

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to welcome all the children back last week, looking very smart in their summer uniforms. Hopefully, two four-day weeks will mean that the transition back to the school term has been an easy one! As you will notice from the diary dates, we have a very busy half term coming up and we look forward to seeing you at many of the forthcoming events.

Curriculum Maps for this term are now on the [school website](#) and you will find the relevant ones on each year group page. These give details of the range of work to be covered this term, in each subject.

In assembly last week we celebrated Ben's (Year Six) achievements in a recent tournament with his district football team; Tyrese's (Year Five) achievements with Chinnor Rugby Club and Niamh's (Year Five) achievement in swimming a mile! Well done to all three, great examples of what you can aim to do through resilience and determination. Emily (Year Four) shared her experience with the London police force during the holidays, which included a visit to the cells! We also gave our congratulations to Ashley (Year Four) who was baptised, along with his parents, during Easter and to Anton (Year Four) who celebrated his First Holy Communion with his friends and family in Germany.

## Diary

### **This Week**

- 7<sup>th</sup> May Parents Evening Year One to Year Five
- 8<sup>th</sup> May Transfer Test Meeting 3.00pm – Year Five Parents (Year Four Parents also welcome to attend)
- 9<sup>th</sup> May Parents Evening Year Three to Year Five - **No STEM Club**- all other clubs as normal
- 10<sup>th</sup> May Year One & Year Three Trip to LEGOLAND – [Details](#)

### **Looking Ahead**

- 13<sup>th</sup> May Year One & Year Four Swimming Starts  
**Whole School Photograph - 2pm**  
Reception Parent Meetings
- 14<sup>th</sup> May **Reception Visit to Amersham Field Study Centre** - [Details](#)
- 15<sup>th</sup> May EYFS Parent Meetings
- 16<sup>th</sup> May EYFS Parent Meetings
- 18<sup>th</sup> May STPA Secret Garden Picnic Ball – See STPA Page for details
- 21<sup>st</sup> May Open Morning  
**St Teresa's Music Festival – 6.30pm - Reception to Year Six – Details to follow**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Year Six Parents Evening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May Open Morning  
Year Six Parents Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Key Stage One Celebration – Details to follow  
Grandparents Afternoon – Details to follow  
Last Day Before Half Term – normal dismissal times
- 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May Half Term
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June School reopens for pupils 8.20am

4 <sup>th</sup> June	International Day – Details to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Workshop 'Mathematical Development in the Early Years and beyond' 6.30-8pm
12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Bucks Art Weeks Exhibition 9am – 11am</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Bucks Art Weeks Exhibition 9am – 11am</b> <b>EYFS Father's Day Celebration 8.45am</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Rotary Chess Competition – Details in newsletter</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Multi-faith Day</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> –22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Year Six French Trip</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Bucks Art Weeks Exhibition 9am – 11am</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Bucks Art Weeks Exhibition 9am – 11am</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – Details to be confirmed
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Moving Up Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Risborough Music Festival Lunch Time Concert 12.30pm – 1.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Mass – Time to be confirmed
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Prize Giving 6.30pm – All pupils from Year One to Year Six to attend
8 <sup>th</sup> –10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>No Clubs this week</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day – Half Day – 12 noon <b>No wraparound</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> –19 <sup>th</sup> July	Activity Week

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

### **Transfer Test Meeting**

There will be a Transfer Test Meeting for Year Five parents on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm. Year Four parents are also welcome to attend. The meeting is to give you information about the process and timings for the Transfer Test in September 2019.

### **Year One & Year Four Swimming**

Swimming will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Requests!**

You may have noticed that our plants by the entrance to the car park are looking a little sad! Ideally, we would like to plant the pots with hardier perennial plants so if you have any in your garden that you are splitting up, we would be very grateful. Plants like alchemilla mollis, lavender, rosemary or hardy geraniums would be perfect and if you had time to plant the pots too, then even better!

For the summer term, we would like to provide some 'den building' materials in the playground. If you have any old sheets or pegs, they would be gratefully received.

