



Newsletter – Issue 24 12th March 2019

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Y1! IT'S YOUR BUN DAY THIS FRIDAY THE 15th OF MARCH – YOUR TURN TO BRING IN THE BUNS!

Don't forget each of you in Y1 should bring in either a packet of biscuits/buns/cake (homemade or shop bought) **on or before Friday 15th March!** 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! You can buy more than one!**

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Unfortunately, there has been some damage done to the adventure playground equipment outside of school hours, either before or after school. The damage is such that it could have resulted in injury to the children.

Part of the equipment has been unscrewed which could have led to a child falling. Fortunately, this didn't happen as we were made aware of and fixed the problem before anyone was hurt. We know from the way the part was unscrewed that this wasn't accidental or through use of the equipment, so was deliberate tampering of the equipment.

This is a serious and worrying situation and although we will keep a close eye on and check on the equipment regularly, we wanted to alert parents/carers about this so they can advise us if they see anything untoward while children are playing on the equipment before or after school. We make the safety of our children a priority at school and we welcome your support on this matter.

Please note that if parents/carers choose to let children use the equipment outside of school hours then they should be fully supervised at all times, and should an incident occur during this time, it becomes the responsibility of the parents/carers and not school.

Important Dates:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS WEEK:

Thursday 14th March
NSPCC Assembly and Workshops

Friday 15th March
World Maths Day!
Parent's Welcome – Check the World Maths Day Timetable for information about your class!

Friday 15th March
School Snowflake Fundraising Day!

Friday 15th March @ 3:20pm – 5:15pm
The Greatest Showman Sing-a-long!

Friday 15th March
Y1 Bun Day!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SPRING 2:

Monday 18th March
Science Fair @ 2:45pm

Tuesday 19th March
Y5 D&T Afternoon – **NOW CANCELLED**

Tuesday 19th March
Parent Ambassador Meeting @ 2:30pm

Wednesday 20th March
Y3 School Library Afternoon @ 2:15pm – 3:15pm

Thursday 21st March
World Poetry Day

Thursday 21st March
Y3 Multi-skills Festival @ Yewlands

Friday 22nd March
Y3 Trip to York Transport Museum

Friday 22nd March
Reception Bun Day!

Friday 22nd March
Y5 Wacky hair Day for £1.00

Friday 22nd March
Y1 Library Afternoon @ 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Tuesday 26th March
Y2 School Library Afternoon @ 2:15pm – 3:15pm

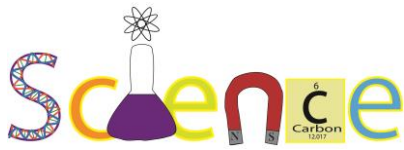
Tuesday 26th March
Y5 & Y6 SWFC Environmental Afternoon

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



**Science Fair - Monday 18th March 2019 at
2:45pm:**

We will be having a science fair for parents! All parents welcome from 2:45pm in the hall. Children from each year group will be demonstrating their learning from that week and examples of the challenges that the children were set will be demonstrated 😊

Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake will be served for a small donation - all donations going to our Sheffield Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal! 😊

THANK YOU Y2!!

A huge thank you to Y2 who provided the buns, cakes, donuts and goodies last week for their Bun Day – you were amazing! They raised a fantastic **£89.33!!** Y1...it's your turn this week – it's going to be a tough act to follow but we are sure you can do it! Thank you to all our families and pupils for supporting this event 😊

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



OUR CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY AWARD WINNERS!



WELL DONE ALL OF YOU! 😊

Important Dates:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SPRING 2:

Wednesday 27th March
Y6 Engineers Without Borders
Session

Wednesday 27th March
Y5 Leeds Cricket Trip

Thursday 28th March
Y6 School Library Afternoon @
2:15pm – 3:15pm

Friday 29th March
Y5 Backwards Day for £1.00!

