

30TH SEPTEMBER 2019



ST. TERESA'S

# WEEKLY LETTER

“When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens, I will spend my heaven by doing good on earth.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

[www.st-teresas.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.st-teresas.bucks.sch.uk)

[www.st-teresas-preschool.uk](http://www.st-teresas-preschool.uk)

## THIS WEEK

**30TH SEPTEMBER  
YEAR THREE  
VISIT TO  
BUCKS COUNTY MUSEUM**

**1ST OCTOBER  
COMMUNITY DAY**

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

Pre-School and Reception visited St Teresa's Church this week and whilst they were there they met our new Priest Fr. Lijo



## Note from Head Teachers

Dear Parents

Tomorrow is our Community Day and St Teresa's Feast Day. As a school we constantly follow St Teresa's 'Little Way,' doing small acts of love and kindness to spread God's love. You are all invited to join us at 10.00am to celebrate Mass and afterwards for refreshments. Please remember to bring in roses, which will be blessed at the Mass.

We're offering a bottle of champagne to anyone who invites a family to either of our Open Mornings, on Thursday 10th and Saturday 12th October, who then goes on to register for a place at St Teresa's! So please invite as many people as you can.

Many congratulations to Rowan (Year Three) and Sean (Year Two) who have achieved their blue belts in karate, and we also celebrate the Little Way Award given to Jake (Year Six) for his care and thoughtfulness towards the younger pupils.

Please find below a letter from our Chair of Governors, Margaret Cripps, regarding recent media stories regarding independent schools.

## Letter From Chair of Governors

Dear Parents

Many of you will have followed the news this past week, during coverage of the Labour Party conference, of policies concerning independent schools which might potentially be adopted by the Labour Party. These are, of course, of concern to us at St Teresa's and we wanted to share with you some advice and information which we have received from the school associations to which we belong.

Neil Roskilly, Chair of the Independent Schools Association (ISA) has provided an excellent summary of the main issues which have been raised and the ISA's guidance and response to these issues. We felt it would be helpful to share these insights with you. Neil raises four questions concerning possible legislation/regulatory changes, in particular, which would have an impact on St Teresa's and provides the probability (score out of 10) of the likelihood that the change would come into effect, its impact and some insight into the reasoning behind whether it is likely to come to pass. We have quoted sections of the letter in the document attached to this email.

As a very small independent school with relatively low fees and limited resources, some of these policies if enacted, could have significant impact for St Teresa's. We continue to be mindful of ensuring that we confer "public benefit" through our bursaries, as well as continuing to explore partnership with State schools and especially through our membership in the Bucks Catholic Schools Partnership.

Our other professional association, AGBIS (Association of Governing Boards of Independent Schools) has recommended that Governors write to our constituency MP (Speaker John Bercow, Buckingham) to voice our opposition to any legislation which might unfairly damage the prospects of independent schools and specifically St Teresa's. We have taken up that recommendation. Should you, as a parent of an independent school pupil, also wish to write to Speaker Bercow, AGBIS has provided a template letter which can be amended as you wish. A copy of the letter and information on how to send it can be obtained from the School office.

I hope you find this information helpful. Should you have any concerns, please get in touch.

Best regards

Margaret Cripps

Chair of Governors

## FUTURE DATES

2ND OCTOBER  
YEAR THREE & FOUR  
3.45PM FOOTBALL MATCH  
CROWN HOUSE  
(HOME - BY INVITATION)

3RD OCTOBER  
YEAR FIVE & SIX  
3.45PM FOOTBALL MATCH  
MONKS RISBOROUGH  
(HOME - BY INVITATION)

4TH OCTOBER  
YEAR FIVE 3.45PM  
CONDOVER HALL MEETING

7TH OCTOBER  
UNDER 10 FOOTBALL  
MATCH 2.45PM  
BEECHVIEW SCHOOL  
(AWAY - BY INVITATION)

RECEPTION PARENT  
PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS  
3.30PM - 5.10PM

8TH OCTOBER  
PHOTOGRAPHS  
INDIVIDUAL & SIBLINGS

8TH-9TH OCTOBER  
PRE-SCHOOL PARENT  
PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS  
3.00PM - 5.30PM

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

### ROSES ROSES ROSES!

We will be celebrating St Teresa's feast day and our Community Day tomorrow.

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.

### Head Lice

We have had reported cases of head lice within the school. Please can we ask that you check your child's hair regularly during the next few weeks and if you suspect headlice please treat immediately.

You can find details about head lice and treatment options by [clicking here](#).

### Half Term Camps and Workshops

A reminder that Mr Meakin will be running Multi Sports Camps over half term, together with Mrs Aldus who will be running Art Workshops. Please see attached flyers for information.

