes/biscuits for you to enjoy during the films – all profits going to the Snowflake Appeal! Thank you in advance! 😊

Y1 to Y6 have been taking part in a film festival called Lit Film Fest. This is a project that supports and accelerates progress in English. Children had to write scripts, rehearse their parts and use iPads to record their final film! The children had a fantastic time doing this and would like to invite you to a showcase of their videos!

This showcase will be held this **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 2:45pm** come along and see how each class got on! See you there 😊

**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

## ATTENTION Y3! CHANGE OF DATE FOR Y3 SCHOOL LIBRARY AFTERNOON

Y3 will now be doing their afternoon in the school library on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2:15pm – 3:15pm. This replaces Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Sorry for the change of date!

## ATTENTION Y3! SWIMMING INFORMATION FOR FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

As part of Y3's swimming lessons they will be completing a lifesaving lesson this week. To do this, the swimming instructors have asked that the children wear a t-shirt and a pair of shorts on top of their normal swimming kit. They have suggested that PE shorts and T-shirt would be fine.

## ATTENTION FRIENDS ASSOCIATION! NEW DATE FOR MEETING!

Friends Association will now be meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am in school!

## F2 ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

At the parent information event you attended last June, parents were asked to make a weekly donation of £1.00 towards baking. We have reviewed this and feel that £1.00 per half term would be more appropriate. Your donation will go towards enrichment activities each half term, for example, this half term your money will go towards a Chinese New Year party in class, fruit for our art lesson and other things that will enhance the children's learning. We thank you in advance for your support ☺ If you could make your donation to the office that would be great! Any money we have left after each half term will go towards trips to bring the cost per child down. Many thanks, Miss Bennett ☺

## Important Dates:

### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Y5 School Library Afternoon @2:15pm  
– 3:15pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Y3 Bun Day!

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Y4 Residential Trip

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Ash Wednesday Mass in School @  
9:30am

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Y1 School Library Afternoon @  
2:45pm – 3:15pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Y2 Bun Day!

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
F2 School Library Afternoon @  
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Y4 School Library Afternoon @  
2:15pm - 3:15pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
School Snowflake Fundraising Day!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Y1 Bun Day!

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Y3 School Library Afternoon @  
2:15pm – 3:15pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Y3 Multi-skills Festival @Yewlands

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Reception Bun Day!

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Y2 School Library Afternoon @  
2:15pm – 3:15pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Y6 School Library Afternoon @  
2:15pm – 3:15pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Y5 Backwards Day for £1.00!

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Easter Bonnet Competition - £1.00  
entry fee

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

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	99	2
Year 1	97.3	3
Year 2	99.3	1
Year 3	100	0
Year 4	98.3	4
Year 5	99.3	4
Year 6	97.6	1
<b>School Total</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>15</b>

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

## 100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Alfie
Year 1	Olivia P
Year 2	
Year 3	Shaun
Year 4	Archie
Year 5	Millie L
Year 6	

## OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Millie
Y1	Masi
Y2	Gracie W
Y3	Jennifer
Y4	
Y5	Georgie
Y6	Harvey

## GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



**This week's winner is Marley in Y5!**

You've received this award for the determination you have shown in maths this week. Especially when we changed the usual values of Dienes blocks to help us understand decimals - this was very confusing at times but you persevered! Keep it up, Marley!

Well done Marley! 😊

## LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

FS2/KS1	Oliver Y2	for	Being a fantastic friend to everyone in our school community. You always make sure no-one is left out and include everyone in your games. Thank you and well done!
KS2	Carly Y3	for	Always being willing to help out wherever you are needed often without being asked! Thank you and well done!

