



Newsletter – Issue 38
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Important Dates

Thursday 12th July - F2 and Y6 walking to
 Parson Cross library

Thursday 12th July-Y4 to Padley Gorge

Monday 16th July – 3pm
 Y4 and Y6 Cheerleading showcase

Parent Ambassador meeting on Tuesday
 17th July at 2:30pm

18th July - 2.15pm -
 Y6 Leavers showcase

18th July - 9.15am - Progress assembly

19th July - 9.30am – Leavers Mass

20th July – Y6 Chippy Lunch
 Y6 parents invited

Last day of School
Friday 20th July- Return to school
Tuesday 4th September



**Happy Summer
 Holidays**

Emergency Contact Details

**Please remember to let the office know if
 you're contact details or child's medical
 details have changed!**

Attendance for week

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
Reception	95.0	0
Year 1	98.0	1
Year 2	95.7	1
Year 3	97.3	1
Year 4	92.3	2
Year 5	96.6	3
Year 6	96.2	1
School Total	95.8	9

Well done year 1, they will receive an extra
 playtime for the best attendance this week!
*However attendance is still poor due to
 families taking holidays during term time!*

MEGA – RAFFLE



WITH FANTASTIC PRIZES INCLUDING:

Kindle

£50 Meadowhall Vouchers x 2

£25 Meadowhall Vouchers x 2

Amazon Echo Dot

Mechanised Cleaner RRP £89

Family tickets to:

Metrodome Calypso Cove

Ponds Forge Swimming

Ice Skating

Tickets to High Altitude

and more

Tickets on sale in school and also at the school office.
 The raffle will be drawn in school on the 18th July – Good
 Luck!!!!

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.

**Y3 Science afternoon
Thursday 12th July 1.45-
3pm**

Parents and careers are invited to come and explore science with Y3. There will be different activities for you to try.

**Year 1 Indian Banquet
Afternoon**

13th July at 2:30pm

This half term Y1 are learning about India! Come and join us on Friday 13th July at 2:30pm for our Indian Banquet afternoon. We will be sampling a range of Indian cuisine, and showing off our fantastic topic work. We may even have a little surprise planned!

A voluntary contribution of £1 towards our delicious Indian banquet will be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to come please let myself or Mrs North know in class.

**Y4 and Y6 are holding a
Cheerleading showcase on
Monday 16th July at 3pm.**

All Parents and Carers are
Invited to attend.

A group of girls in these classes have been attending weekly cheerleading club where they have been learning a routine and it is now ready to be shown! The showcase will be on Monday 16th July at 3pm in the hall. See you there!

Class 4 Science Afternoon

Wednesday 11th July 2018 from 2pm

We will be having a science afternoon from 2pm on Wednesday 11th July 2018. Our afternoon will be focusing on sound and we will have lots of investigation involving the different sounds we can make. We will have lots of activities for you to take part in with your child. Parents and carers are welcome to attend! Please confirm your attendance with either staff in class or in the office so that we can cater for enough refreshments. Many thanks.

Y6 Science Afternoon

Monday 9th July from 1.30 – 3pm.

Parents are invited to come and explore science with Y6. This is linked to our current topic on light and some activities linked to past topics as well!!

F2 and Y6 will be walking to Parson Cross library on Thursday 12th July in the afternoon. This is a free school trip so there are no contributions to be paid towards this.

The children will be walking to the library, and so we will need some parent volunteers to help us. If you are DBS checked and would like to come with us to the library then please come and see either Miss Campbell, Mrs Lord, or Mrs Handy and we can add you to the list. If you are a parent of a child from a different class we would also welcome your help.

The children will be leaving school in the afternoon so lunches will go ahead as normal.

If your child has a library card, and would like to bring this along so they can take out some books from the library then please ensure this is passed to your child's class teacher on the morning of the trip.

Thank you, Miss Campbell & Mrs Lord

End of year reports will be sent home on Friday 13th July. Attendance for the reports has been calculated up to and including Friday 29th June

End of year 100% attendance reward.

This year our annual reward for children who have 100% attendance and 3 or less lates will take place on Tuesday 17th July. Attendance & punctuality data will be calculated up to and including Friday 13th July. Letters will be sent home on 13th July to individual children inviting them to the reward event.



