

Dear Parents

Thank you for all the kind comments regarding our late-night last week, all part of the service here at St Teresa's! The forecast keeps changing but we do seem to have more snow expected this week, so please keep an eye on the school website for any closures or cancelling of clubs. If the playground is not icy, the children will go outside, so please ensure they have boots, hats, gloves and scarves with them.

We have a growing pile of lost property that is unnamed or has the name of a child who is no longer at the school, which we can obviously not return to the child. Please ensure all items are named, including socks and gloves – there are a lot of these in school! Likewise, please check your child's PE bag and return any kit that does not belong to them.

We have now received a reasonable number of parent surveys. If you have not returned yours yet then we would be grateful if you could do so by Friday, so that we can collate the results. Do remember that we have an 'open door' policy at St Teresa's, and you may make an appointment to discuss any issues that you have at any time. A problem or issue is much easier to resolve while it is still small, so please do not wait until it escalates before coming in. Your child's class teacher should always be the first port of call.

In Assembly last week Polly (Year One) and Katie (Year Two) were both awarded their rosettes for reaching the top of their Steps to Success ladders. Look out for your postcards soon girls! Finlay (Year Three) was awarded Star of the Week for his superb calculation work. Seren (Year Six), Octavia (Year Six) and Hattie (Year Six) were awarded Little Way Awards for working with our EAL (English as an Additional Language) teacher to support pupils, learning German in order to be able to help. Swimming Awards were presented to pupils in Year Five who had achieved Swim Star Levels 5 and 6, well done to all of them.

We were sad to hear from Miss Gardner this week that she has decided not to return to St Teresa's after her maternity leave. Understandably, she is loving being a Mum and enjoying her time with Max and has therefore decided that he is now her priority. We are sure you join us in wishing her, and her new family, much love and prayers for their future. Mr Meakin will be working with us four days a week, from Easter, as a teaching assistant alongside his PE hours. This will enable more flexibility for sporting events starting from the Trinity Term.

Our Phonic De-Mystified Workshop will be repeated on Wednesday 6th February at 3pm. We know there were many parents who wished to attend, but the ice and snow last week caused many issues. It is an extremely useful session on phonics and how we teach them, using the Read Write Inc programme, here at St Teresa's. They are the foundation to reading and writing, so if you can attend, we are sure you will find it useful.

Diary

This Week

1st Feb • Key Stage One Celebration – Parents welcome – Details in notices below

2nd Feb • **Key Stage Two Cross Country Event** – [Information](#)

Looking Ahead

4th Feb • EYFS Parent Consultations

• Choir Rehearsal Longwick School – (Years 4, 5 & 6) – details per Mrs Adams email

6th Feb • **Phonics Demystified 3.00pm** – see notices below

• EYFS Parent Consultations

7th Feb • Girls Football Tournament – Years Five & Six – invitation only

• EYFS Parent Consultations

• Year Six French Trip Meeting 6pm

8th Feb • STPA Quiz Night - Details Page 5

15th Feb • Last Day Before Half Term Begins – Normal dismissal times

18-22nd Feb • Half Term

7th March • **Key Stage One Multi-Sports Tournament** – [Information](#)

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

Phonics Demystified – New Date!

Come and find out how Read, Write Inc. is taught at St. Teresa's on Wednesday 6th February at 3.00pm. Find out how a lesson is taught, familiarise yourself with the resources and the terminology used. All welcome to attend.

Key Stage Two Cross Country Event

A reminder if you would like your child to take part in the Cross Country Event being held on Saturday 2nd February, you have until Thursday to reply to the EmailMe Form emailed to parents. <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/uzHMqPx3k59h18b>

Key Stage One Celebration

The children in Year One and Year Two would like to invite their parents and families to their Key Stage One Celebration on Friday 1st February at 9.00am in the Church. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Hall from 8.20am.

Tanzania Charity

Next week (4th - 8th February) we will be raising money for the Tanzania Charity. We sponsor two children, Elizabeth and Amosi, and need to raise £250 to pay for their education each year. The children will be organising fun activities, which will take place during lunchtimes. There will be a charge of 50 pence per activity and we suggest that the children bring their money in a named purse on Monday 4 February for the week's activities.

Susie Roddick from the charity came to talk to the children about the work the charity do in Tanzania and had some slides of Elizabeth and Amosi, as well as letters from them to show us. The children are very enthusiastic about their fundraising plans and we hope you will support this very worthwhile charity.