## REMINDER ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL

Please can we remind you that if your child is ill and not going to be attending school we require you to ring the school office on the first day of absence before 9:15am. To support safeguarding of children, we operate a first day contact policy so if your child isn't in school and you haven't contacted us, then school will contact you to check the whereabouts of your child. Thank you for your cooperation with this! 😊

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



## CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SNOWFLAKE APPEAL!

As you may be aware our school pledged £500 for the Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal last year and in return we had a snowflake on the Children's Hospital. It's the time of year where our fundraising for this kicks off! School Council have organised it this year and so we really need you all to get behind this so we can raise enough to help - this year's fundraising will go towards the appeal for an expanded Emergency Department at Sheffield Children's Hospital. The following has been organised:

DATE	EVENT	DONATION
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Lit Film Fest@2:45pm – 3:15pm	There will be a collecting tin for donations (big or small!) at the entrance to the hall. School Council will also be selling buns/biscuits to have during the showing.
<b>Starting Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February – then every Friday until 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Bun Day!	20p for a bun/biscuit/slice of cake – <b>PLEASE READ FURTHER ON IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal Assembly @ 9:10am	No donation needed – this will be an information event for our children so they can find out more about why we are supporting the Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal.
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Pancake Day	We are asking for a donation (big or small!) in return for each child being given a pancake on this day!
<b>W/C 11<sup>TH</sup> March</b>	Fundraiser week - TBC	Various small fun fundraisers to happen - keep a look out in the newsletter for more information!
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>OUR BIG SNOWFLAKE FUNDRAISER DAY!</b>	Each class will be doing their own fundraiser on this day and will require a donation to take part. <b>PLEASE SEE FURTHER ON IN THE NEWSLETTER TO SEE WHAT YOUR CHILDREN'S CLASS IS UP TO!</b>
<b>TBC</b>	<b>RAFFLE!</b>	<b>TBC</b>

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**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – OUR SNOWFLAKE FUNDRAISING DAY!**



**Please remember that your child does not have to take part in the event but can still donate on the day. Lessons will be as normal on the day 😊**

CLASS	EVENT	COST
<b>F2</b>	Pyjama Day	£1.00 per child
<b>Y1</b>	Pyjama Day	£1.00 per child
<b>Y2</b>	Pyjama Day	£1.00 per child
<b>Y3</b>	Crazy Hair Day! (If you don't want to have your hair crazy you can wear a hat/cap instead!)	£1.00 per child
<b>Y4</b>	TBC	TBC
<b>Y5</b>	PE Day – Come in active wear! Sponsored mile in the playground!	£1.00 per child Sponsored event
<b>Y6</b>	Girl/Boy Dress Up – Come as your opposite! Charity Football match	£1.00 per child

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## THE BUN DAY FUNDRAISING!



School Council have come up with a great idea to raise some money for the Snowflake Appeal! It works like this:

- Every Friday (starting Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February) one class will be responsible for bringing in a selection of cakes/buns/biscuits for them to sell that break time to the rest of the school for 20p. It could be a small cake that we can slice, a pack of buns or a pack of biscuits or some homemade cake or buns!
- In order for each child in school to buy one item each, the class whose turn it is to provide the buns/cake/biscuits would need to ensure enough was brought in. We estimate that if each child, on the Friday of their class's Bun Day, brought in either a pack of biscuits, 7 buns or 1 cake we would have enough to sell to every child in school.
- It's an excellent way to raise money as School Council don't have to use their budget and all profits go to the appeal 😊 We would be doing this every Friday until the 22<sup>nd</sup> March and it would replace tuck shop each Friday until the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
- Your child does not need to buy a bun/cake/biscuit if they don't want to but we would ask if it is your child's class's turn to provide buns that you could contribute the items. We hope it will be a bit of a change and a bit of fun for the children having something different each week and in the process raise lots of money!
- Please can we ask that **NO ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS ARE SENT IN**. If your child has a serious allergy confirmed by a doctor or cannot eat gluten then if you let the office know we can then make sure there is something suitable for them to buy on Bun Day.

Here is the time table for each class's bun days – Y6 YOU ARE UP FIRST!:

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Y6	Friday 1st February
Y5	Friday 8th February
Y4	Friday 15th February
Y3	Friday 1st March
Y2	Friday 8th March
Y1	Friday 15th March
RECEPTION	Friday 22nd March

We really hope you can support us with these Bun Day events – it will really make a difference to our contribution to the Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal! Thank you in advance for your support! 😊