MERIT - 6th July 2018

F2	Masi	For	Fantastic refugee reflection and wonderful prayers!
	Nancy	For	Thoughtful prayers for the refugees in our world!
Year 1	Jonas	For	Thinking about your questions and thoughtful understanding about differences across the world. Well done Jonas ☺
	Percy	For	Putting 100% effort into all of your writing this week, you are doing a fab job at persuading Miss Keenan to go to India!! Keep it up Percy ☺
Year 2	Claudia	For	Your empathy and understanding when learning about refugees. You had some fabulous ideas to share! ☺
	Simon	For	Being thoughtful and writing a lovely prayer for refugees. Well done Simon ☺
Year 3	Ruqayah	For	Careful and considerate answers during our topic on Refugees!
	Maya	For	Good use of empathy during our topic on Refugees. Maya demonstrated some thoughtful and insightful answers.
Year 4	Emmanuel	For	Your amazing discussion about the difficult journey that refugees must take to find safety. You reflected on how this would make you feel and the valuable things that you would be sad to leave behind.
	Destiny	For	Thinking carefully about how it would feel to be in the shoes of a refugee. You reflected on how difficult this journey may be and how it must feel to leave your home.
Year 5	Olivia	For	Your valuable participation and interesting ideas shared during our refugee focus work. You wrote a very moving diary entry, well done!
	Petros	For	Your thoughtful and deep thinking during our refugee focus work. You worked hard to put yourself in another's shoes to truly understand how they feel. Well done!
Year 6	James	For	Being respectful and responsible during our real-life refugee scenarios!
	Lily	For	Showing a reflective understanding for what real refugees go through! Good questions and explanations!

Class	Outstanding Homework
F2	Masi
Y1	Gracie W
Y2	Brody
Y3	Archie
Y4	James
Y5	Samantha
Y6	Thaila

100% Attendance & punctuality winners
Well done to our prize winners for last week. Each child chose a small prize.....

100% ATTENDANCE	
F2	
Y1	Abby
Y2	Eoin
Y3	
Y4	
Y5	Skye
Y6	Erin

Fundraising day

In conjunction with the Friends Association we will be holding a fundraising day on Monday 16th July.

Each class will have a theme (see below) and if children wish to take part that's great - we just ask that every child that participates donates £1. On this day each class will also do a mile - children can walk, jog, skip, dance their way to their mile! It would be great if children could be sponsored to do this - sponsor form attached to the back of the newsletter. All children will take part in the mile whether they have collected sponsors or not. There will be toast on sale at break-time on that day for 10p per slice. All monies raised will go to Friends Association. For anyone who doesn't know, Friends then use this money towards things for school - sometimes they will give money towards school visits/trips as well as purchasing new equipment for school,

F2 - Fairy-tale dress up theme

Y1 - Wear a hat day

Y2 – Pyjamas day

Y3 - Wear as many different colours as possible

Y4 – Bright colours day

Y5 - Bright clothes day

Y6 – Wear your PJs

Friday 20th July – Y6 Chippy lunch at 12.15pm

STM tradition for the past few years has been that the Y6 Leavers are provided with a chippy lunch which staff and pupils share together. This year we would like to invite Y6 parents into school to also share in the chippy lunch to celebrate your child's time at our school. Please complete the permission slip below to let us know if you will be able to join us. We would kindly also ask for a donation of £1 per parent attending.

I would love to join with the Y6's and staff on Friday 20th July at 12.15pm for a chippy lunch.

Childs Name _____

Parents Name: _____

Signed
Parent/Carer _____

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Number of parents attending 1 or 2



Milk For September

If you would like your child to receive milk from Tuesday 5th September it will cost £13.50, last date for ordering milk for September will be Tuesday 17th July.

However if you miss the deadline and you would like your child to receive milk from Monday 10th September it will cost £12.60, last date for ordering will be 7th September.

This is for the whole Autumn term until 21st December 2017.

Please note milk can be ordered at any time throughout the year. The price reduces on a sliding scale. Please contact the school office for the correct price.

After school activities

Attendance at after school activities has declined over the past 12/18 months. We have tried putting on activities as suggested by children but these have still not proven to be popular and many of them were being run at a loss. During the summer term we ran 4 after school activities and we said we would use attendance at these activities as a base for decisions about future after school activities. Out of the 4 activities we have run, 2 of them have been very well attended (Cheerleading for KS2 and Cheerleading for F2/KS1). There has been very low attendance at art club and film club.

