

# St. Theresa's Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 2017 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is fully underway at St Theresa's! The stage is up, the Christmas tree is decorated, rehearsals for the Christmas productions are taking place and beautiful carols can be heard as you walk around the school. We also had a spot of snow today which added to the excitement of this season!

This Sunday sees the beginning of the real Countdown to Christmas—the start of Advent on Sunday (3rd December). Next week the children will be taking part in Advent liturgies where we will be encouraging them to take time over the coming weeks to pray to God, think of how we can help others and think about how we can use the gift of Jesus as a light, to illuminate our paths as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

With the weather getting colder, please can you ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately in the correct St Theresa's uniform. Please make sure that all hats, scarfs and gloves are clearly labelled, we are already having a lot of lost items.

On Wednesday, Year 3 shared their wonderful assembly with the rest of the school. 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 and gave their own version of the Hail Mary. It 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.

Thank you to everyone who donated a bottle for our Christmas Fair. The Friends and the school appreciate your generosity and support. The Friends are still looking for helpers on the day, so please add your name to the signing up sheet if you are available to help. We look forward to seeing you there.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs O' Melia and Mr Troy



Well done to the girl's football team who played remarkably well last night against a very good Hollickwood side. After losing their opening game the girls were nervous and really wanted to put in a good performance in their second game as a team. The girls showed a huge improvement in their organisation and were extremely unlucky not to win the game due to the fantastic performance of the Hollickwood's goal keeper. Despite going a goal down, the St Theresa's girls showed amazing teamwork and resilience to keep battling and trying. With ten seconds to go and all seemingly lost the girls effort were rewarded when Alanna got in an excellent position and scored with the very last kick of the game to bring the game to 1 -1. This ensured St Theresa's first point of the season. All who played were a real credit to the school and are really growing as a team. Let's hope that they are able to get a win today when they play against St John's N11. Good luck!

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

Christmas Fair Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 12pm – 2.30pm  
 EYFS Nativity Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am  
 Infants Movie Night Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – 5pm  
 Juniors Movie Night Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – 5pm  
 KS1 Nativity – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
 LKS2 Nativity – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
 Christmas Jumper Assembly 15<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am  
 Years 5 and 6 Carol Service 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm  
 Party Day (own clothes) 19<sup>th</sup> December  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last Day of Term early closing 1pm



## Achievements



Yr 1	<b>Reika</b> - For beautiful writing in R.E this week <b>Ambar</b> - For being a great class helper.
Yr 2	<b>Ramneek</b> - For a fantastic effort when writing a non - chronological report with Mrs McGrath <b>Alicia</b> - For making an effort with her writing.
Yr 3	<b>Shayan</b> - For being a fantastic member of our class. We will miss you! <b>Year 3-</b> For their fantastic assembly about 'Mary our Mother'.
Yr 4	<b>Celine</b> - For showing great enthusiasm in our English lessons this week. <b>Enda</b> - For showing a great effort in learning his lines for the Nativity
Yr 5 Red	<b>Vanessa</b> - For excellent presentation in her writing. <b>Kammy</b> - For being an excellent role model.
Yr 5 Blue	<b>Jack</b> - For showing an improved focus, drive and concentration in class. <b>Esther</b> - For giving 100% effort into everything she does.
Yr 6	<b>Gwenn</b> - For being a very adaptable and considerate class member. <b>Jayden</b> - For showing selflessness towards others.

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



**Roman Year 6**

**Rian Year 3**

### St Theresa's Building Fund

The voluntary Building Fund contribution of £60 per child and £100 per family for this academic year is due. Your contribution goes towards the 10% cost we are obliged to pay for developing and maintaining our school buildings. Please keep your payments coming in, so far **51** families out of **234** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£4,300** out of a possible **£12,500** many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

## Attendance this week



Reception	89%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	97%
Year 5 Red	97%
Year 5 Blue	99%
Year 6	97%
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>96%</b>

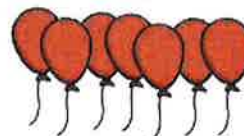
### Scooters and Bicycles

Can we please remind all parents and children that there should be no riding of scooters or bicycles in the playground **before or after** school.

### Maths Problems of the week

Well done to Jayden in Year 5 Red for his effort last week, it was brilliantly set out and showed some brilliant understanding! There are two problems this week.

Liam has some balloons.



- He has 7 red balloons.
- He has 2 more green balloons than red balloons.
- He has 3 less blue balloons than green balloons.

How many balloons does he have in total?

If today is Wednesday, What day will it be in 100 days time?