Year Six French Meeting – Thursday 7th February

Please confirm your attendance at the meeting by using the EmailMe Form emailed today. Thank you. <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/zo58UD2K8LcZP>

Snow!

Snow is forecast for this week and it is possible it could fall as early as Tuesday afternoon. Following our emails from last week, please don't forget if at any time you become concerned about the weather and wish to collect your child to ensure a safe journey home please do so. If we feel we need to cancel clubs or Wraparound during the school day we will communicate this through email and Twitter so please check your email regularly.

We will make a decision regarding opening the school each morning by 7am each day which will be communicated on the front page of our website and on Twitter. This decision may also involve us not running morning clubs or Wraparound, so please check the website before leaving for school.

Don't forget boots, hats, coats, scarves and gloves if we have snow!

NEWS

Year Four - RE

Mrs Sparkes visited Year Four last week as part of their RE topic about the parish community. She talked about her different ministries and roles she undertakes to serve the local parish, from helping to clean the church to being a Eucharistic Minister. The children were able to examine a very special pyx (a container to carry the Blessed Eucharist) she was given as part of her Ministry, as a Eucharistic Minister, to visit those unable to go to Mass, in their homes, to bring the Blessed Eucharist to them. The children enjoyed learning first-hand about Mrs Sparkes duties. Many thanks for giving up your time to talk to us, Mrs Sparkes.



Reception - Celebrations



As part of their RE topic Celebrations, the Reception and Pre-School children had a 'back to school' party on Friday afternoon. Musical Mayhem www.musicalmayhemuk.co.uk provided the amazing musical entertainment and a wonderful time was had by all. Thank you Mrs Voss for making this such a memorable occasion for the children.



Sing, Perform, Inspire!

On Friday, we had a very exciting experience. We went to Princes Risborough Primary School to sing with some other schools. It was organised by the amazing Chiltern Music Academy. First of all, we watched a video of children singing on the Isle of Wight. This inspired us because they were very joyful songs and everyone was having lots of fun. We practised and sung three songs, called 'Time for my tea', 'Silver moon' and 'Ocean commotion'. But the pressure was on! We only had one hour forty minutes to learn these songs and lyrics from scratch before the big event... performing to Headteacher's and Governors of Princes Risborough Primary School, Hughenden, Bledlow Ridge, and of course St Teresa's!

It was a really fun and enjoyable morning. The songs were amazing. It was very fun because we got to make up our own actions to all the songs, and Ella-Jane even did a solo! - Year Five

'I really enjoyed this because it inspired my confidence to sing in front of other people. I can't wait for the video to come out soon!' - Sammy.



Mrs J Draper & Mrs Y Roberts
- Joint Head Teachers

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TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

£10
per person

PIZZA & QUIZ NIGHT

8
people per
table

Bring your friends along for a fun-filled quiz night and wood fired pizza supper.

Bar and raffle on the night.

FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
7.30PM
ST. TERESA'S SCHOOL
(WALSINGHAM HALL)

To book your place (or table) please contact Amanda McGrail at school, or email Amandamcgrail@hotmail.co.uk or text/call 07796686280

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7th - 9th February 2019

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Day	Time	Event
Thursday	5:00pm	Shrine and exhibition open
	6:00pm	Rosary & Litany of the English Saints and Martyrs
	7:00pm	Opening Holy Mass
	8:00pm	Talk on the Dowry of Mary by Mgr John Armitage
Friday	8:40pm	Sung Litany of Our Lady and Salve Regina
	8:45am	Holy Hour (Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9.15am)
	10:00am	Holy Mass
	11:00am	Talk on the Dowry of Mary by Mgr John Armitage
	Noon	Angelus, Rosary and Litanies followed by time of silence
	3:00pm	Divine Mercy devotions for the salvation of souls
	3:45pm	Angelus Promise & Rosary for Religious Vocations
	5:00pm	Rosary for the Conversion of England
	6:00pm	Angelus & Talk on the Dowry of Mary
	7:00pm	Holy Mass
Saturday	7:45am	Eucharistic Healing Service leading into Benediction
	9:00am	Rosary for the renewal of Marriage and Family Life
	9:50am	Angelus Promise
	10:15am	Talk on the Dowry of Mary by Mgr John Armitage
	11:00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration
	Noon	Closing Solemn Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Walsingham

For further information please visit: www.dowrytour.org.uk



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