

23RD SEPTEMBER 2019

ST. TERESA'S WEEKLY LETTER

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“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

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THIS WEEK

24th September

**BOOK PEOPLE SALE
AFTER SCHOOL ALL WEEK**

25th September

**YEAR SIX'S HOCKEY MATCH
V ASHFOLD SCHOOL
AWAY GAME**

28th-29th September

THAME FOOD FESTIVAL



Note from Head Teachers

Dear Parents

Last Monday evening we held our annual 'New Parents' evening, at which we welcome our new parents to the school and introduce ourselves as staff. It is always a relaxed occasion and gives parents the opportunity to look around the school again; it is very different coming round when you are looking for a school your child may come to, as opposed to the school they are attending. When I hear all our staff and governors introducing themselves, it never ceases to amaze me the length of time that some people have been associated with the school, in many different guises. This year Mrs Morris definitely wins with 49 years of association, from a pupil at the school aged four to her current post as governor!

We talk often about education being a partnership between the school and parents, and our regular workshops for parents are a way to strengthen this partnership. Two events, for parents about education, have come to my attention this week and I hope they will be of interest to you.

Growing Minds Festival for Parents

A London-based teacher has launched a festival to celebrate parents' unsung heroic role in supporting their children. Adam D'Souza, who teaches English at a boys' school in Surrey, has created Growing Minds Festival, which will take place in Wimbledon on Sunday 13th October. The event aims to provoke debate and provide support for people doing the toughest job in the world.

Adam said: "There are conferences for just about every job – except, it seems, being a parent. Lots of parents I have worked with say they are lonely and anxious about parenting, not knowing where they can get support when the internet, schools and fellow parents are offering conflicting advice.

Growing Minds Festival

Hall School Wimbledon
Sunday 13 October, 10am - 4pm

Parents are heroes

*a family festival supporting parents
with inspiration and ideas to do
the toughest job in the world*

WHAT TO DISCOVER AT GROWING MINDS

Education / Choosing schools and nurseries / Positive parenting & family life
Mental health / Wellbeing / SEN / Outdoor zone / Children's activities
+ Pop-up tea rooms from Willow Bough Tea Rooms

Book tickets at growingmindsfestival.com

Parents are children's first teachers and the most important influence in a child's life. My aim in creating Growing Minds Festival is providing real-life inspiration for parents as they support their children through life's journey. I want to help them cut through the jungle of information, learn something new and go home seeing things differently."

Growing Minds Festival will feature expert speakers from the worlds of education, school choice, positive parenting and mental health, who will lead talks and workshops for parents. Alongside the programme for adults; there will also be content for children, so the day is suitable for families. Hall School, Wimbledon will host the event at their Junior School campus.

The Growing Minds Festival will be held on Sunday 13 October, 10am to 4pm. Tickets are available at www.growingmindsfestival.com

SEN Show (4th-5th October at The Business Design Centre, London)

The Special Educational Needs Exhibition, run by the Times Educational Supplement, runs every year and several staff go annually to this event. It is a great opportunity to listen to some inspiring and informative speakers, as well as see the latest resources and developments. (There are also often bargains to be had!) This year they are promoting a Parent, Carer and Teacher Forum, at which they are offering some interesting seminars on communication, motivation and parental involvement, for those parents with children with SEN. The forum is absolutely free, however sessions cannot be pre-booked, so the advice is to arrive early to ensure you get a seat! [Click here to register](#)

Assembly News

Well done to Amelia (Year Six) who completed 20 miles walking in the Three Peaks Challenge for Rennie Grove Hospice; to Harry (Year Four) for his involvement in an International Football Tournament; to Jacob (Year Six) for achieving distinction in his Entry Level for Guitar and to Georgie (Year Four) for her dancing medal. We all loved hearing Xavier's (Year Four) amazing poem on 1066, a worthy winner of Star of the Week. Thank you to Florence (Year Two) for helping care for our new Reception children, which earned her our first Little Way Award of the year. Our new JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) from Year Five, Edward, Rosie, Imy and Henry, launched our Going for Gold card system and encouraged the children to walk to school. We met our new playground monitors and our new school council too, and we are looking forward to hearing more from them all soon and hearing their ideas for improving our school.

FUTURE DATES

30th September

**YEAR THREE
VISIT TO
BUCKS COUNTY MUSEUM**

1st October
COMMUNITY DAY

**10AM ST TERESA'S SCHOOL
MASS - FRIENDS & FAMILY
WELCOME**

7th - 9th October
EYFS PARENT CONSULTATIONS

10th October
9AM - 11AM OPEN MORNING

11th October
**YEAR SIX SCHOOL MASS
DUNSTABLE**

12th October
9AM - 11AM OPEN MORNING
ALL PUPILS IN YEAR ONE TO YEAR
SIX EXPECTED TO ATTEND

15th October
**INTERHOUSE MUSIC
COMPETITION**
- **DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**PARENT TEACHER
CONSULTATIONS**
- **DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

17th October
**PARENT TEACHER
CONSULTATIONS**

21st-23rd October
**YEAR FIVE
RESIDENTIAL TRIP
CONDOVER HALL**

23rd October
MUFTI DAY
**STPA DISCO
(YEAR ONE TO SIX)**

ROSES ROSES ROSES!

We will be celebrating St Teresa's feast day and our Community Day on Tuesday 1st. October.

St Teresa understood that very few of us are called to make big and radical gestures but that in our small, loving actions we can all love God and make God loved.

St Teresa thought of herself as 'scattering flowers' before God, little flowers of love that would give Him so much pleasure.

We would like all the children to bring roses to school on that day. The roses will be blessed at Mass at 10.00am to which you are all invited. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Club Room.

If you would like to wrap your rose stems individually in foil that would be very much appreciated.

The roses will be distributed after Mass and the children will each bring a rose home at the end of the day.

Day of Reflection

The Deanery will be holding a 'Day of Reflection' on 12th October at St. Edwards School, Aylesbury, from 9:30am-4:00pm. This is an opportunity to reflect and identify areas of outreach for our parish community, and assist and strengthen our local parishes for the challenges and opportunities the future presents to the laity. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending.

Christmas Cards

If your child came home with a Christmas card template, please can these be returned by 30th September. Thank you!



THE STPA BRINGS YOU

GET YOUR GROOVE ON

Coollest party in town

Year One - Year Six all welcome

23RD OCTOBER 2019

**FOOD, DRINKS, AND THE BEST BEATS
FROM DJ JOHN JOHNNY**

£8 PER CHILD

**STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL - 6PM
TICKET SALES & COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS TO
FOLLOW BY EMAIL**

Pupils returning from Condoover Hall also welcome
Parent volunteers needed - please email your class rep if you can
help