

NEWSLETTER

St. Theresa's
Catholic Primary School



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6th December 2013

Dear Parents,

Advent Liturgies

During this season of Advent we will hold Advent Liturgies in year groups to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. We have been getting the school ready by making displays, putting up decorations and singing carols and learning lines for our nativities and concerts. During this busy time the children have been learning how we prepare our hearts for Christ and have decided to make an extra special effort to show forgiveness and kindness to others so that the meaning of Christmas is not lost in whirlwind of preparation!

The Friends

Raffle ticket stubs and money were due in today to the school office. If you still have the tickets don't worry, please bring the stubs and money to the raffle stall during the Christmas fair so that you don't miss out on winning the fabulous prizes. Bring any unsold tickets back too!

Christmas Fair – TOMORROW 12pm to 3pm

If you can help in getting the Christmas Fair ready please come to the school Saturday morning. Your help, no matter how small, is really appreciated! Let's hope we have a fantastic Christmas Fair – remember it's 12pm to 3pm.

Staff Leavers

We say goodbye and a very fond farewell to Miss Reilly and Miss Bowman Morris our Year 1 Teachers who are leaving St Theresa's at the end of this term. We wish them the very best of luck in their new positions and thank them for the hard work they have carried out at St Theresa's.

New Year 1 Teachers

We welcome Miss Sultana to Year 1 Blue Class and Miss Row to Year 1 Red Class. They will be spending some time with the children and the teachers in the next couple of weeks so that there is a smooth transition for the children as they start the Spring Term in 2014.

School Reading Book Audit

Many thanks to everyone who returned their reading books to the school. We really appreciate your support and understanding during our book audit. The audit is really going to help us organise what we have and what we need. The books will also be catalogued and banded so that the children can choose their next reading book. They'll also have more opportunities to use the library, learn about the Dewy System and take home a book from the library each week to enjoy with you at home.

Reception and Infant Nativities

The Reception Class and Infant Classes held their Nativities this week. Well done to the teachers and teaching assistants for 2 fantastic Nativities. Every year I'm amazed at the ability of the children and how much they can achieve when given the challenge and opportunity. Well done to Miss Johnson our dedicated Reception and KS1 Leader for her guidance and expertise! Thank you to you the parents for helping the children learn their lines at home and to the Governors who came to show their continued support of the staff and children at St Theresa's. We are a very lucky school!

Christmas Carol Concert

Please come to the Junior Christmas Carol Concert at St Philip's Church next Tuesday 12th December at 7pm. Mr Sweetingham and the Junior Staff have prepared a concert that will certainly get you all in the Christmas Spirit!

North London Hospice

After the Nativities this week we have been collecting for the North London Hospice in memory of Mrs Pia Falcini a Teaching Assistant at St Theresa's who passed away around this time 3 years ago. We will be collecting at the end of the Christmas Carol Concert also.

After School Clubs

If your child is in an after school club please would you come to the school at 4:30pm to pick your child up. Some parents have been coming at 3:30pm to get their child changed for their relevant club and wait in the school. We encourage independence right from Reception to Year 6 and all children are able to change into a kit and trainers independently. It is also causing a safeguarding issue as adults without a DBS clearance must not be in or around a classroom of children. Of course, if you come early, you're welcome to wait in the side door lobby – next to the heater or sit in the book room next to the medical room. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Don't Forget

Christmas Jumper Day Assembly with Mike Freer MP on Wednesday 18th December 2013 at 9.30am. Could every child bring in £1 donation for Save The Children Fund making this a fun & worthwhile event especially at this time of year.

Advent Assembly

We will be holding a whole school Advent Assembly on Friday 20th December at 9:30am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Early Closing Slips for Friday 20th December

We will be closing the school on Friday 20th December at 1pm. Please complete the reply slip below telling us who will be picking your child up. On this day we request that your child is picked up by an adult even if they are a lone traveller.

Dates for your diary

Junior Carol Concert- <i>Parents Welcome</i>	Tues 10 th Dec 7pm in Church
Reception & Infant Theatre Trip	Mon 16 th Dec
Christmas Dinner	Tues 17 th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	Wed 18 th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day Assembly – <i>Parents Welcome</i>	Wed 18 th Dec 9:30
Christmas Party Day	Wed 18 th Dec
Advent Assembly – <i>Parents Welcome</i>	Fri 20 th Dec 9:30
Last day of term	Fri 20 th Dec 1pm closing

Many thanks for all your support!

Yours sincerely,

Miss M. Kelly
Headteacher

EARLY CLOSING REPLY SLIP

I understand that the school will close at 1pm on Friday 20th December 2013.

My child class will be collected

By

Signed (Print)

Will all parents complete and return to your class teacher by Friday 13th December 2013 at latest.