Friday 29th March
F2 Crazy Hair/Hat day for £1.00

Monday 1st April – Friday 12th
April
Easter Holiday

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Monday 15th April
Back to school!**

Monday 15th April – Thursday 18th
April
Y5 Bikeability

Wednesday 17th April
Y2 SATs Workshop @ 2:45pm

Thursday 18th April
Y6 Lenten Liturgy @ 2:15pm

Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April
School Closed for Good Friday &
Easter Monday

Tuesday 23rd April
Easter Bonnet Competition - £1.00
entry fee

Thursday 29th April
Y1 Phonics Screening Workshop @
2:45pm – 3:45pm

Friday 3rd May
Staff Bun Day – Proceeds to The Good
Shepherd Fund – 20p a bun!

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

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th July
Y6 Residential Trip

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

SUMMER FAIR – CAN YOU HELP?



After some discussion the Friends Association are intending to have the Summer Fair this year on Saturday 29th June from 12:00pm – 2:00pm.

In order for this to go ahead and be a success they really need your help! They are going to need help to run the various stalls at the fair. They are asking if people could commit an amount of time to running a stall – it doesn't have to be for the full 2 hours! If you are able to commit to helping please could you fill out the form below which will be passed on to the Friends Association so that they can get an idea of the availability of people to help them on the day.

Thank you in advance for your support with this! 😊

Name: _____

Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact Number: _____

I am able to offer the following:

FULL 2 HOURS

1 HOUR PREFERRED TIME SLOT: _____

½ HOUR PREFERRED TIME SLOT: _____

Your details will be passed on to the Friends Association who will be in contact.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	89.7	3
Year 1	100	3
Year 2	98.3	4
Year 3	97.4	2
Year 4	98.3	1
Year 5	97.3	1
Year 6	95.2	3
School Total	96.6	17

Wow! Well Done Y1! You will receive an extra playtime for your fantastic attendance last week!

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	
Year 1	Allyssia
Year 2	Grace M
Year 3	Ellie
Year 4	Sammy
Year 5	Grayson
Year 6	Harris

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK!

Class	
F2	Sebastian
Y1	Naomi
Y2	Joel
Y3	Joshua
Y4	Abbey
Y5	Kirsty
Y6	Chloe

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Holly in Y6!

You have won this award for being positive instead of getting frustrated and you don't let mistakes stop you! You are constantly pushing yourself forwards to be your best!!

AMAZING!

Super stuff Holly! 😊

LUNCHTIME CELEBRATION WINNERS!

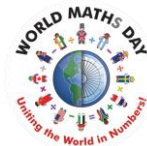
FS2/KS1	Obeng Y1	for	Working hard to show fantastic independence skills at lunchtimes. Thank you and keep it up!
KS2	Kadija Y3	for	Always being polite and helpful at lunchtimes. Thank you and keep it up!



Our Out of School
Achievement
Children!

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

WORLD MATHS DAY!



World Maths Day is usually celebrated on Wednesday 6th March 2019. However due to World Book Day and Pancake day happening in the same week, classes will be marking this day by doing activities on the morning of **FRIDAY 15TH MARCH**. **Parents will be invited into classes between 9.00am -9.30am** on the morning that your child's class will be celebrating.

Please see below for details of the day that your child's class will be celebrating and what your child's class will be up to!

CLASS	ACTIVITY
F2 FRIDAY 15TH MARCH	F2 will be exploring patterns with colour, shape and size and natural patterns outdoors. We will then be creating our own pictures based on patterns.
Y1 FRIDAY 15TH MARCH	Y1 will be exploring all different kinds of shapes. We will then be completing an exciting DT shape building challenge!
Y2 FRIDAY 15TH MARCH	Class Two will be carrying out their very own times tables investigations on World Maths Day with a carousel of activities on each table which will help children with their practice of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables!
Y3 FRIDAY 15TH MARCH	Y3 will be having a morning consisting of problem solving and reasoning. We will start off with a maths meeting and then they will be working in groups to solve different problems. They will then be explaining to their friends how they solved them. We will also be holding a times tables competition where certificates will be given out.
Y4 FRIDAY 15TH MARCH	Year 4 will be looking at making numbers. Throughout the morning we will be playing Countdown, exploring Mayan maths and creating our own method for recording numbers.
Y5 FRIDAY 15TH MARCH	Year 5 will be exploring mathematical art and we will create our own logical artwork! As it's our PE day for the Snowflake Appeal, we'll also take part in active maths activities throughout the day. Our sponsored mile in the afternoon will be accompanied with some times tables songs to keep us going!
Y6 FRIDAY 15TH MARCH	Y6 will be using the Cuisenaire rods to develop and further our reasoning skills linked to ratio and algebra.