# CELEBRATION AWARDS

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January

F2	Bruno	for	Fabulous effort with your writing about the story Funny Bones. Keep it up! 😊
	Lyphe	for	A fantastic start in our school. You are trying your best and making new friends. Well done! 😊 😊
Year 1	Rohan	for	Listening very carefully in English to recall interesting facts about London! Keep it up Rohan :)
	Allyssia	for	Putting 100% effort into telling the time, even though you found it a little bit tricky, you didn't give up! :) Well done Allyssia.
Year 2	Tristan	for	Your super work this week in English. You created some super sentences using adjectives and similes to describe Miss Cackle's Academy!
	Fredi	for	Always coming into school with an amazing, positive attitude showing that you are ready to take on any new challenge!
Year 3	Ava	for	Supporting her peers in maths and for developing her use of 3 and 4 times tables. Well done! 😊
	Eoin	for	Using great inference skills in literacy and for working hard on improving your presentation. Well done! 📖
Year 4	Sophie	for	Creating a beautiful prayer card for St Thomas More. You put a lot of effort in and the result is spectacular. Well done.
	Dylan	for	Bringing your enthusiasm to whole class guided reading sessions. You should be very proud of yourself.
Year 5	Elisha	for	You've had fantastic week in English, I have been especially impressed by the way you have challenged yourself to think about impact on the reader.
	Destiny	for	You are always giving 100% in class, but this week I've noticed how much you've wanted to challenge yourself in every lesson, especially RE - keep up this fantastic attitude!
Year 6	Coran	for	Persevering through drawing enlargements of 3D shapes! You didn't give up!
	Harris	for	Having a fantastic week – you helped out in class, challenged yourself and read well at Mass! Well Done!

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## F2 EUREKA TRIP

**TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY**

As part of our 'Healthy and Happy' topic, we will be going on a trip to the children's museum, Eureka for the day. Whilst there we will be exploring the 'All about me' exhibition, where the children will have the opportunity to role play being in a doctors surgery, and learning about their body parts and how to keep our bodies healthy. The cost of the trip is £15.50. Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the day. If you would like to volunteer to support us on our trip, please let the office or Miss Bennett know.

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## F2 EUREKA TRIP

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the Eureka Trip on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

I enclose a voluntary donation of £15.50

I would like to order the following packed lunch from school:

Ham Sandwich

Cheese Sandwich

Tuna Sandwich

I will provide a packed lunch from home

We must presume you are providing a packed lunch if no indication is given

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Y1 FUNDAMENTALS FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY**

Y1 have been given the opportunity to participate in a KS1 fundamentals festival at Yewlands School. The event is between 1:00pm - 2:45pm.

The children will need to have their PE kit in school consisting of a **shorts, a white top, trainers and a water bottle**. If you would like to volunteer to help us on our trip, please can you let Miss Keenan or Mrs North know.

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## Y1 FUNDAMENTALS TRIP

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the sports festival at Yewlands on Friday 8th February.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Y2 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SPRING FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Witch-themed day on Friday 15th February to link with our class novel The Worst Witch. Dress up as witch, have a potion-making morning and a Cackles Academy games afternoon! It will be £1 for potion making and 50p for the games.

Thank you for your support! 😊





# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Y5 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SPRING FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

**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!)

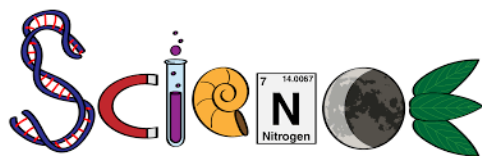
Thank you for your support! ☺



## Y5 SCIENCE AFTERNOON

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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



## Y6 BIG SING @ NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Year 6 will be attending the Big Sing at Notre  
Dame School on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. They will  
be joined by the other Catholic Schools from  
across Sheffield.

The Friends have kindly contributed towards this  
trip and so we are only asking for a voluntary  
contribution of £3.50 from each child.

All children need to bring a packed lunch, and a  
drink with a screw top.

The trip is within normal school hours, so the  
children need to arrive at school and leave  
school at the usual time. Children need to be in  
their full school uniform, with a coat to wear  
outside at lunchtime.

If your child receives free school meals and  
would like to order a packed lunch please  
contact the office.

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## Y6 BIG SING

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

I give permission for my  
child \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the Y6 Big Sing on Friday 15th  
February.

I have enclosed a voluntary contribution of  
£3.50

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If your child is entitled to free school meals  
and you would like to order a packed lunch  
please contact the school office.