As a result of this we will be offering 2 after school activities in Autumn 1

Gymnastics for KS2 (Y3 – Y6) children and

Dance for KS1 (Y1 & Y2).

Sign up details are at the back of the newsletter.

Y4 Trip to Padley Gorge

REMINDER: Thursday 12th July,.

Your children will require a packed lunch and a water bottle.

Please check the weather forecast on the day as the children will be outside for the morning.

Please send in your voluntary contribution of £1.

Y4 Trip to Padley Gorge

I give permission for:

To attend the Children's Padley Gorge Pilgrimage, on Thursday 12th July 2018.

I have enclosed a voluntary contribution of £1

Signed _____
Parent/Carer _____ Date _____

Welcome back to Miss Westerman from her maternity leave.

Miss Westerman will also be getting married during the summer break, we send our congratulations and best wishes. In September Miss Westermans married name will be Mrs Morfitt.

Staff News:

Miss Hodson is leaving us at the end of this year – we wish her every success in her new post.

Mrs Crooks will be returning from her maternity leave on the 20th July. She will job share in Y3 in September with Miss Evans

ATTENTION Y6 PARENTS

Y6 LEAVERS SHOWCASE

18TH JULY AT 2.15PM

**COME AND SEE YOUR WONDERFUL
TALENTED CHILDREN GIVING THEIR
FINAL PERFORMACE AT ST THOMAS
MORE PRIMARY**

Reminder to parents to register for parentmail if you haven't already done so. Trips will be available to pay via parentmail and the APP from September



School Social Media Drop in Session!

Not sure how to download our School App?

Want to find out more about our School Twitter account?

Need support setting up an account?

Want to know more about our website?

Help is at hand!!

Come and join Mrs Kirk at our drop in sessions in September to find out more about our School App, Twitter account and website – we can help you download the app, set up a safe and secure twitter account so you can follow us and point you in the right direction to information on our website!

We'd really love to have more of our families using our App and following us on Twitter so we can improve the way we communicate with you – so please do pop along to either of the dates below. If you could let Mrs Kirk know if you would be happy to attend then we can have an idea of numbers to expect!

Don't forget to bring your mobile phones so we can download the app – it works on iOS and android phones ☑

FOR ATTENTION OF MRS KIRK

I will be attending the Social Media drop in session on:

Wednesday 5th September 2018 @ 2:30PM ☐

Thursday 6th September @ 9:00AM ☐

Sessions will last approximately 45 minutes.

Name.....

Parent of

The Lunchtime League

This is a lunchtime reward system.

Children earn 'tokens' for doing the right thing, which they then put in a jar. The class with the most tokens at the end of every half term will receive a reward

Children can earn them for:

- Beautiful Manners, great lining up, clearing up after themselves
- Good sportsmanship, helping out, being kind and considerate,
- Persevering at friendships, positive play etc

The winners of The Lunchtime League for the
summer term 2018 are ...
Class 5 who earned a massive 135 tokens!
Class 5 have voted and chosen a reward of a movie
afternoon. Well done Class 5!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

Nasal Influenza (Flu) vaccination to be offered to:-

Primary School children in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

The Department of Health have announced that all children in reception year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be offered a nasal Flu vaccination this year. This program will commence from September 2018.

The reason for this announcement is that there is now good evidence, from the last five years of vaccination programmes in this country, of the benefits of immunising healthy children to reduce the transmission of Flu and to reduce absenteeism in schools for children and staff.

Consent forms will be sent home during September 2018 for parents to sign and return to school.

The vaccine will be given some time during October 2018. We will obviously keep you informed of the actual dates as soon as we receive them in school.

After School Activities –Autumn Term 1 2018/19

All Clubs will run from Monday 10th September and continue for 6 weeks until week ending 26th October 2018.

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

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Total Cost For 10 weeks</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Please tick</u>
Tuesday	Sports – Gymnastics (With Our Sports apprentice)	£2.50 per week £15.00	KS2 - Y3 to Y6 14 places	
Thursday	Sports – Dance (with our sports apprentice)	£2.50 per week £15.00	Y1 & Y2 10 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

