



## Newsletter – Issue 20 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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**FOLLOWING OUR RECENT OFSTED INSPECTION  
WE ARE NOW IN RECEIPT OF OUR LETTER, A  
COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THE  
NEWSLETTER.**

We are pleased with the outcome and over the coming months we will be working on the identified areas of improvement to continue to move the school forward.

**Y5! IT'S YOUR BUN DAY THIS FRIDAY THE 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
– YOUR TURN TO BRING IN THE BUNS!**

Don't forget each of you in Y5 should bring in either a packet of biscuits/buns/cake (homemade or shop bought) **on or before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February!** We will sell everything that is brought in to the rest of the school at break time on Friday! All money raised to go towards our Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal ☺ **All buns/biscuits/cake will be sold for 20p each – THERE WILL BE NO TUCKSHOP ON THIS DAY!**

Please help us raise funds by supporting this event!!!!

Thank you ☺

**ATTENTION Y6! WE NEED YOUR PERMISSION SLIPS AND  
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE BIG SING  
FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

- **Y6 need to bring in their permission slips and voluntary contribution for the Big Sing as soon as possible.** The event is next Friday and so far we only have 7 slips in.
- We would like all Y6 children to attend this event. See Trips and Events further in the newsletter to find out more and to fill in the permission slip.
- Thank you to those families who have already returned the permission slip and contribution ☺

**Important Dates:**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS  
WEEK:**

**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**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN  
SPRING 1:**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
Y4 Flute Performance @ 3:00pm**

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

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February @ 3:30pm in School  
Y6 Residential Information Evening**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Y4 Residential Information Evening @  
3:20pm**

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Y3 Mexican Theme Day for £1.00!**

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Y2 Witch Theme Day for £1.00/50p**

**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**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SPRING  
2:**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
Back to School!**

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

**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 F2! WE NEED YOUR PERMISSION SLIPS AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE EUREKA TRIP

TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Please can families return payment for this trip by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. This trip will be cancelled if we do not receive payments. Please see further in the newsletter in Trips and Events for more information and for the permission slip.

For Parents who have paid via parentmail please make sure you sign a permission slip and if required order a packed lunch from school.

Thank you to those families who have already returned the permission slip and contribution 😊

## THANK YOU Y6!!

A huge, huge thank you to Y6 who provided the buns, cakes, biscuits and donuts last week for their Bun Day! We raised an amazing **£63.80!!** **Y5...it's your turn this week** – it's going to be a hard act to follow but we are sure you can do it!

Thank you to School Council for sorting and delivering all the trays of goodies to each class and counting up the money raised 😊



## Important Dates:

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SPRING 2:

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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 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!

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Y5 D&T Afternoon

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  
Y3 Trip to York Transport Museum

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

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Y5 Wacky hair Day for £1.00

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!

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Holiday

### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UNIFORM ORDERS

After half term (Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February) we will no longer be taking uniform orders in school. If you require any uniform you will need to order directly with Logo Leisurewear.

Logo Leisurewear can be found online at [www.logoleisurewear.com/schoolshop](http://www.logoleisurewear.com/schoolshop) Search for our school either by clicking on School Shop or by scrolling down the page to our school badge and clicking on the link, available items will then be displayed.

If you don't have an online account already you will be prompted to set one up when you go to check out any items. Logo Leisurewear can also be contacted on: 0114 251 1171 or email: [sales@logoleisurewear.com](mailto:sales@logoleisurewear.com)

Thank you for your cooperation with this! 😊



## STM PARENTS – WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

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 to those who have already filled it out!

Thank you for your support! 😊

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES AT ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

For those parents and Catholic children in Y4 wanting to prepare their First Holy Communion Father Martin has sent us the following information:

A letter regarding the First Holy Communion Preparation and Mass is available on the parish website

<https://stthomasmoresheffield.weebly.com/> now. If you click on the Sacramental Preparation page under the 'More' button you can access the information. Alternatively the letter is available in church from Saturday.

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	97.3	2
Year 1	98.7	1
Year 2	99.3	0
Year 3	95.4	1
Year 4	96.7	2
Year 5	93	3
Year 6	96	1
<b>School Total</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>10</b>

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

## GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



**This week's winner is Carly in Y3!**

You've received this award for consistently showing others that it is possible to use mistakes to help you learn. You are also fabulous at supporting your peers and aren't afraid to ask your peers for help too!! Well done Carly.