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 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! You can buy more than one bun!**

- Here is the time table for each class's bun days:

CLASS	DATE
Y6	Thank you Y6!
Y5	Thank you Y5!
Y4	Thank you Y4!
Y3	Thank you Y3!
Y2	Thank you Y2!
Y1	Friday 15th March – THIS FRIDAY!
RECEPTION	Friday 22nd March
TOTAL RAISED SO FAR	£410.63

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 8th March

F2	Catherine	for	Fantastic effort with your writing during RWI and when creating your 'wanted' poster for World Book Day. Well done! 😊
	Sebastian	for	An amazing description of your gingerbread man for World Book Day. Fabulous effort! 😊
Year 1	Evret	for	Writing a fabulous book about the Hungry Caterpillar for World Book Day. Well done Evret! :))
	Olivia P	for	Showing us your super performance skills using expression and actions to perform Polar Bear Polar Bear. Keep it up Olivia :))
Year 2	Dantaye	for	Putting 100% effort into our reading quiz this week! You blew our socks off with your hard work, and you never gave up! Well done, Dantaye!
	Anaya	for	Your fantastic efforts this week in our gymnastics lessons! You have impressed us so much with your listening and willingness to try new things within this lesson. Well done!
Year 3	Zeph	for	Your growing confidence and the effort you are putting into your work, especially your writing. We also loved your Augustus Gloop outfit for World Book Day. Well done!
	Macy	for	Always working hard in class and always being ready to learn. You come to school every day with a big smile on your face and I am really pleased with your effort. Well done!
Year 4	Rebekah	for	Fabulous independent plan and big write. We are looking forward to reading the final draft
	Alfie	for	Conquering your fears and getting on the 3g swing at Kingswood! You should be really proud of your resilience!
Year 5	Lesley	for	The fantastic effort you put into your geography this week. You worked hard to analyse data and wrote a fantastic persuasive speech about investing in tsunami early warning systems. Well done!
	Imogen	for	Your superb work on World Book Day. You thought about the themes and conventions of fantasy deeply and wrote a fantastic short story for our class book. Great stuff!
Year 6	Skye	for	Amazing effort on your Big Write! You asked good questions in order to do your best! Keep it up!
	Petros	for	Working well in a team and collaborating while building your 3D diorama! Keep it up!

TRIPS AND EVENTS

F2 ATTENTION! CLASS TRIP SPRING FUNDRAISING INFORMATION:

Friday 29th March: Crazy Hair/Hat Day for £1!

Thank you for your support! 😊

F2 REMINDER FOR PARENTS:

Please donate your £1 as soon as possible to either the office or class so that we have the money to pay for enrichment activities. Your donation will go towards the cost of enrichment activities each half term, for example this half term the money will go towards: baking bread, spring items such as daffodils, and other things which will enhance the children's learning experiences. We thank you in advance for your support 😊 If you could make your donations to the office as soon as possible that would be great. Any money that we have leftover at the end of each half term will go towards trips to bring the cost per child down. Many thanks, Miss Bennett 😊

Y2 SATS WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2019 – 2.45PM

As the KS1 SATs are approaching, we are holding a workshop on the above date as a refresher of information about the assessments. This information is a repeat of the information given out last June at the transition workshop, however additional resources and tips will be provided for you to support your child at home over the Easter holidays and during the lead up to the SATs. Towards the end of this half term, the children will be sitting their 'mock SATs' to give us an idea of additional support that we need to put in place to support them in passing. During the workshop, you will also be able to look through your child's mock assessments to enable you to support them at home.

Please let us know if you can attend by Monday 15th April.

