

7TH OCTOBER 2019

ST. TERESA'S WEEKLY LETTER

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“Dear young people do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!”

Pope Francis

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THIS WEEK

7TH OCTOBER

UNDER 10 FOOTBALL
MATCH 2.45PM
BEECHVIEW SCHOOL

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

13TH OCTOBER
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SUNDAY

- ALL FAMILIES INVITED TO ATTEND



Note from Head Teachers

Dear Parents

Last Tuesday saw us celebrating our Feast Day and it is always a wonderful opportunity to welcome the wider community into our school. This year Mo Glackin, who is General Secretary of the Catholic Independent Schools Council (CISC), joined us for the day. In her role she visits many Catholic independent schools, but said she was bowled over by your children, their behaviour in Mass, their engagement in the activities in the classrooms and their politeness and the way in which they welcomed all the visitors to school. We were pleased that several parents and families were able to join us for Mass and refreshments afterwards.

FUTURE DATES

**15TH OCTOBER
INTERHOUSE MUSIC
COMPETITION**

**PARENT TEACHER
CONSULTATIONS**

**16TH OCTOBER
YEAR FIVE & YEAR SIX
HOCKEY FIXTURE V
HIGHWORTH COMBINED
SCHOOL
(AWAY - DETAILS TO FOLLOW)**

**17TH OCTOBER
PARENT TEACHER
CONSULTATIONS**

**18TH OCTOBER
YEAR ONE, TWO & FIVE
TRIP WARICK CASTLE**

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

**23RD OCTOBER
MUFTI DAY**

**STPA DISCO
(YEARS ONE TO SIX)**

**THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER TO
TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
HALF TERM**

**WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
8.20AM SCHOOL OPEN TO
PUPILS**

**FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
MATHS MORNING**

SCHOOL PANTOMIME

**2.00PM PARENT WORKSHOP
GROWTH MINDSET**

**THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
RECEPTION TO YEAR SIX
FLU VACCINATIONS**

Thank you for providing so many roses and a huge thank you to Mrs Aggett for organising such a fantastic day for our pupils.

This week is the Diocesan Catholic Schools Week. Our Year Six pupils will join pupils across the Diocese in Dunstable for a schools Mass on Friday and we look forward to celebrating Mass with our Parish on Sunday. It would be lovely to see many of our pupils and their families in St Teresa's Church at 10am.

Pope Francis has much to say about Catholic education and was once a teacher himself; in his words teaching "is a really beautiful job" because it lets educators see their students "grow day after day". You have to teach not just about a subject, but also life's values and habits" because when it comes to learning about a subject, "a computer is sufficient, but to understand how to love, to understand what the values and habits are that create harmony in the world, you need a good teacher".

Do not forget your opportunity to win a bottle of Champagne! Just recommend a friend to come along to our Open Mornings this week and if they sign their child or children up to the school a bottle of Champagne will be yours.

Thank you to the parents who supported the running of our Book People book sale last week, your help is much appreciated. We have raised a total of £35 to claim in free books, which will be a fantastic addition to the library and class book selections.

Notices & Reminders

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. Children should be dropped off to school at 9.00am. Please complete the EmailMeForm by [clicking here](#) by Wednesday.

Our Catholic Schools' Week 7th-13th October 2019

This week we are celebrating and showing pride in who we are and what we do in our Catholic schools. On Friday Year Six will be joining other children from the Diocese to celebrate the Schools' Mass with Bishop Peter at St. Mary's in Dunstable.

On Sunday 13th October we will be joining St Teresa's parish at 10.00am for a Children's Mass as we continue to develop our relationships between parish, school and home. 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 find additional information about Our Catholic Schools' Week on page five.

Photographs

Individual and sibling photos will be taken tomorrow – please ensure your child is looking smart in full winter or summer uniform. All siblings should be dressed in the same summer or winter uniform. Photographs will be taken of all children as well as sibling groups, however, there is no obligation to purchase photographs.

If your child is in Pre-school and doesn't normally attend on a Tuesday and you would like them to have their photograph taken, please bring them in for 8.20am, you are most welcome to bring other siblings.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent consultation meetings for Year One to Six will be taking place on Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October. You will receive a separate email giving information about how to book a slot with your child's teacher. If you attend the parent consultation meeting with your child there will be a film showing in the reception area for them. However, we ask that you do not leave your child at school until the time of your meeting, you must collect them and then come back for the meeting.

After school clubs will continue as normal on Tuesday 15th October, however, **there will be no STEM or Netball Club on Thursday 17th October**. If your child is normally booked in to attend Wraparound after Netball and STEM they will automatically go into Wraparound from 3.45pm at no additional cost.

All remaining children will automatically go into Wraparound and will be supervised in Wraparound, at no extra cost, until the normal finish time of 5.00pm. As Wraparound is nearly full on a Thursday afternoon, if you are able to collect your child at the normal dismissal time, if you can let the office know we would be grateful.

Notices & Reminders Continued

STPA Disco

The STPA disco is taking place for children in Years One to Six after school on Wednesday 23rd October. The cost is £8 per child and includes a hot dog dinner, along with some other sweet treats. Clubs will be carrying on as usual and your children are welcome to join the disco afterwards. Children in Year Five arriving back from their residential trip are also more than welcome to attend the disco on their return.

If you would like your child to attend or require further information, please complete the EmailMeForm by [clicking here](#). (Please complete a form for each child attending)

Warwick Castle

A reminder to parents in Years One, Two and Four to complete the EmailMeForm permission for the trip to Warwick Castle on Friday 18th October. Please [click here](#) to complete the form.

Flu Vaccinations

This year flu vaccinations are going to be offered in school to children in Reception to Year Six on 28th November. This will be administered by way of a nasal spray and not an injection. Please look out for more information and a consent form in the coming weeks.

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.

STPA



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



Theme: "You are My Witnesses"



For Parents / Carers

**Our Catholic Schools' Week
7 - 13 October 2019**

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2. The witness of missionary saints and martyrs.
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4. How we train and form ourselves for reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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To talk about:

Talk with your child/ren about the idea of sharing with others, of being a witness.

As a family who do you, or could you, share the love of God with?

Pray together:

God our Father,
when your Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations'. Through our Baptism you send us out to continue this mission among all peoples.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to us, which is still far from completion, may bring life and light to the world.

May all peoples experience the saving love and generous mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Official EMM prayer, adapted for use in the UK © Missio 2019

