

21ST OCTOBER 2019

ST. TERESA'S WEEKLY LETTER

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"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life
in a despondent soul"
St Therese of Lisieux

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THIS WEEK

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



Note from Head Teachers

Dear Parents

Well done to our Year Six pupils who have shown true resilience over the last few weeks, waiting for their Transfer Test results, which they received on Friday. This year has been a particularly trying time, due to the mistakes made by the testing company, and we are very proud of how they have managed this. Our final percentages are not available until the selection reviews have been completed, but well done to everyone.

Our Open Mornings last week were extremely busy with a total of 15 families visiting. Several of you are in line for a bottle of champagne due to your recommendations, so thank you! As many of you are aware our current Year Four class is full, but we have had several enquiries for places in this year group. We have therefore, with consultation with our current Year Three parents, decided to make Miss Simon's class a mixed Year Three and Year Four class. Our Year Four current class will remain as they are, with any additional Year Four pupils being welcomed into Miss Simon's class.

FUTURE DATES

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
8.20AM SCHOOL OPEN TO PUPILS

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
YEAR FIVE & YEAR SIX
FOOTBALL FIXTURE
V MANOR FARM SCHOOL (AWAY)

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
YEAR THREE HOCKEY FIXTURE
V GATEWAY SCHOOL (HOME)

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
YEAR SIX HOCKEY FIXTURE
V GATEWAY SCHOOL (AWAY)

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
MATHS MORNING
SCHOOL PANTOMIME
2.00PM PARENT WORKSHOP
GROWTH MINDSET & CURRICULUM

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
YEAR FIVE VISIT
AIRBUS DISCOVERY CENTRE

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
YEAR THREE VISIT
WAGAMAMA'S & LIBRARY
YEAR FOUR
HOCKEY FIXTURE
V GATEWAY SCHOOL (HOME)

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
RECEPTION TO YEAR SIX
FLU VACCINATIONS

29TH & 30TH NOVEMBER
PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS TOUR &
MEET THE HEADS EVENT

MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER
2.30PM NATIVITY TO PARISH &
SCHOOL

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
9.00AM NATIVITY TO PARENTS

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
STPA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We waved goodbye to some very excited Year Five pupils this morning, as they headed off on their residential trip to Conover Hall. For some of them it will be the first time away from home and they will no doubt grow in independence, learn new skills and find levels of resilience and determination that they didn't know they had! It is a wonderful bonding experience for them and good preparation for the leadership and stewardship roles they will take on in Year Six.

We saw fantastic leadership skills in our current Year Six pupils, as they led their houses in preparation for our wonderful Inter-house music competition last week. There were some amazing performances, solos, duets and whole house groups, which made for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment. Well done to St Catherine who lifted the trophy!

There are two events after half term that we would like to draw your attention to now. The school will again be taking part in the Princes Risborough Remembrance Day Parade. If your child/children would like to take part, representing St Teresa's, please let the office know. Also, on Friday 15th November from 2pm whilst the children enjoy the annual pantomime, we will be holding an afternoon of workshops for parents. This will start with a talk from Caroline Cooper from Confident Kidz, who will be explaining the importance of 'Growth Mindset' and how you can support your children in developing their confidence. There will then be curriculum displays across the school, showing how we teach the different subjects, and our subject leaders will be available to answer questions. Usborne Books will be available for sale during the afternoon.

In assembly last week we celebrated two Star of the Week awards for Ted (Year One) and Imy (Year Five), both for superb independent research work. Jonah (Year Six) shared his success in passing his Grade One Drum exam and a Little Way Award was presented to Olivia (Reception) for her politeness and helpfulness to adults and peers.

Notices & Reminders

Recorder Club Help

Is there a parent out there who would like to run recorder club on a Monday lunch time at 1pm from after half term for only four pupils currently? If so please contact the school office.

Mufti Day

Don't forget Wednesday is Mufti Day and children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes. £1 per pupil will be collected on the way into school, proceeds will be going to the STPA towards the playground project. Please ensure children wear sensible shoes and long hair is tied back.

School Uniform

Don't forget – all children should be in full winter uniform after half term. Also a reminder that all children will be required to have the new uniform (blazers, PE kit and coats) by the beginning of the Trinity Term 2020.

Photographs

You will receive the individual and sibling photograph proofs in school bags this evening. Orders need to be returned by Friday 6th November. Any orders received after this time will need to be returned to the photographers at your own expense.

Christmas Cards

Those children who completed Christmas card designs will receive a proof of their Christmas cards to bring home this evening. Orders for Christmas cards must be returned to school by Friday 8th November at the latest. There will be a post box in the reception area for orders.

Half Term Workshops

This is the last opportunity to sign up to one of the workshops which will take place after half term.

Mr Meakin's Sports Camps:

Thursday 24th October, Friday 25th October, Monday 4th November & Tuesday 5th November
10am - 3pm - Cost £20 per child per day

Mrs Aldus' Art Workshops:

Tuesday 29th October & Wednesday 30th October
8.30am to 12.30pm or 1.30pm to 5.30pm - Cost £30 per child per session

If you wish to sign up to any of the camps or workshops, please contact the school office for a form.

Year Three - Visit - Wagamama's & High Wycombe Library

A reminder to please complete the EmailMe consent for this trip. [Please click here](#)

Year Five- Visit - Airbus Foundation

A reminder to please complete the EmailMe consent for this trip. [Please click here](#)

Notices & Reminders Continued ...

Posters

As a follow up to the assembly given by the Risborough Environmental Group last term, our children (Year One to Year Six) were asked to create posters encouraging people not to litter and to recycle.

We had a fantastic response from all the children and Miss Craker and Mrs McLarty had a hard time selecting the winning posters. Congratulations to: Katie Year Three, Will, Anna, Kathryn and Matilda Year Four, Sophie Year Five and Ella-Jane Year Six. Keep a look out for your posters around the local area and please let Mrs McLarty know if you spot any!

Upbeat - Aylesbury Music Centre

Please find attached to this email information about a workshop being run during the half term break.