

St. Theresa's Newsletter

St. Theresa's
Catholic Primary School



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Autumn TERM 2016 – Friday 25th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is fully underway at St Theresa's! The stage is up and the children have begun rehearsing for their Christmas productions. The school is filled with such fantastic singing and we are all looking forward to the Reception Class performing their Christmas nativity next week.

Thank you to Year 3, Miss Shatiry and Mrs Christou who led us in worship this week. They provided us with a rendition of 'This is Your Life' and the special guest was Mary, our Mother. The children reflected on how God called Mary to be the Mother of Jesus and how Mary responded to God's call. The children spoke with great confidence, having learnt all their lines from memory and gave their own version of the Hail Mary. It really was a beautiful assembly and the message we can take from this is that God has chosen us to carry out a special task...to be good Christians. Let's carry this message around in our hearts as we approach the season of Advent.

Thank you to everyone who brought in £1 for Children in Need last week £216 was collected for this worthwhile cause.

Thank you to the Friends and parents who organised and helped to make the movie nights a real success. All the children enjoyed watching both films whilst munching on some delicious snacks. A fantastic £882 was raised - Thank you to all who contributed.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs O'Melia and Mrs Pears 😊

Attendance

Excellent attendance is **very** important.

Term Time Holiday Requests

We have received some requests for leave of absence during school time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

Punctuality

Punctuality is continually monitored. The gates open at 8:30am and the school day begins at 8:50am. If your child arrives after this time then they will be recorded as late in the register!

Medical Appointments

Please remember that medical, dental and optician's appointments, should whenever possible, be arranged outside school hours. If this is not possible, please ensure your child is at school in time for registration, both in the morning and after lunch. This means that your child must be in school until 9.30am in the morning and must not leave school before 2pm in the afternoon. If your child is not at school for registration then it will be recorded as an absence on your child's attendance record.

Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Attendance is regularly checked by the EWO who will fine any unauthorised absence.

Many thanks for your support.

Reminders-

School Building Fund – As a Voluntary Aided school we rely on voluntary parental contributions to fund ongoing building projects and repairs. If you haven't already made your voluntary contribution towards the School Building Fund we would really appreciate your donation.

Dates for your diary – Parents are welcome to all Assemblies & Masses

Year 2 and KS2 Theatre trip Tuesday 29th November pm
 Reception Christmas Show Thursday 1st December 9.30am
 Reception and Year 1 Theatre trip Tuesday 6th December am
 Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production Wednesday 7th December 9.30am
 Years 3 and 4 Christmas Production Wednesday 14th December 9.30am
 Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert Thursday 15th December St Philips Church 7pm
 Christmas Jumper Day Friday 16th December
 Thursday 22nd December – School finishes today at 1 o'clock



Achievements



Y1	Artem - For wonderful focus and effort during learning time. Isabel - For writing a fantastic character description.
Y2	Lucas - For his excellent attitude to learning. Daniel - For his fantastic ideas when writing his own poem in English.
Y3	All of Year 3 - For an amazing assembly this week.
Y4 Blue	Jorge - For excellent progress in times tables and spellings. Samuel - For putting effort into his learning on area and perimeter.
Y4 Red	Caeden - For producing a great persuasion letter in our English lesson. Alanna - For putting a great amount of effort into her Maths home learning.
Y5	Zeno - For a fantastic prayer to Mary in our RE lesson. Sophia - For a brilliant piece of home learning about Cyber bullying.
Y6	Sam - For being a 'Have a go Mo' during French. Mia S - For showing perseverance during Maths lessons.

Well done to everyone who tried their best this week and worked hard to challenge themselves.



Golden Children this week are.

Gracie Yr 4 Red and Zuzanna Yr 3

St Patrick's won the most House points this week!

Attendance this week



Reception	91%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97%
Year 4 Red	98%
Year 4 Blue	99%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	99%
Total Attendance	96%

Well done to Year 4 Blue and Year 6 who had the best attendance this week.

Year 6 Trip

Year 6 went to visit the Natural History Museum and got to see Dippy the Dinosaur before he leaves for a tour around the UK. They also took part in a dino dig as they are researching Charles Darwin's theory of Evolution. The children really enjoyed this trip and thank you to all who helped to make it successful.

First Week of Advent

Jesus, be our hope this Advent.

Leader:
Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

All:
May hope and love dwell in our hearts this first Week of Advent.

