

Dear Parents

A huge thank you for all the lovely gifts, cards and kind words that have been given in our final week of the school year. We are very appreciative of each and every one. It has certainly been an incredibly busy year, culminating in so many special events over the last few weeks! No other time in our school year highlights the sense of community and family, quite as well as the end of the Trinity Term. Our wonderful Sports Day, Prize-giving and the Risborough Music Festival all see the whole school coming together to celebrate your children. That feeling of family and everyone working together for the same goal, is nearly always commented on by prospective parents, visitors and new families to the school. We both feel very proud to be Head Teachers of St Teresa's and we enjoy working with our amazing team of staff, in partnership with you as parents, to ensure the children build many happy memories of their time here.

A huge well done to our Year Six pupils for their amazing SATs results! As you can see from the table below, our pupils have performed significantly higher than the National average. (120 was the top available score.) Thank you to all the staff who have helped them along the way.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: St Teresa's results	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: National results	Average scaled score: St Teresa's results	Average scaled score: National results
English reading	100%	73%	113	104
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	94%	78%	113	106
Mathematics	100%	79%	109	105
English writing (teacher assessment)	94%	78%	N/A	N/A

We are sad to have said goodbye to our Year Six pupils, they will be very much missed, and we wish them much success, laughter and friendship in their new schools. They are going off to many different secondary schools and have all enjoyed their moving up days. We hope they stay in touch and look forward to hearing of their new adventures! We have also said goodbye to Mrs Peters who is retiring, Mrs Wynne who is moving away with her family, Miss Summerhayes from Wraparound and Mrs Newman as LSA in Year Five. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication to our pupils and wish them every success in their new ventures.

Our final assembly of the term included many celebration of successes. Our Year Two pupils were awarded their Footsteps certificates, having successfully completed their road safety programme. Year Six handed Year Five their new navy-blue jumpers, ready for their move in September. Our School Council were awarded certificates as a thank you for their hard work

over the last year. Swimming certificates were given. The House Maths Challenge cup was awarded to St Aloysius, the Business Enterprise cup was awarded to Ben, Mark, Cristian and Calum for the most profit earned, and the winners of the Healthy Meals Competition were Seth and Rowan, with Daniel M and Will C being highly commended.

Well done to Jamie (Year Three) who was awarded the Year Three and Year Four Art Prize, for his superb drawing skills and attention to detail in all aspects of art.



Diary

Activity Week & Summer Camps

15 th –19 th July	Activity Week
15 th -16 th July	Bikeability Level 1 and 2 (Year Five and Year Six)
18 th July	Bikeability Level 1 (Year Three and Year Four)
30 th – 31 st July	Mrs Aldus' Summer Art Workshops 10am – 3pm Year One to Year Six
29 th July- 2 nd Aug	Mr Meakin's Total Football Camp 10am – 3pm Year One to Year Five
5 th – 9 th Aug	Mr Meakin's Total Football Camp 10am – 3pm Year One to Year Five
12 th – 16 th Aug	Mr Meakin's Multi Sports Camps 10am – 3pm Year One to Year Five
13 th – 14 th Aug	Mrs Aldus' Summer Art Workshops 10am – 3pm Year One to Year Six

First Half of Advent Term

2 nd - 3 rd Sept	Staff inset Days
4 th Sept	New Pre-school Pupils – Settling In
5 th Sept	8.20am School Opens for Pupils for start of term - Coffee for parents in Dining Room
9 th Sept	STPA – AGM – 8.30am Stewardship Mass 10.00am – Families welcome
10 th Sept	Practice Transfer Test – Year Six Parliamentary Assembly Key Stage Two – Parents Invited 3.00pm
12 th Sept	Transfer Test – Year Six
16 th Sept	Year Four & Year Five – Swimming Starts New parents Evening – 7.00pm – by invitation
18 th Sept	Perform Anti-bullying Workshop – Key Stage Two Condover Hall Residential Trip Meeting – Year Five Parents & Pupils 3.00pm
24 th Sept	Book People Sale – after school all week
25 th Sept	Year Six's Hockey Match – Ashfold School - Away Game
28 th - 29 th Sept	Thame Food Festival
1 st Oct	Community Day St Teresa's School Mass - Friends and families welcome
7 th - 9 th Oct	EYFS – Parent Consultations
10 th Oct	Open Morning 9am – 11am
11 th Oct	Year Six – School's Mass – Dunstable
12 th Oct	Open Morning 9am – 11am – All pupils in Year One to Year Six expected to attend
15 th Oct	Inter-house Music Competition Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00pm- 6.30pm
17 th Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations 4.00pm- 6.30pm
18 th Oct	Year Five Hockey Match – Pipers Corner – Away Game (TBC) Transfer Test Results
21 st -23 rd Oct	Year Five Residential Trip – Condover Hall
23 rd Oct	Mufti Day STPA Disco Year - One to Year Six – 4pm Last Day before Half term
24 th Oct –5 th Nov	Half Term Break
6 th Nov	School Open to Pupils 8.20am