Y1 PHONIC SCREENING INFORMATION WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL @ 2:45PM – 3:15PM

Miss Keenan will be running a Phonics Screening Workshop for Y1 families on Thursday 29th April at 2:45pm – 3:15pm.

This workshop will give you more information about phonics screening and what it entails. We hope you can make it 😊

Y3 TRIP TO YORK TRANSPORT MUSEUM

FRIDAY 22ND 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 DBS 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.

Y3 YORK TRANSPORT MUSEUM TRIP

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

I give permission for my child _____

to attend the York Transport Museum Trip on Friday 22nd 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

Y5 LEEDS HEADINGLEY CRICKET GROUND TRIP

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

Y5 have been invited to take part in a practical cricket session at Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds and a classroom based Numeracy, Literacy and Geography enrichment activity. After lunch we will receive a tour of the YCCC Museum and even have access to behind the scenes areas of the ground – including the Player's Area!

We will leave school at 08:45 to arrive in Leeds for 10:00. We will be returning to school at about 3.30-3.45pm depending on traffic.

Children should wear warm comfortable clothing suitable for participating in physical activity e.g. tracksuit bottoms and trainers or equivalent, but children do need to wear their school jumper or school polo shirt. Children will need to bring a packed lunch. If your child receives free school meals and you would like to order a packed lunch for the day, please contact the school office.

The cost of this trip has been partially funded by school, but we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14 from parents, to help towards the cost of the transport. Unfortunately as always if enough voluntary contributions are not received to cover the cost of the trip, it will be at risk of being cancelled.

We need 3 volunteers for this trip so if anyone is interested please let Miss McKay or the office know.

Y5 LEEDS HEADINGLEY CRICKET GROUND TRIP

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

I give permission for my
child _____

to attend the Y5 Leeds Cricket trip on Wednesday 27th
March 2019.

I have enclosed a voluntary contribution of £14

Signed Parent: _____

Date: _____

Y5 BIKEABILITY WEEK!

MONDAY 15TH APRIL – THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

Our School has been chosen as one of a few schools in Sheffield to receive Bikeability Cycle Training. This course seeks to give children the skills and confidence to cycle safely on the road. This fun course starts in the playground and will continue on quiet roads around the school.

In order for your child to take part, you will need to complete the consent form sent home from Miss McKay and return it to school by Friday 15th March. The training is FREE.

Ideally your child will use their own bike for the training, but bikes can be loaned to those without. Information about requesting the loan of these items is included in the letter sent home.

This course is suitable for children who can already ride a bike, and are pretty stable, i.e. be able to look behind whilst riding, without wobbling, and hold a signal for about 3 seconds. If your child cannot yet ride, you can advise Bikeability in the permission slip and they may be able to teach them during their time in school.

The cycling will continue whatever the weather, so please send your child with warm and waterproof clothing. Gloves are a good idea. We suggest that pupils wear trousers or tracksuit bottoms when training and, if the weather is warm, get them to bring sunscreen and a water bottle.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Y5 & Y6 SWFC ENVIRONMENT AFTERNOON

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

SWFC will be coming into school to do some work with Y5/Y6 on plastics and protecting our environment.

They will be visiting on the afternoon of Tuesday 26th March. They will be working with Y5 for the first hour to think about making a school pledge to save on plastics, and they will be working with Y6 for the second hour to create posters about saving the environment. We may even have a few players come in to help if we are lucky!

This will be really great opportunity to think about the environment within school and how we can recycle, reduce and reuse in school and at home!



Y6 ENGINEERS CLASSROOM SESSION

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

Y6 have been given the opportunity to participate in the Engineers Without Borders "Water for Everyone Everywhere" classroom session with University of Sheffield Students' Union students. This will take place on 27th March 13:30-15:00 in school! 😊

ATTENTION Y6! IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT Y6 RESIDENTIAL

Wednesday 3rd July – Friday 5th July

PAYMENTS DUE:

- The remaining amount due for the Y6 residential is **£140** and needs to be made by **the 29th 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 29th March via Parentmail.
- Or you can make the payment in two instalments of £70. The first £70 to be received by Thursday 28th February and the final instalment of £70 to be received by the 29th 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.