

Dear Parents

Time moves incredibly fast, as we now journey through the final half term of the academic year. Please keep an eye on diary dates as there are a huge number of events taking place this half term including Prize Giving, the Leavers Mass, pupils 'moving up' morning, parent transition meetings, Risborough Festival, Year Six business event, Sports days and a range of sporting events, Bucks Art Week and much more – Please check dates in the diary below.

Last week we had Nell, a Hearing dog, visit Year Two for the morning as part of his final training before he becomes a hearing dog for a teaching assistant. Both Nell and the children were very well behaved, especially the children, as it was exciting to have a dog join them for the morning.

Thank you to the STPA who joined us for our Open Mornings. It was a pleasure to hear so many positive comments from all who visited – the wonderful atmosphere, how happy and engaged the children are, the great facilities we have and the high standard of the children's work displayed.

Thank you to all grandparents who joined us on Grandparents Day. It was lovely to see some of the photographs that were brought in and to hear about some of their experiences of school, in comparison to today. It is always a special treat for the school, and our pupils, that members of their family can join us and share experiences together. Thank you as well, to Mrs Stanley and her team for making so many wonderful cakes that were enjoyed.

We had a wonderful day at the Bledlow County Show on Saturday. There were lots of children enjoying craft activities at our stall. We met past and current pupils, and what we hope will be future pupils throughout the day.

Before half term, Year Five presented an assembly on allergens. The video shown, allergyadventures.com, described to the children what an allergy is and the types of foods people can have allergies to and the need to check all processed food for allergens. They also very clearly demonstrated how to use an Epipen. Well done to Year Five!

Our Playground Monitors, Josh, Jakob, Jacob, Daniel and Shauryaa reminded all pupils to respect the playground equipment as it is to be enjoyed, but if people don't look after it, it won't be there to play with.

The Junior Road Safety Officers presented certificates to a number of pupils who had completed their bronze and silver 'Going for Gold' cards. Please remember to try to walk to school from the designated areas, to gain stamps that lead to different rewards, including a free swim.

Well done to Freddie (Year Four) who was awarded Star of the Week for excellent work with fractions and to Mia (Year Four) for showing kindness to her peers, who received a Little Way Award.

Other celebrations included Will (Year Six) for completing his Hockey Umpiring Course; Reuben (Year Three) who completing his Steps to Success ladder; Eduard (Year Six) who received a Dignity in Care award for his work in local care homes and to Charlie (Year Six) for his County hockey success. Well done to all of them!

Diary

This Week

- 3rd June Travelling Books – available after school for the week
- 4th June International Day – Details below – Parents welcome at 3.00pm
- 7th June Pre-School & Reception Visit - Collings Hanger Farm
Year Three Science Workshop – Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Looking Ahead

- 10th June ~~Year Two Visit – Cutty Sark – Details to follow~~ Moved to 20th June
Parent Workshop 'Mathematical Development in the Early Years and beyond' 6.30-8.00pm
- 11th June Bucks Art Weeks Parents Preview – 3pm to 6pm
- 12th June Bucks Art Weeks Exhibition 9am – 11am
- 14th June Bucks Art Weeks Exhibition 9am – 11am
EYFS Father's Day Celebration 8.45am
FROST Drinks Reception – 7pm past pupils and staff
- 15th June Rotary Chess Competition
- 17th June Multi-faith Day (Hinduism)
- 18th-22nd June Year Six French Trip
- 19th June Bucks Art Weeks Exhibition 9am – 11am
RNLI – Visiting Year Two
- 20th June **Year Two Visit – Cutty Sark – Details to follow**
- 21st June Bucks Art Weeks Exhibition 9am – 11am
EYFS Sports Day – Details to follow
- 24th June Peri Concert – Beginners 4.00pm
- 25th June Year Six Visit – Warner Brothers Tour - Harry Potter – 2.30pm depart Details to follow
Parent Transition Meeting -Year Two (current Year One) & Year Five (current Year Four) 3.00pm
- 26th June Parent Transition Meeting - Year One (current Reception) & Year Four (current Year Three) 3.00pm
- 27th June Year Six Business Event – Details to follow
Parent Transition Meeting – Year Three (current Year Two) 3.00pm
- 28th June **Choir singing at Icknield Court Open Day**
Sports Day – 1.30pm – more details to follow
- 2nd July Moving Up Day – Children spend the morning with their next teacher
Parent Transition Meeting - Year Six Meeting (current Year Five) 3.00pm
- 4th July Risborough Music Festival Lunch Time Concert 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Tennis Tournament County Finals
- 5th July Leavers Mass – 2.00pm Parents & Families Invited
- 8th July Prize Giving 6.30pm – All pupils from Year One to Year Six to attend
- 8th-10th July **No Clubs this week**
- 10th July Last Day – Half Day – 12 noon **No wraparound**
- 15th-19th July Activity Week (EYFS Activity Week 15th – 17th July)

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

EYFS Trip

Pre-School and Reception parents please remember to reply to the EmailMeForm by [clicking here](#), for the trip to Collings Hanger Farm on Friday 7th June.

