

Dear Parents

To ensure the safety of your children, please do not let them run around the cars in the car park, climb on the walls or go through the small gate by Walsingham Hall. Could we also remind you again that our parents do not have permission to use the Church car park for drop off or pick up at any time in the day. This area does not belong to us, but to the Church.

Thank you for your support.

It is always a pleasure to see ex-pupils from St Teresa's and find out what they are doing now and listen to their memories of their time at St T's. We had two such opportunities last week, at our transition to secondary school evening and the Confirmation service held at St Teresa's on Thursday evening. The confirmation service was led by Bishop Peter and five of the candidates were past pupils - Byron, Mia, Eliana, Katie and Fabian. Byron had chosen Aloysius as his confirmation name, after his St T's house name!



Our transition to secondary school event was very well attended and we hope you found it useful. Mrs Lee (from St Michael's in High Wycombe), Mr Palmer (from St Michael's new school in Aylesbury) and Mrs Cox (from Aylesbury Grammar School) all spoke about the transition process, and the work they do to make it as smooth as possible for children and parents. Their focus too is on pastoral care, and they stressed the importance of communication from parents.

Past pupils, Fabian, Mia and Nick, all spoke very articulately about their own personal experiences. There were lots of areas in which they really felt St Teresa's had prepared them well – reading every night, setting their work out correctly, moving to different rooms for lessons, having a variety of teachers and regular homework. Many of these were things that their new friends from other schools were not used to doing. The pupils all recommended going along to the summer school, joining clubs and making sure you speak to lots of different people – don't sit next to the same person in every lesson! Most of all, they reassured our pupils that it is a great experience and that they will have lots of help settling in. (There are prospectuses from St Michael's and Aylesbury Grammar School in the Reception Area, if you wish to collect one.)

Assembly last Thursday was completely packed with wonderful celebrations of pupils' achievements! Fabio (Year Five), Alice and Katie (Year Two) and Jamie DM, Jamie W, Lucia and Molly (Year Three) were all presented with their Touch-Typing certificates. Immy (Year Four) was given her certificate for entering the Design a Tractor competition and Fabio (Year Five) his Time Tables Rockstar award. Jonas (Year Two) received his ISC cricket certificate. Saskia (Pre-School) bravely joined our assembly to receive Star of the Week for a super story on dinosaurs. Will (Year Six) has won our school chess competition and will now go on to represent St Teresa's in the Regional Mega Chess Competition. Seren (Year Six) and Isaac (Year Five) will represent St Teresa's in the ISA Horsey Junior Essay Competition, with superb pieces of writing. Two of our Governors thoroughly enjoyed reading all our entries, but felt these stood out, particularly in how they had met the brief. Good luck to Will, Seren and Isaac in their next rounds!

Our World Book Day Monster competition was judged by Adam Guillain when he visited us last week. His winners were Jasper (Reception), Jake (Year Five) and Jamie DM (Year Three). Well done to them all, there were lots of super entries. (A write-up and photographs from our World Book Day featured in the Thame Gazette last week!)

We also celebrated the achievements of all our runners who attended the ISA Cross Country, particularly Seren, Octavia and Phoebe (Year Six) who won a bronze medal and have a place in the next round. Thank you to all those that participated, there was a huge turnout from St Teresa's with lots of runners finishing in good positions.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers awarded Going for Gold Awards to Tyrese (Year Five), Matilda (Year Three) and Daniel M (Year Five). House Captains and Vice Captains also gave their weekly update on house points that have been awarded and gave encouragement to their houses to win even more!

Diary

This Week

- 18th March • Choir ECHOS8 Royal Albert Hall
- 20th March • Year 5/6 Football vs Highworth (away) [details](#)
- 22nd March • The Askew Sisters Concert – 2.30-3.30pm Walsingham Hall – Everyone welcome

Looking Ahead

- 26th March • Year Five Trip – Amersham Field Centre [Details](#)
- Year Six Trip – Cadbury World [Details](#)
- Year Four Trip – Cadbury World [Details](#)
- 27th March • Year 3/4 Football vs Monks Risborough (home) – by invitation
- 28th March • Open Morning 9.00 am – 11.00 am
- ~~Multi Sports Event – Year Five & Year Six – cancelled~~
- 30th March • Open Morning 10.00am – 12.00 pm [Please complete form](#)
(all children from Year One to Year Six expected to attend)
- 1st – 5th April** • **No Clubs this week (remember to make early arrangements for Wraparound if needed)**
- 1st April • Book Swap Event
- Class Photographs
- 2nd April • Peri Concert 4.15pm – Advanced & Intermediate – Details to follow
- 4th April • Key Stage One SATS Information Session for Year Two Parents
- 5th April • Last Day of Term – Normal dismissal times
- 8th – 12th April • Activity Week KS1 & KS2
- 8th – 10th April • Activity Week EYFS

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

Activity Week

Easter Activity Week will be held from Monday 8th – Friday 12th April 2019 for Years One to Six. We will also be holding EYFS Activity Days from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th April. Please return forms as soon as possible to the school office.

Spelling Workshop

Apologies that the Spelling Workshop for parents due on 22nd March has been postponed. This will be rearranged for the Trinity Term.

Open Mornings

We have our next Open Mornings on Thursday 28th March and Saturday 30th March. It is expected that all children from Year One to Year Six attend. Our Year Six pupils do a wonderful job when they give tours to prospective parents and their politeness and enthusiasm is always commented on, so we hope they will all be there to help on the Saturday! Do ask for a poster or flyers from the office, if you notice a good position for an advert and are happy to deliver them for us. Please respond to EmailMe form by [clicking here](#) to confirm your child's attendance.

Photographer

This coming Thursday, we have a photographer in school for the day who will be taking photographs for an updated prospectus and our website. Can we please ask that all children come to school, as they always should, in their smartest uniform with hair neat, polished shoes and all the correct PE kit. There should be no children coming to school with holes in jumpers, so please ensure that these are mended.

PE Kit

We are still having an issue with unnamed uniform, PE kit and snack boxes in school. We currently have two boxes full of unnamed items that we can't return to pupils. We know how frustrated you as parents become when kit goes missing, but it is also a huge waste of time for pupils and teachers too. Please ensure that **every** piece of uniform is still named, including socks, and if they have second-hand uniform it needs to be named with their name, and not just have the past pupil's name on.

The Askew Sisters Concert

We are very privileged to have The Askew Sisters coming to perform for us on Friday 22nd March from 2.30pm – 3.30pm in the Walsingham Hall. We would like to extend this invitation to parents as well as anyone you know who may enjoy the concert. Admissions is free.

"Emily and Hazel Askew have become known as two of the foremost performers and interpreters of English Folk Music. Their live performances brim with the depth and connection not only of two sisters, but also of two musicians who have been immersed in folk music all their lives."

Cycle Repairs Discount

Please see page four for a discount offer for St Teresa's children and parents at the new cycle shop in Chinnor.



NEWS

Congratulations to Ashley who last Sunday, along with his parents, attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral at Northampton. During the service, along with all those being baptised or received into the Church across the Diocese this Easter, they were introduced to the Bishop and signed the Book of the Elect as a sign of this important next step on their journey to receiving the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Mrs Sparkes sponsored Ashley. Please keep them in your prayers.



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CYCLE REPAIRS

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As some of you may know the cycle shop in Thame has now closed down, but don't worry their trusty mechanic Ed Nixey is starting up by himself in Chinnor.

Ed is offering everyone at St Teresa's School a 10% discount on labour with this unique discount code:

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Certified Mechanic