

Dear Parents

On behalf of everyone who was there, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the STPA, and particularly Mr Freeman, for all the hard work in putting on the quiz Friday evening. It was a great evening - delicious pizzas, well-run bar and some challenging questions to get the grey cells working! We are yet to find out how much was raised, but all monies will be going to our Project Playground so will benefit all our children.

Our assembly this week was led by Mrs McLarty and the children were asked to focus on the things that keep them healthy, both physically and mentally. There will be further follow up assemblies on this after half term. Well done to Amelia (Year Five) and Anton (Year Four), who were both awarded Star of the Week awards.

Our Phonics De-Mystified Workshop was held last week and I know those that attended found it extremely useful. Being able to use the same vocabulary for explanations, when helping your children, as we use in school is so beneficial to your children. The information shared at the workshop will be on our website shortly, in the English area of the Academic section.

Diary

This Week	
15 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mufti Day & Cake Sale • Key Stage One & Key Stage Two Express Sessions for Parents 8.40am • Last Day Before Half Term Begins – Normal dismissal times
18-22 nd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term
Looking Ahead	
18-22 nd Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term
25 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir – Aylesbury Music Centre Visit – Details sent to those involved
26 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedford Cross Country – invitation only
6 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday – Mass 10am (Key Stage Two)
7 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage One Multi-Sports Tournament – Information
8 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day
12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary School Transition Information Evening - Details to follow
18 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir ECHOS8 Royal Albert Hall
22 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Workshop – Spelling 8.40am – Details to follow
28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning 9.00 am – 11.00 am • Multi Sports Event – Year Five & Year Six – Details to follow
30 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning 10.00am – 12.00 pm (all children from Year One to Year Six expected to attend)
1 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Photographs
2 nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peri Concert 4.15pm – Advanced & Intermediate – Details to follow

Items in red added to the diary since the last Weekly Letter to Parents was published

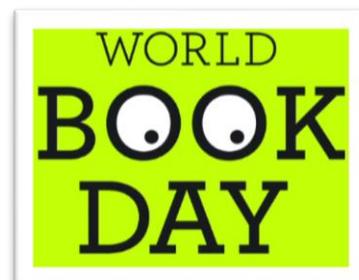
Dates for this academic year are all available on the school website.

There you will also find copies of school policies (hard copies may be requested from the office) and details of the curriculum for each year group.

Notices

World Book Day!

We are very excited that we have Adam Guillain returning to St Teresa's for our World Book Day celebrations on Friday 8th March. During his visit a couple of years ago, one of our pupils (dressed as a crocodile) made a comment to Adam which has inspired him to write a book called The World Book Day Monster. Adam will be sharing this new book with the children, as well as working with all the classes. Key Stage Two children also have Young Shakespeare Workshop, so it will be a busy day!



This year we are asking the children to come dressed as an adjective, instead of the usual book character. Please encourage your child to be ambitious in their choice of vocabulary and perhaps use a new word. They should also have their word, clearly displayed, on their costume.

Will they be smart, dishevelled, hazardous, healthy, malevolent, jubilant or sporty?!

Activity Week

Easter Activity Week will be held from Monday 8th – Friday 12th April 2019. Look out for details in School Bags later this week.

Key Stage One & Key Stage Two Express Sessions

Parents are invited to attend our drop in session being held on Friday 15th February at 8.40am. This is an opportunity for you to share in your child's Cornerstones unit that they have been covering this term and take part in their learning and activities.

You can drop in any time from 8.40am until 9.30am, however, can we please ask that if you have a child in Year Five that you head to this class room at 8.40am as they will start off with a performance from their Sing, Perform, Inspire event before activities in the classroom. Year Four will be starting ice-cream making from 8.50am.

Bridgewater Cross Country

The Bridgewater Cross Country Event will be held on Saturday 9th March at Bridgewater Primary School in Berkhamstead. The event is open to children in Years Three, Four, Five and Six and it would be fantastic to see a large number of runners representing St Teresa's. Details will be coming out this week.

St Teresa's to host Football tournament

St Teresa's will host a Year Five and Year Six Football Tournament at the start of next term.

The event is scheduled to take place on Thursday 2nd May and will be held at Risborough Rangers Football club. Further details closer to the time.

STPA Mufti Day & Cake Sale

Don't forget that Friday is the STPA Mufti Day, children are invited to wear their own clothes and donate a £1 towards the STPA School Wish List. Please ensure children wear sensible shoes and have long hair tied back. Please ensure the children bring in their coats for break time.