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

Swimming 2019/2020

Please note your child's swimming term.

Advent Term 2019 Year Four and Year Five

Lent Term 2020 Year Three and Year Six

Trinity Term 2020 Year One and Year Two

Year Four and Year Five will start swimming on Monday 16th September. Permission Forms will be going into bags the first week back to school, which means a very quick turnaround is required. All forms need to be returned by the end of school by Friday 20th September please. If we don't have the forms back your child will be unable to swim.

Parliament Assembly – Invitation

I am delighted to invite the parents of all Key Stage Two children to join us for a 30 minute assembly run by the Parliamentary Outreach Service on Tuesday 10th September at 3.00 pm. See the attached poster for more information. Can we please ask that you let us know if you can attend by completing the EmailMeForm by [clicking here](#)

Stewardship Mass

Our Year Six Stewardship Mass will take place on Monday, 9th September at 10.00am in the Church. This is when the children will be inducted as Year Six Stewards. All parents, families and friends are welcome to attend. There will be coffee and tea served in the Church Club Room from 11.00am. Year's One to Six will be attending Mass.

NEWS

Parent's Flash Mob!

We succeeded in pulling off our first ever Parents Choir Flash Mob as part of our School's Performance at the Risborough Festival! Our pupils were stunned to see their parents stand up in the audience and begin their whole school song 'Let The River Run' by Carly Simon, with such gusto and grace! They did a fantastic job and a big thank you goes out to all our parents in the school, but particularly our new Parent Choir members - you were all amazing! If you would like to see part of their performance you can do so by [clicking here](#).



The children, yet again, put on a spectacular performance at the festival under the direction of Mrs Adams. They sang, danced, played instruments and most of all entertained! Well done!

St Teresa's Represent Wycombe at School Games



Our Year Three, Year Four and Year Five, Year Six Tennis teams travelled to Stoke Mandeville last week to represent Wycombe District in the Buckinghamshire County School Games.

Both teams qualified for the competition without losing a game in their qualifying tournament.

The tournament took place in glorious weather conditions at the Aylesbury Tennis Club and saw St Teresa's take on teams who qualified from their regional tournaments from all over Buckinghamshire.

Our Year Three, Year Four team of Henry, Ashley, Matilda and Lucia competed well and finished overall in 5th place in the competition, which was won by Marlow District.

Our Year Five, Year Six team of George, Harriet, Hattie and Jake also competed well and finished overall in 7th place with the competition being won by Farnham Common.

Big Battery Hunt

Following the children's collection of batteries for the 'Big Battery Hunt', some of the children were entered into the national competition for 'Battery Pioneer of the Month'. Many pupils used their initiative and asked parents and neighbours to scour their workplaces to find as many used batteries as possible. Ben (Year Six) leaflet dropped his local community and his call to action was picked up by Mix 96 presenter Ben Moseby.

Ben (now known as 'Battery Ben') was invited to appear with Mix96 presenters Ben and Nia on their morning show. Battery Ben asked listeners to collect used batteries and drop them at a collection point at Mix 96, amassing a whopping 1,570 batteries! Because of his imaginative idea to get his community involved he was announced as Battery Pioneer of the Month, winning himself an iPad, and £500 worth of equipment vouchers for the school!

The school winner, for the most batteries collected was Jake (Year Five), who collected an incredible 3,647 batteries by collecting used batteries from his neighbours after writing them a letter, winning himself a remote controlled helicopter. In total, St Teresa's School collected 8,143 batteries - an astounding amount!



