



25th November 2013

Dear Parents,

Anti Bullying Week

Last week was anti bullying week at St Theresa's. The children were taught how to keep safe whilst using the internet, on the playground and in their day to day interactions. However, the main focus of the week was Cyber bullying - children learnt how to stay safe online and to be aware of the dangers when visiting different websites. Online safety is an ongoing topic in all ICT lessons but anti bullying week helps us to really focus on the potential dangers when using technology.

Bikeability Year 6

Well done to the Year 6 children who achieved their Level 1 and Level 2 certificates in their Bikeability Training. They received their certificates and badges at last Friday's assembly.

The Friends

Raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair went out last Friday in the school bags. Please try to sell as many as you can. The ticket stubs need to be sent back to the school with the persons' name and contact number along with the money by Friday 6th December. Any unsold tickets must be returned to the school office as well. A prize will be presented to the family who sells the most tickets. We have fantastic prizes again this year – as they say – you've got to be in it to win it!! Good luck!

Football

The St Theresa's Girls Football team played Chalgrove School last Thursday. They won 3 – 1. Well done to the team and a special mention goes to Maddy and Maria Helena who scored the goals. Also, Well done to Miss Regan the Girls Football Team Manager.

Mike Freer MP

We are delighted to welcome Mike Freer MP to our Christmas Jumper Day Assembly on Wednesday 18th December. Mr Freer's PA confirmed this week that a St Theresa's pupil has won one of the runner up prizes in his Christmas card competition we were invited to enter. The winner will be announced at the assembly along with the winner of the best staff jumper. Last year Mr Sweetingham was awarded The King of the Christmas Jumper and already the competition this year is immense! This year parents have also been invited to create their own Christmas jumpers and wear them to the assembly. Of course all

are welcome to this assembly, even if you don't make a jumper! (As stated in the last newsletter.)

Governor's Fund Raising Event

Thank you to everyone who went to the Governors Fund Raising event last Saturday. A big thank you to Mr Evans one of our Parent Governors who arranged the event and to the Josquin Choir who performed. £205 was raised in total. The money raised goes to the Governors Fund, which is for sundries and payments for small school building items. All major building work improvements is paid from the Governors School Building Fund which is held within Westminster Diocese.

Philippines Disaster Appeal

Thank you for your generosity in our fund raising day for the Philippines Disaster Appeal. We raised over £700. This will be sent to the Disaster Relief Fund where it will help the victims who are suffering from the effects of the devastating disaster.

Specsavers Offer

As the evenings are now beginning to get darker it's becoming more difficult for drivers to spot pedestrians on the road side. As 18th to 24th November was Road Safety Week, Specsavers is helping children to stay clearly visible, by giving away a free children's high visibility vest to parents and guardians. The fluorescent vests come in a one size fits all and are available for collection at participating stores in London and Greater London, until stocks last. If you don't want the fluorescent vests – we'll take them off your hands. They're great for any outings. Please print the voucher using the link below and take to specsavers.

The promotion runs until 13th December 2013. Road safety week is this week 18-24 November.

http://www.standard.co.uk/standard.co.uk/commercial/offers/specsavers_voucher_1511.pdf

Fund Raising

We are always amazed at the generosity of the children and the parents of our school and this is never taken for granted. Parents and children are never expected to bring in money for charity and no staff member has ever or will ever demand money from a child or parent for a fundraising event. Any contribution no matter how small is greatly appreciated.

The children have heard from some fantastic speakers in our assemblies this term. They have learnt about the work the NSPCC do in this country and how it first came to be. They have also heard from a Samaritan worker and how the organisation is working with CAFOD in supporting the lives of children in poverty stricken countries across the world. The children have learnt how the Macmillan Cancer Appeal supports those who suffer from the effects of cancer. Our intention is for the children to learn about their place in the world as global citizens and to be aware of people who are in need and are not as lucky as they are. Each Monday in our Gospel assemblies we talk about how we can live our lives like Jesus did. As Christians, this is one way we actively try to do this.

Thank you again for your continued support. And remember. You don't **have** to give to every event or any event.

Dates for your diary

Infant Nativity– ***Parents Welcome***

Wed 4th Dec 9:30am

Reception Nativity– ***Parents Welcome***

Fri 6th Dec 9:30am

Junior Carol Concert- ***Parents Welcome***

Tues 10th Dec 7pm in Church

Reception & Infant Theatre Trip

Mon 16th Dec (after lunch)

Christmas Dinner

Tues 17th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day Assembly – ***Parents Welcome***

Wed 18th Dec 9:30am

Christmas Party Day

Wed 18th Dec

Many thanks for all your support!

Yours sincerely,

Miss M. Kelly
Headteacher