### Catholic Schools Sunday

On Sunday 13th October St Teresa's School will be joining with St Teresa's parish to celebrate our Catholic Schools Week. We would like the children to be involved in the Mass by participating in the readings and bidding prayers as well as in other roles. The Mass will be at 10am and will last approximately one hour.

We would like to invite all families to attend. Children will need to attend with their parents and are requested to wear summer school uniform to represent the school.

Please complete the [EmailMeForm](#) by [clicking here](#) before Friday 4th October if your child is able to attend.

# FUTURE DATES

13TH OCTOBER  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
SUNDAY

- ALL FAMILIES INVITED TO ATTEND

15TH OCTOBER  
INTERHOUSE MUSIC  
COMPETITION

PARENT TEACHER  
CONSULTATIONS

17TH OCTOBER  
PARENT TEACHER  
CONSULTATIONS

21ST-23RD OCTOBER  
YEAR FIVE - RESIDENTIAL  
TRIP CONDOVER HALL

23RD OCTOBER  
MUFTI DAY

STPA DISCO  
(YEARS ONE TO SIX)

### Open Morning

Our Open Morning will take place on Saturday 12th October between 9am and 11am. We would ask that parents of pupils in Years One to Six please support the School by allowing their child to take part on this morning. We will be asking Year Six pupils to accompany groups of prospective parents who are being shown around the School by a Governor or a member of staff.

Children should be dropped off to school at 9.00am. Further details to follow by email.

### Selection for St Teresa's Sports Teams

With a number of sports fixtures, festivals and events taking place over the course of the next term, Mr Meakin would like to highlight the school selection policy when selecting teams for competitions.

Our primary aim is to provide our pupils with an opportunity to participate in competitions and to represent St Teresa's School in an inter school sporting event. It is a personal aim of Mr Meakin's that every child in school Years One to Six will represent the school at least once during each academic year.

For regional and national qualifying events, we are required to select pupils who display an advanced level of ability in a particular sport, but on the whole our aim is to provide opportunities for all of pupils to participate in inter school sport.

If a school fixture falls during an after school club session, pupils attending that club will be given the opportunity to participate (e.g. Tag Rugby fixture being played during Tag Rugby Club will involve members from that club).

### St Teresa's Football Tour to St George's Park

Tomorrow is the last opportunity to sign up to the Football Tour. If you wish your child to attend please complete the [EmailMeForm](#) by [clicking here](#).

### St Teresa's Cross Country League

As part of their PE lessons this term, children in Years Three to Six are taking part in an Inter House Cross Country League. Each week, two Houses go head to head and try to earn points for their House by completing the course as quickly as they can with points awarded to each runner dependent on where they finish in the race.

Each runner's points are then added together to determine the winning house for each head to head fixture. When every head to head fixture is completed at the end of November, we will have a winning House and also individual winners whose results will help us select our team for the Bedford Cross Country event taking place in March 2020.

The current Individual leaders at this stage are:

## Notices Continued ...

### Girls Year 3/4 – 1200 metres

| Name            | House             | Total points |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Molly           | St Mary Magdalene | 48           |
| Georgie         | St Mary Magdalene | 44           |
| Anna            | St Aloysius       | 42           |
| Lucia / Matilda | St Catherine      | 38           |

### Boys Year 3/4 – 1200 metres

| Name   | House             | Total points |
|--------|-------------------|--------------|
| Reuben | St Mary Magdalene | 48           |
| Harry  | St Aloysius       | 44           |
| Will   | St Mary Magdalene | 44           |
| Jonny  | St Catherine      | 42           |

### Girls Year 5/6 – 1600 metres

| Name              | House             | Points |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Amelia / Jennifer | St Mary Magdalene | 46     |
| Sophie            | St Catherine      | 44     |
| Beatrice          | St Aloysius       | 42     |
| Ella Jane         | St Catherine      | 38     |

### Boys Year 5/6 – 1600 metres

| Name        | House        | Points |
|-------------|--------------|--------|
| Henry / Rex | St Aloysius  | 46     |
| Fabio       | St Catherine | 44     |
| Jonny       | St Catherine | 34     |
| Carl        | St Aloysius  | 32     |

### Year 3/4 House competition (up to 26<sup>th</sup> September)

| House             | Total points |
|-------------------|--------------|
| St Mary Magdalene | 292          |
| St Aloysius       | 274          |
| St Catherine      | 248          |

### Year 5/6 House Competition (up to 26<sup>th</sup> September)

| House             | Total points |
|-------------------|--------------|
| St Catherine      | 280          |
| St Aloysius       | 272          |
| St Mary Magdalene | 236          |



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 Condover Hall also welcome  
Parent volunteers needed - please email your class rep if you can  
help