### **Spelling Workshop**

The information that was given at the spelling workshop last Friday is now available on the school website, in the English section within Academic Matters. Lots of strategies were given on how to help your child learn their spellings, and booklets on these are available in the Reception Area. A small group of parents attended and did find the workshop useful, including the discussion afterwards and the resources shown. The Oxford Owl website has lots of useful information for parents, particularly in supporting the English curriculum at home - [click here for link](#)

### **Big Battery Hunt**

So far 431 batteries have already been collected as part of our Big Battery Hunt. If any children have full boxes they can bring them in at any time, and Miss Simon can issue more boxes (which are on their way). Over the Easter break, Ben in Year Six took his search further afield and was interviewed by Ben Moseby on Mix 96 FM. If you would like to hear Ben's inspiring and entertaining interview you can do so by going to our 'Recent News' Page on our website or by [CLICKING HERE](#).

### **Whole School Photograph**

We have a photographer coming to take our biennial whole school photograph on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm. Can children please come to school in their full summer uniforms and looking smart. Keep your fingers crossed for dry weather!

### **Chess Competition**

The Rotary Club are holding a Primary School Chess Competition at St Teresa's School on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. All children are welcome to attend. You will find more information on page five of this newsletter. Children who attend Chess Club have already been given an entry form, but if your child doesn't attend Chess Club and would like to attend please contact the school office for an entry form.

### **Music Festival**

Children from Reception to Year Six will be involved in our Music Festival which will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6.30pm. More detailed information will be emailed from Mrs Adams tomorrow regarding this event.

## NEWS

### **Crowning of Our Lady**

It has long been a part of Catholic tradition to honour the Blessed Virgin during May as Queen of Heaven and Mother of God by crowning her statue and singing hymns. During this month we think about her joy when she greeted Jesus, risen from the dead.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May we welcomed Father Joseph and many parishioners from St Teresa's Church to join our liturgy, which made it an extra special occasion. The children sang beautifully and Octavia and Mark crowned Our Lady's statue with great reverence.

Thank you for all the lovely flowers; the buttercups were glowing.



## **Netball Tournament**

Last Friday, St Teresa's had a difficult mixed netball match against St John's School. The team consisted of Hattie, Jennifer, Shauryaa, Phoebe, Octavia, Toby, Charlie and Eduard.

The team were raring to go and made sure they made it as difficult as possible for their opponents. We showed great defending skills with St Teresa's not letting their opponents out of their sight from the word go, but unfortunately the ball seemed to get into St John's hands. Toby and Charlie made sure they used a range of throwing techniques to throw St John's and a few sneaky bounce passes made sure that the ball got to our attacking third to score.

Unfortunately, St John's were on a roll that Friday afternoon and although St Teresa's were feisty in their defending, the final score after four high-paced quarters and just before the rain lashed down, was 15-1 to St John's.

Both teams showed impeccable sportsmanship when shaking hands and even gave each other tips. The teams picked a 'Player of the Match' for each other and St John's decided that Toby was our player of the match which was rightfully deserved!

Well done to the whole team and especially the boys, Toby, Charlie and Eduard, due to this being their first ever netball match! -Miss Russell

Mrs J Draper & Mrs Y Roberts  
- Joint Head Teachers

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# STPA

**Don't forget to book your table for the Picnic Ball!**



ST TERESA'S STPA CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE

## *Secret Garden Picnic Ball*

**SATURDAY 18TH MAY**

Elmsbrook, Marsh HP17 8SP

by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs J Cripps

BRING YOUR BANQUET - PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED TABLE  
& MOST BEAUTIFUL BANQUET

TOP DRAW RAFFLE - WINE BAR/BAR - DISCO

7.30pm til 1am

**DRESS: FROCKS & BLAZERS**

Tables of 10 available, gather your guests to dine and party the night away  
Individual Tickets £20 or Table £175 - Limited Table Numbers, don't miss out!

**FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
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**All profits go to The Playground Project 2019**

# Additional Information



**SERVICE Above Self**

Rotary Club of Princes Risborough



## **FUN CHESS COMPETITION 2018 FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS**

**Venue: St Teresa's Catholic School, Princes Risborough**

**Date: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Time: 10am to 1 pm.**

**Refreshments will be provided and each child will receive a personalised certificate of merit.**

**The winner will receive a cup and the runner up a shield.**

**The children really enjoy the morning, please encourage your children to take part.**

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