



ST.THERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Friday 4th October

Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly this term is going. We are approaching our 6th week at school and before we know it, it will be half term! The children have settled in extremely well, especially the new Reception class, and the school is a hive of activity.

This month is dedicated to Mother Mary and the Holy Rosary, after she appeared to St. Dominic in 1206. Mary explained to St. Dominic how to use the Rosary in prayer and told him to preach it to others. Maybe you could spend some time this month talking about Mary, looking at, discussing or praying using Rosary Beads.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you everybody – parents and children alike who donated money for our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. It was a real success and to date we have raised £273 for those who suffer from the effects of Cancer.

NSPCC

Caroline Roughley from the NSPCC returned to St. Theresa's yesterday to collect the children's donations and to distribute the reward badges. Caroline visited every class to congratulate the children on their fund raising. Don't worry if you forgot to send in your envelopes as Caroline will return next Wednesday to announce the final total in a celebration assembly. She will collect any remaining donations then. Many thanks for supporting such a great cause.

Sainsburys School Games Kitemark

This week we gained The Silver Sainsbury's School Games Kitemark! This is a government led award scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. If you wish to learn more about the award visit our school website. Well done to everybody involved in gaining the Silver Kitemark!

Football

Mr Licata and the Boys football team started their season this week with a friendly match against Holy Trinity. The team clawed back a 3-1 deficit to draw the match 3-3. Mr Licata was particularly proud of the team's defensive abilities and is looking forward to a good season ahead. Miss Regan has entered St. Theresa's into the Girls football league this year. The team has been chosen and they eagerly await their first game.

Reception Meeting

Amelia Whitehouse, an Early Years Foundation Stage Borough Advisor, met with the new Reception parents to give an insightful and inspiring presentation on the the EYFS curriculum. Thank you to all those who attended.

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Council and Committees announced!

The children at St. Theresa's are really taking an active part in the development of our school. A selection of children from all year groups, voted in by their peers, have been chosen to attend meetings, events and help develop the school in a number of areas. We now have Prefects, Official Helpers, Librarians, ICT Helpers, assembly Helpers, School Travel Committee, School Council and an Eco Committee. Children in Year 6 are also being trained to become Young Leaders.

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!

Parent consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 22nd October 4pm – 7pm and Thursday 24th October 4pm – 7pm. Consultation letters will be sent home shortly.

Car Park

Unfortunately the school car park is not big enough for parents to park in and is reserved for the use of staff only. Staff enter and exit the car park early in the morning or in the evening when children are not around. Recently there have been a few incidences where parents have opened the closed gates and driven in to park in the car park. Please do not use the school car park when collecting your child from afterschool clubs or picking up/dropping off your child. It is strictly for staff use only. Thank you.

Morning Procedure

There still seems to be some misunderstanding with our morning procedure, which has led to some classes being disrupted by parents and which potentially could lead to safety issues. We must insist that you follow the following procedures:

Year 1 Red and Blue– please say goodbye to your children at the side gate allowing them to walk the short distance to their classroom by themselves.

Year 2 – please say goodbye to your children at the bottom of the ramp – Do not go up the ramp or into the classroom.

Year 3 & 4 -please say goodbye to your children at the side gate allowing them to walk the short distance to their classroom by themselves.

Year 5 & 6 – please say goodbye to your children in the playground.

Reception – parents can enter the classroom up until half-term if necessary, but should aim to say goodbye to their children at the Reception gate.

Communication is extremely important between parents and teachers and we encourage you to build a good relationship with your class teacher, teaching assistants, Miss Kelly, the office and myself. However, this cannot be to the detriment of safety or teaching and learning. Teachers are happy to meet with parents in the morning or after school by appointment and are generally always available after school for a short discussion. If you have a message for the teacher in the morning please write a short note, send an email or speak to the office.

These procedures are in place purely and solely for the safety, security and development of your children. Please help us by following them.

Dates for your diary

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| Year 4 Class Assembly | Wednesday 9 th October 9:30am |
| Year 6 Guardian Trip | Monday 14 th October 8.30am |
| Assessment Week | Monday 21 st October |
| KS2 Cinema Trip | Monday 21 st October 9am |
| KS1 Cinema Trip | Tuesday 22 nd October 9am |
| Parent Consultation | Tuesday 22 nd October 4pm – 7pm |
| Parent Consultation | Thursday 24 th October 4pm – 7pm |
| Harvest Festival | Wed 23 rd October KS1 9:30 KS2 11am |
| Half Term | Mon 28 th October - Fri 1 st November |

You may have noticed a different style of writing to the newsletter this week as Miss Kelly has been out on a Headteacher's conference and I have been given the opportunity to write the newsletter. I hope you have found it as informative as normal!

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely,

Mr C. Sweetingham
Deputy Headteacher