There will also be a cake sale after school in the Dining Room, or weather permitting, in the school car park. Don't forget your loose change! All Cakes & Bakes (incl gluten free) kindly appreciated, please let Eleasha Sallis know if you can provide towards this eleasha1980@gmail.com

NEWS

Reception - Vehicles

As part of the Reception topic on Vehicles, Mr & Mrs Sallis very kindly brought in a Gator vehicle for the children drive. The children had fun with our Junior Road Safety Officers in the playground learning what different signs mean and how to manoeuvre a vehicle.



Year Two – People Who Help Us

Last week, Year Two welcomed Mrs List, Ms Gomes Da Costa and Mr Wynne to talk about their jobs and how they help people.

The children learnt about the important rules the Police enforce to keep the public safe on the road and some of the equipment they use on a daily basis. They also got to make a hand print using special police ink.

Year Two also learnt about how dentists look after teeth, getting to see some impressive tools they use to help them with their jobs. Mr Wynne spoke to the children about tooth friendly food choices and the importance of brushing your teeth.

We'd all like to thank you for visiting, we found it very interesting and have certainly learnt a great deal more about your very important jobs.

- Mr Palmer



Girls Football Team Finish in Third Place

St Teresa's Year Five and Year Six Girls Football Team narrowly missed out on qualifying for the school games Football finals after finishing in third place in the qualifying tournament at John Hampden School in High Wycombe last Thursday.

Ten schools, divided into three first round groups took part in the event with the top team advancing to the final group. Placed in group C, St Teresa's finished top in the group without conceding a single goal.

In the final group, St Teresa's were up against Ash Hill Primary School from High Wycombe and Juniper Hill School from Flackwell Heath. Both schools provided stern opposition for St Teresa's who put up a brave fight before losing 1-0 in both matches.

Juniper Hill won the tournament after beating Ash Hill in a penalty shootout after the game between them had finished 2-2 and advance to the school games finals.

St Teresa's squad: Shauryaa, Jennifer, Harriet, Phoebe, Hatty, Ella Jane, Niamh, Octavia.



Bedford Cross Country Team Announced

After weeks of practising, the St Teresa's cross country team for the Bedford Cross Country has been chosen by Mr Meakin and Mr Palmer.

The selection process has been extremely competitive and it is unfortunate that we are limited to taking six runners per age category as we have so many very talented cross country runners. Fortunately, the Bridgewater Cross Country is only two weeks after Bedford and we are able to select as many runners to take part as we like.

The final team selection for Bedford is:

Under 10's Boys: Harry, Henry, Edward, Thomas, Carl, Jonny

Under 10's Girls: Carys, Sophie, Tabitha, Molly, Charlotte, Imogen

Under 12's Boys: William, Ben, Seth, Fabio, Daniel, Jonah

Under 12's Girls: Seren, Phoebe, Ella Jane, Katharine, Amelia, Octavia

Tanzania Charity

Thank you all so much for your generous support of our fundraising week. The children had a lot of fun organising and taking part in the activities, including film clips, a disco, bingo, a raffle, dodgeball, a quiz and a dance competition as well as running a mile and bouncing on a trampoline!

We have met our target of £250 and still have a bit more money to add! Fantastic!

This means that we will be able to sponsor Elizabeth and Amosi's education for another year as well as contributing to the charity's many schools and clinic.



We hope you have a wonderful half term week and we wish Mr Palmer lots of success in his new role.

Mrs J Draper & Mrs Y Roberts
- Joint Head Teachers

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MUFTI DAY & CAKE SALE

Calling all bakers...

Exceedingly good cakes and bakes wanted to sell at the half-term pick-up (in the dining hall). *

*No seeds or nuts, please.

**FRIDAY 15TH
FEBRUARY 2019**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE
SCHOOL WISH LIST

A purple poster with white and yellow text and illustrations of various cakes and sweets. The text includes 'STPA', 'MUFTI DAY & CAKE SALE', 'Calling all bakers...', 'Exceedingly good cakes and bakes wanted to sell at the half-term pick-up (in the dining hall). *', '*No seeds or nuts, please.', 'FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2019', and 'ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL WISH LIST'. The illustrations include a cupcake, a round cake with triangles, a lollipop, a round cake with dots, a round cake with triangles, a stack of cakes, a lollipop, and a round cake with dots.