



# ST.THERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents,

You are all very welcome to join us in our beginning of year mass next Friday at 9:30. It will be an opportunity to welcome all our new children, staff and parents to the St Theresa's School community.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Next Friday the Friends will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for those who suffer from the effects of cancer. Tea/coffee and cakes will be on sale in the Multi-Purpose Room from 8:30am onwards. Please pop in and support this worthy cause. The children will be asked to bring in £1 for a drink and a cake so they can join us in this national event.

### **Reminders**

To assist with the smooth running of the school and to enable me, the staff and pupils to achieve a successful working environment, I seek your full support with the following:-

#### **Punctuality**

The school day starts at 8:50am. The children must be in class ready to learn at this time. The school gates open at 8:30 to ensure you have a 20 minute window to get your child into school. Please take advantage of this opportunity as being late causes a lot of upset for the child and disruption for the rest of the class.

#### **Gate for Year 1 and Year 3**

Thank you to the parents who are leading their children to the side gate and allowing them to walk alone to their classroom door. Four classes use this pathway. When it is filled with adults the children don't have room to walk up the path and it can be intimidating if it is filled with adults they don't know!

If you would like to speak to your child's teacher in the morning – even if it's to let them know your child didn't sleep well or were a bit tearful in the morning please let the secretaries know. They will always pass the message on to the teacher.

In the interests of safety the teachers must supervise and give their full attention to the children in the morning and cannot speak to parents on an individual basis.

#### **KS2 – End of the day arrangements**

For Year 5 and Year 6 especially, please collect your child from the playground as opposed to the classroom door. It is very difficult for the teacher to maintain the safety of the class when children are taken from the line walking to the playground without notice.

Many thanks for your co-operation

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### **Uniform, Coats & Bags**

The children have come back to school in their very smart uniform which is a huge credit to you as parents. Unfortunately I have found brand new sweaters and jumpers with no name on at all! This is such a shame as I know they are not the cheapest of items to buy. Please label your child's clothes even if it's with a biro. It will eventually make its way back to the owner.

As the weather becomes slightly colder please ensure your child has a navy coat to wear to school. I have resisted from insisting each child wears the navy school coat from the uniform suppliers as, on the whole, navy coats are worn. Please support us in making sure the navy colour and the smart uniform is consistent throughout the school. Last year we had many compliments from people who saw our children on school trips. Smart uniform ensures a smart mind! I would also encourage KS2 parents to buy the school rucksacks. If not a dark coloured bag would be suitable. KS1 children must have St Therasas book bags.

### **Playground equipment – Sainsburys**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated Sainsbury's vouchers to us the last school year. We were able to purchase playground equipment for the children to use at playtimes. Each class has their own clearly labelled basket with skipping ropes hoops, balls and bats. Every class is responsible for looking after their equipment which will not be replaced if it thrown over fences carelessly. Mr Sweetingham has informed all the children about caring for their equipment baskets. So far the classes have been really good at looking after their new items. Many thanks again!!

### **Choir at St Philips**

I have been asked by Robert at St Philips to invite children from St Theresa's to join the choir at 12 o'clock mass. If your child is interested please take them to the Parish Centre at 11:30 this Sunday for a practice before mass. All are very welcome. This is another wonderful link we have with our parish.

### **NSPCC Assembly**

This morning the children received a talk from Caroline Roughley from the NSPCC. The children learnt about what this wonderful organization does for children across the country. Our children have been asked to carry out a sponsored NSPCC Big Workout to help other children by raising vital funds to support the NSPCC which includes ChildLine. Please see the attached letter for more details.

### **Class Parent Representative.**

If you are interested in becoming a class representative for the class your child is in and are able to attend meetings once a half term, let the school office know. 2 Class Parents reps per class worked really well last year! So far I have reps for the Year 1 and Year 2 Classes.

Many thanks for all your support so far this term – please see dates below for future events!

**Dates for your diary**

Year 5 Class Assembly	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 9:30am
Beginning of Year Mass	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 9:30am
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 8:30am
Year 2 Class Assembly	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 9:30am
Year 4 Class Assembly	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 9:30am
Parent Consultation	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 4pm – 7pm
Parent Consultation	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm – 7pm
Harvest Festival	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> October KS1 9:30 KS2 11am
Half term	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> November

Yours sincerely,  
Miss M. Kelly  
Headteacher