Year Four and Five Metro Bank Visit



Last week, Years Four and Five were visited by Metro Bank, and they learned lots about how to save money, and how to use a bank account to get interest on their money. This was followed up a couple of days later by a visit to the Metro Bank in Aylesbury. Well, what an adventure the children had! After Year Four had meticulously pored over the bus timetables and planned their journey, both classes arrived at 8:50am ready for the 9:00am bus from Princes Risborough Market Square. Unfortunately, by 9:15am it was evident that the bus wasn't coming, so they waited patiently for the 9:26am bus. Another round of bad luck as that one didn't arrive either! It was time for an adventure! The children walked (with some excitement) to the train station, ready for the 10.00am train to Aylesbury - they were overjoyed when this DID arrive! Finally they were on their way!

When they arrived at Metro Bank, they were greeted by the staff and shown the different parts of the banking hall. They were divided into groups and shown how the bank prints cards in store, as well as the coin machine which pays any loose change straight into your bank account. They were also shown the vault and safety deposit boxes, where they were set an exciting challenge! The children were given a number and two keys and had to find the corresponding safety deposit box to open! They managed to find them in record time, and opened them to be met with a stash of lollipops!



After the children had received goody bags from the bank, each containing a money box (and more lollipops!), they sat outside on the steps in the sunshine and had a juicy satsuma bought from the market, before heading back to the train station.

The children learned a lot about banking and saving their money - here are their highlights:

"I enjoyed finding safety deposit boxes and opening them!" - Sophie

"I enjoyed learning about the ATM." - Thomas

"I enjoyed being locked in a vault at Metro Bank!" - Mia

EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic

Pre-School and Reception enjoyed a teddy bears picnic on Wednesday morning. They had a lovely morning, playing games, listening to stories and enjoying their picnic. An opportunity to say good bye to the children who will be moving on in September. We wish you the very best of luck and a wonderful summer!



Leavers' Lunch

Year Six enjoyed a splendid Leavers' Lunch on Tuesday prepared by Mrs Stanley and her team. They had all their favourites enjoying the dining room to themselves.

Thank you to all the kitchen staff who prepared this for the children to enjoy.



And the final word goes to our Year Six Leavers...

I am going to Headington School in September; it will be bigger, and I look forward to making new friends. **Octavia**

I will be going to Sir Henry Floyd's Grammar School where I hope to get a fantastic head start in a career of my choice. **Eduard**

As I move onto my next school (Aylesbury Grammar School), I'm looking forward to: trying new things, making new friends and being in a bigger environment. **Will**

When I go to Aylesbury High School, I want to achieve getting onto the football and netball teams and learning new languages. **Hattie**

I am going to Princes Risborough School and would like to continue to improve in English and make the football team. **Ben**

Hopefully, at Berkhamsted, I will be a good friend who always supports others and puts love into everything I do - just like St. Therese taught us to do. **George**

After St Teresa's, I am going to Sibford School where I hope to continue to achieve in English. **Toby**

I am going to The Cottesloe School and I would like to achieve and work hard in Biology and English so that I can become a vet. **Eleanor**

When I move on to Aylesbury High School, I hope to achieve being more confident, making more friends and taking all opportunities that come my way. **Seren**

I am going to Aylesbury High School where I would like to achieve getting onto the netball team. I also hope I can help other people as best I can. **Phoebe**

In September I am going to Aylesbury High School and I am looking forward to the responsibility and new opportunities that lie ahead. I hope to achieve stronger friendships, more resilience and knowledge. **Katie**

Next year, I am going to The Misbourne School, which has good drama facilities, so I hope to do very well in drama. I am also looking forward to making new friends and learning even more. **Joseph**

I am moving onto Sir Henry Floyd in Aylesbury. I am looking forward to new opportunities to build on my achievements at St Teresa's. **Charlie**

I am looking forward to starting at Waddesdon C of E School where I hope to continue my progress as a musician. **Mark**

When I move to Lord William's School, I want to improve my writing and make lots of new friends. **Calum**

I will be joining Sir Henry Floyd in Year Seven. Whilst I am there, I will look forward to the sports and new subjects, especially chemistry, physics and biology. **Cristian**

We wish you all a wonderful summer!

Mrs J Draper & Mrs Y Roberts
- Joint Head Teachers