International Day

Tomorrow the children will be involved in an International Day when children will 'travel' to Italy, Spain, Germany, Russia and China. They will get a flavour of different cultures and languages throughout the day. The day will culminate in an assembly in the Walsingham Hall where the children will share all the songs they have learnt throughout the day, to which parents are invited to join us at 3.00pm.

Bags2school

There will be a bags2school collection on 21st June. Children will have been given bags on the last day before half term. Accepted items include: clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, household curtains, household towels household bedding. This will be a fundraising event for the STPA. Please do not bring bags of items in before the 21st June.

EYFS Maths Workshop

A reminder to EYFS parents, please RSVP by contacting the school office, if you wish to attend the Mathematical Development in the Early Years and Beyond Workshop on Monday 10th June at 6.30pm.

Activity Week

Activity week will be taking place from 15th to 17th July for children from Year One to Year Six and 15th to 17th July for Early Years children. Look out for Activity Week forms in your child's school bag from today.

Bucks Art Weeks

We are involved in the Bucks Arts Weeks again this year and the Creative Arts Department are working hard to get everything ready for next week's preview art exhibition taking place for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends on Tuesday 11th June from 3pm - 6pm. A great opportunity to see some of the excellent art work your children have created. For the children to experience a true gallery feeling we will be offering their work for sale for a small donation. All donations this year will go towards the STPA school garden. If sold, the work will have a red sticker in the bottom right hand corner. We thank you for your continued support.

School Office

From Wednesday this week, for approximately two weeks, Mrs Cunningham will not be in the school office. Please can you direct email for the school office to admin@st-teresas.bucks.sch.uk, emails sent to Office@st-teresas.bucks.sch.uk will not be answered. To help keep the increased workload to a minimum for Mrs Whiting, can we please ask that you only contact the school office where necessary, and that you check the school newsletter for information before doing so.

Whole School Photographs

You should have received the proofs and envelopes for the whole school photographs on the last day of the half term. Orders must be handed into the school office no later than Monday 10th June. Orders received after this date must be returned at your own expense. Don't forget you can also order on line.

Missing Shawl

If anyone left behind a lovely grey shawl at one of the parents meetings, please contact the school office.

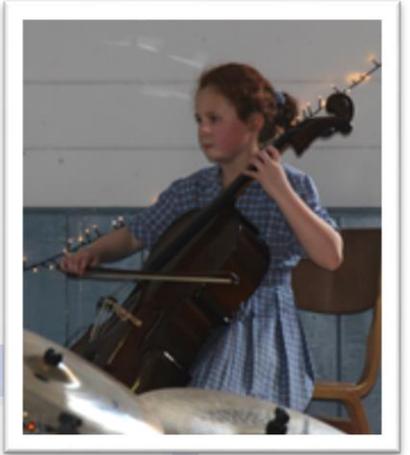
Travelling Books

After school every day this week the Travelling Books Pop Up Book Shop will be open in the Reception Area. Please come in and take a look at the fantastic books on offer.

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Music festival

Congratulations to all the children on a wonderfully successful Music Festival. The children worked so hard, under the guidance of Mrs Adams, to bring you a fantastic afternoon and evening of music and entertainment. It was great to see everyone involved and we hope you enjoyed the performances as much as the children enjoyed presenting their pieces to you.



Netball match against Clayton School

On Wednesday 22nd May St Teresa's Year Five and Year Six took part in another friendly netball match. The team consisted of Team Captain Phoebe, Hattie, Izzy, Niamh, Amelia, Ella-Jane, George, Joseph, Will and Eduard.

With the sun beaming down, we began our first quarter and St Teresa's started fantastically with lots of ball possession. However, Clayton were on top form scoring four goals. St Teresa's comeback happened within the second and third quarters with much more effort being put into defence, and sneaky bounce passes, making sure Hattie was able to score our first goal. Clayton then fought back in the fourth quarter scoring four goals. St Teresa's were working hard after a tiring game and Niamh scored our second goal of the match. Final score Clayton eleven, St Teresa's two. Well done to the team that played and once again I am very impressed with the boy's effort for playing their first netball match! This time there are two players of the match, George for his fantastic defence marking and Niamh for her brilliant dodging throughout the game.

- Miss Russell



Hearing Dog Visit - Year Two

On Thursday 23rd May, Year Two had a very special furry visitor to our classroom... Nell the hearing dog! Nell is currently in her last steps of training and will soon be given to a teaching assistant in another school to help her at home and school. Her trainer Darcy told us all about Nell's ways of telling different sounds and we even got to see her alert by nudging on her trainers leg when a timer went off. Nell also sat in on our English lesson and we had to do our best to not be distracted by her whilst she wandered around the class and sat in different places as part of her training. Thank you for visiting Nell!

Mrs J Draper & Mrs Y Roberts
- Joint Head Teachers