Super stuff Carly! 😊

## 100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Leylan
Year 1	Bobby O
Year 2	Dantaye
Year 3	Macy
Year 4	Ruqayah
Year 5	Rose
Year 6	Maisie

## OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	Winner
F2	Alfie
Y1	Frankie
Y2	Fredi
Y3	Claudia
Y4	Max
Y5	Erin
Y6	Gabriel

## LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

FS2/KS1	Grace Y2	for	Always being kind to your friends. You always make sure everyone is included and having fun at lunchtime. Thank you and well done!
KS2	Grayson Y5	for	being an amazing play leader and always showing fantastic sportsmanship. You are very organised when carrying out your activities and always make sure everyone gets a fair game Thank you and well done!



**Our Out of School Achievement Children!**

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

## FRIDAY 15TH 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
F2	Pyjama Day	£1.00 per child
Y1	Pyjama Day	£1.00 per child
Y2	Pyjama Day	£1.00 per child
Y3	Crazy Hair Day! (If you don't want to have your hair crazy you can wear a hat/cap instead!)	£1.00 per child
Y4	Pyjama Day	£1.00 per child
Y5	PE Day – Come in active wear! Sponsored mile in the playground!	Sponsored event
Y6	Girl/Boy Dress Up – Come as your opposite! Charity Football match	£1.00 per child



## THE BUN DAY FUNDRAISING!

- Every Friday (starting Friday 1st 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, a pack of biscuits or some homemade cake or buns.
- If each child in in class brings in one of the above, we will have enough to sell to the rest of the school – you can bring in more than that if you want to though!
- Please can we ask that **NO ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS ARE SENT IN.**
- There will be **NO TUCK SHOP ON THESE FRIDAYS!**
- Here is the time table for each class's bun days:

CLASS	DATE
Y6	Thank you Y6!
Y5	Friday 8th February - <b>THIS FRIDAY!!!</b>
Y4	Friday 15th February
Y3	Friday 1st March
Y2	Friday 8th March
Y1	Friday 15th March
RECEPTION	Friday 22nd March
<b>TOTAL RAISED SO FAR</b>	<b>£63.80</b>

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 1<sup>ST</sup> February

F2	Aleksander	for	Trying really hard to be a good listener and a fabulous tidier! Well done, and keep it up! 😊
	Lily	for	Always being a fantastic role model in everything you do. You are always so sensible and try your best 😊 Well done!
Year 1	Olivia H	for	Showing us how super you are at using your RWInc sounds when writing about the Queen's hat! Well done Olivia! :)
	Nancy	for	Putting time and effort into your fantastic London art work using the skills of Paul Klee. Keep it up Nancy :)
Year 2	Abigail	for	Your fantastic efforts this week in every area of your learning! You have pushed yourself in challenges and you have impressed us with your super hard work!
	Lucas	for	Your amazing improvement with your presentation and handwriting! Your work is beautifully presented and you are trying so hard with this!
Year 3	Oscar	for	Being a fabulous role model to your peers, always being ready to learn and always participating in discussions in class. Well done Oscar!
	Florence	for	Working really hard this week on improving your multiplication and division facts! You have really impressed us all with your hard work and determination in maths. Well done Florence!
Year 4	Kaisie	for	Showing determination when calculating non-unit fractions of amounts. Keep up the hard work!
	Kirsten	for	Wonderful handwriting in your booster session with Mrs Curry. Now we know that you can do we want it all the time! Keep it up!
Year 5	Georgie	for	The incredible resilience and effort you have put into your maths this week. You've worked so hard and challenged yourself in every lesson. Well done!
	Emmanuel	for	Your superb work in art and D&T this week. Your Greek shield turned out fantastic thanks to your hard work and attention to detail. Well done!
Year 6	Deangelo	for	Challenging himself in literacy and maths this week and asking excellent questions! Keep it up!
	Lacey	for	Exhibiting great perseverance in maths and using her strategies! Keep it up!

