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St. Theresa's
Catholic Primary School



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20th December 2013

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for your kind Christmas cards and gifts. The staff and I really appreciate your kindness and generosity. Teaching and working in a school in this current climate is not easy and the very few negative voices are the ones that are often heard the loudest so to see and hear your kind wishes makes us feel valued and spurs us on. A real heartfelt thank you goes out to every one of you!

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair, which was a huge success. Every year we worry the day before that we won't get enough helpers and then we are amazed at all the support and kindness that comes flowing in. Thank you to everyone, parents, staff and governors who helped to get the fair ready and to those who stood behind stalls and packed away at the end.

With your help The Friends raised a wonderful amount. This will go towards the new books for the school library. Many thanks to the fantastic Friends.

Match Funding

Mrs Pasqualetti has confirmed that Barclays have match funded the food stall at the Christmas Fair and have given us £750 towards the amount raised. If your company match funds please let us know! Thanks Mrs Pasqualetti for always thinking of us!

Christmas Carol Concert

I'm sure you'll agree that this year's Christmas Carol Concert was very special. The singing, acting and the whole arrangement was superb. Well done to the staff and you the parents for preparing the children for this wonderful event. We collected for the North London Hospice after the Nativities and the concerts this year. Together we raised £541.41 in memory of Pia Falcini a member of staff who passed away around this time 3 years ago. Thanks again for your generosity.

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day was another huge success this year. Thank you to everyone who made such a huge effort with their Christmas Jumper. We raised a fantastic £200 for the Save the Children Charity whilst having such a fun time. It was lovely to see so many parents and governors at this funny event culminated in Miss Martin being awarded Queen of the Christmas Jumper 2013! Thank you to Caroline, who on behalf of Mike Freer MP judged the event & congratulations to Dominik in Year 3, the runner up in Mr Freer's Christmas Card competition.

Year 1 Teachers

As you know we say goodbye to Miss Bowman Morris and to Miss Reilly. We thank them for their hard work and wish them the very best of luck for the future. Miss Sultana and Miss Row have spent four days with us and have got to know the class routines, the children and their abilities. They've also met some of you so that you can put a face to the name. They are both looking forward to teaching our Year 1 children. Please welcome them to the close knit St Theresa's community!

School Reading Book Audit

Many thanks for all your support with our Book Audit. This was a huge task and with the help of a Literacy Consultant we have book banded the individual readers and the guided readers. It has also given us the opportunity to dispose of tatty and out of date books and see what the gaps are in our reading resources. Books that were not needed have already been collected by an organisation who take books to schools in Africa. We have been able to purchase books to fill the gaps so that the children have a better selection to choose from within their book band. Books will be distributed the first week back after Christmas.

Urgent Request to All children from Miss Kelly

Dear Children,

Over the Christmas holidays, please would you get someone to take a picture of you reading a book in an unusual place. It could be on a bus, on a mountain, in a tree or under the stairs. Maybe not a tree – just in case! I would love to display the photographs in the library for its grand opening which is coming soon. All photographs must be sent to the school office with your name and class on the back. Oh and I forgot to say, the best photograph gets a prize! Thanks for your help! Miss Kelly



Father Christmas

Father Christmas paid a visit to St Theresa's this week. He came during our Christmas parties. He even dropped off some early Christmas presents! Thank you Father Christmas, for popping in to see us at such a busy time of year. Maybe a member of staff will show him our newsletter and let him know we're very grateful!!!

Dates for your diary

Mon 6th January

School Closed – INSET Day

Tues 7th January

School open children start

Wishing you all – children, staff, parents and governors, a very happy and holy Christmas! See you all in 2014!

Many thanks for all your support!

Yours sincerely,
Miss M. Kelly

Headteacher