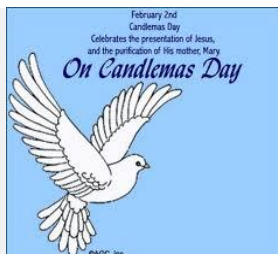


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31<sup>st</sup> January 2014

Dear Parents,

### **School Uniform**

Now that the cold weather is truly here and here to stay please ensure that coats, hats and scarves are navy. I have noticed that children new to the school and many Reception children are wearing multi- coloured hats and scarves, this may be due to not being aware or missing this information so just to confirm this is not part of our uniform policy. Please would you change these to navy and label all items with your child's name. Many thanks.

### **Rainy Mornings**

To clarify the routine during rainy mornings, we would like the children to enter the side door by themselves from 8:30 onwards. The children will go straight to the school hall where they are supervised until 8:40. They will then proceed to their classroom where the teacher will be waiting for them. This includes all Year groups including Reception Class and Year 2. As always any messages for the teacher should be given to the school office.

### **Paint and Pen Marks**

At St Theresa's we provide a variety of activities which allow children to experiment and learn. This includes writing on whiteboards, painting and clay work. The paint, felt tip pens and whiteboard markers we purchase for the school are specifically designed for children to use. They are low in odour, have chunky barrels and are short in length for small children to hold. These items do not contain permanent ink and after double checking with the supplier again they have assured me they are water soluble despite claims from parents that they are permanent. We do not purchase permanent ink, pens or paint in the school. The staff and I empathise with the parents and know it is hard to keep uniform clean and smart and to support you, we will ensure that all children wear aprons when using paint. When writing in pen on whiteboards or on paper please encourage your child, as we do, to get the ink on the board or page as this is a writing skill children learn when they start school.

### **Year 3 Assembly**

Well done to Year 3 and Miss Regan for leading us in worship in this Wednesday's Class assembly. They have really grown in confidence and are definitely Junior children.

### **Key Stage 2 Leader**

Ms Harney, Key Stage 2 Leader has resigned from her post at St Theresa's. Ms Harney was our dedicated Year 6 Class Teacher during her time at St Theresa's and led the book fairs and World Book Days, as well as the school journeys and end of Year 6 productions.

We wish Ms Harney every success in her future endeavours and thank her for her work and kindness towards everyone at St Theresa's.

### **Class Parent Rep Meeting**

The next Class Parent Rep Meeting will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am in the Multi Purpose Room. Please go straight in and help yourself to tea and coffee. If there's anything you would like to discuss or information you need, let me know beforehand so that I can get it for you.

### **School Building Fund**

Just a reminder about School Building Fund. Our aim is to get new windows for the Yr3 and Yr4 classrooms by the end of this academic year. We didn't have enough money for these classes last year. All contributions are really appreciated!

### **Parent View**

Our last Ofsted was in October 2010 which is just over 3 years ago. Whilst there is no pattern for when schools are inspected, (one school in Barnet was inspected just before Christmas and they had been inspected 2 years before) we anticipate an Ofsted inspection in the near future. Under the new Ofsted guidelines there is an opportunity for parents to give their views about St Theresa's on an Ofsted website called Parent View. You will find it at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. This is an opportunity for parents to have their views read by the Ofsted inspectors when they arrive.

There is a lot of information on the website about how to enter your views. They also make it very clear that it is not a site to make complaints. This is to be done through our complaints procedures. Obviously we want to do very well in our Ofsted. We want to maintain the good reputation St Theresa's has so that it is here for our children for many years to come. Anything you can do to support us in achieving a good outcome when Ofsted arrives will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your support.

### **Dates for your diary**

Some of the dates are very far ahead. We will try to keep to these dates as far as possible, however there may be times when we have to change them. Thank you for your understanding

Please note the change to Yr 1 Blue and Yr 4 assembly dates

**Class Assembly Yr 2– Parents Welcome**

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:15

**Class Assembly Yr 6– Parents Welcome**

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:15

Hindleap Trip Yr 5 Parent Info Meeting

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 3:45pm in the hall

**Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Parent Consultations

**Class Assembly Yr 4**– *Parents Welcome*

Parent Consultations

Ash Wednesday Mass TBC

Hindleap Yr 5 Trip

**Class Assembly Yr 1 Red**– *Parents Welcome*

**Class Assembly Yr 1 Blue**– *Parents Welcome*

**Class Assembly Yr 3**– *Parents Welcome*

Easter Assembly Yr 6– *Parents Welcome*

Reading to your Child - *Meeting For parents*  
With Marilyn Brocklehurst

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 4 to 6:30pm

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 9:15

Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 4 to 6:30pm

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March 9:15

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March 9:15

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March 9:15

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March 9:15

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April 9:15

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April 6:30pm

Many thanks for all your support!

Yours sincerely,

Miss M. Kelly  
Headteacher