# TRIPS AND EVENTS

**URGENT: F2 EUREKA TRIP PERMISSION SLIP**  
**AND CONTRIBUTION NEEDED BY**  
**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**LAST CHANCE!!! Y1 FUNDAMENTALS**  
**FESTIVAL**

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

**Y1 FUNDAMENTALS TRIP**

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

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

to attend the sports festival at Yewlands on  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

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

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

**Y2 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SPRING**  
**FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Witch-themed day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

## Y3 MULTI-SKILLS FESTIVAL

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

Y3 have been given the opportunity to participate in a Multi-Skills Event at Yewlands School. The event will be held between 1:00pm - 2:45pm.

The children will need to have their PE kit in school on this day consisting of **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 Mr Platts or Mrs Kirk know.

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**Y3 MULTI-SKILLS EVENT**

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

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

to attend the Multi-Skills Event at Yewlands on Thursday 21st March.

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

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

## Y3 TRIP TO YORK TRANSPORT MUSEUM

**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

As part of our topic on Transport Y3 will be visiting the York Transport Museum.

The children will need to bring in a **ruck sack, a packed lunch and warm coat**. We will be leaving school early so we will require children to be in school for 8:30am – if you drop them to the office they will be let in and supervised in class. We will aim to return to school for 3:30pm but it may be slightly later at approximately 3:45pm.

For this trip we are asking for a **voluntary contribution of £15.00 per child** to help towards the cost. As always if we do not receive enough contributions the trip may have to be cancelled.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order a packed lunch to be provided please contact the school office. If you would like to volunteer on the trip and are DSB checked then please let either Mr Platts, Mrs Kirk or the office know.

Please complete the permission slip below and return to school with your voluntary contribution as soon as possible.

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**Y3 YORK TRANSPORT MUSEUM TRIP**

**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

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

to attend the York Transport Museum Trip on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £15.00

I will ensure my child is in school at 8:30am on the morning of the trip.

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

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



# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## Y4 PARENTS RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION EVENING

**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 3:20PM  
IN Y4 CLASSROOM**

There will be an information evening about the upcoming Y4 Residential on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30pm in the Y4 classroom. Here you will find out more about the residential and be able to ask any questions you have about it!

We hope to see you there 😊

## Y4 FLUTE CONCERT!

**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY @ 3:00PM**

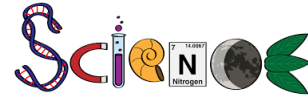
Y4 will be performing their flute concert for Y4 parents and carers in the school hall at 3:00pm – we look forward to seeing you there!



## 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 😊



## D&T FOCUS AFTERNOON

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Y5 will be lucky enough to have a D&T specialist coming in for the afternoon to support their D&T focus – just for the children this time! 😊

## Y5 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SPRING FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Wacky hair Day for £1.00 (as wacky as you like as long as it washes off!!)

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

Thank you for your support! 😊



# TRIPS AND EVENTS

## ATTENTION Y6! IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT Y6 RESIDENTIAL

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**Parents Y6 Residential Information  
Evening:**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February @ 3:30pm in  
school**

### PAYMENTS DUE:

- The remaining amount due for the Y6 residential is **£140** and needs to be made by **the 29<sup>th</sup> March** please. The total cost of the Residential trip is £160 and as all children have paid a £20 deposit so the balance is now £140.
- The £140 payment can be made in full to be received in school by the 29<sup>th</sup> March via Parentmail.
- Or you can make the payment in two instalments of £70. The first £70 to be received by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February and the final instalment of £70 to be received by the 29<sup>th</sup> March via Parentmail.

**All the above payments can also be made directly to school in a named envelope by the dates mentioned above.**

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

Thank you for your support.

## URGENT: Y6 BIG SING @ NOTRE DAME SCHOOL SLIP AND CONTRIBUTION NEEDED AS ASAP

**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.

**Y6 BIG SING**

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

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

to attend the Y6 Big Sing on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
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.

## TRIPS AND EVENTS

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL SHEFFIELD

Is your child coming to Notre Dame in September? If so, please come along to our information evening for Y6 parents and pupils.



**Wednesday 19th June**

**5.30-7.30pm at St Thomas More's**



Expectations...Uniform...Punctuality...

Attendance...Behaviour...Bullying...Rewards

Sanctions...School bus...Extra-curricular...Staff

E-portal...Website...Ethos...FAQ's

