



ST.THERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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6th SEPTEMBER BULLETIN No:1

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the new school year at St Theresa's! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break!

We have been very busy over the holidays. We have painted the Year 1 Blue Classroom and the library. We have also installed a PE room in the hall and fitted new windows and doors to some areas of the school. Our Reception Blue Class has also turned into Year 1 Red and is up and running. Outdoor benches have been varnished, trees cut back and paths have been power washed. The new school year has started with a thorough clean; it certainly looked good in the sunshine this week.

Thank you to the Staff

A big thank you to Mr Brohan and Halil for all their hard work. A special thank you to all the teachers who came in over the holidays to organize their classrooms. In some cases teachers started from scratch – a completely empty room, spending many days making their classrooms welcoming and inspiring for the children!

Baby News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Sweetingham on the birth of their second child Isla Elizabeth who was born on 15th August. Mr Sweetingham is surviving on very little sleep-up to 3 hours max but led all the staff in a fantastic training day this Tuesday which has energized us all!

Class Teachers

We welcome our class teachers and teaching assistants to the school this term

Reception	Mrs Decuseara & Mrs Fraser
Year 1 Blue	Miss Reilly & Mrs Hamerton
Year 1 Red	Miss Bowman –Morris & Mrs Sweeney
Year 2	Miss Johnson & Mrs Tarrant
Year 3	Miss Regan & Mrs Christou
Year 4	Mr Licata & Mrs Rossi
Year 5	Miss Martin & Mrs McGrath
Year 6	Mrs Harney & Mrs Solari

Match Funding

Thank you to Barclays Bank who approved the match funding on food at the Summer Fair. Barclays contributed £750 to the Friends Committee Account. If

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you are able to make a link with a major company who carry out Match Fund Raising please let them know about our school events.
Another big thank you to Mrs Pasqualetti for contacting Barclays Bank on our behalf for the second year in a row. Your support is really appreciated.

Assemblies

Just to keep you updated. Class assemblies will take place on Wednesdays at 9:30am this year. Please see the diary dates for when you class will lead the school in worship.

Coffee Mornings

Parents are very welcome to use the Multi-Purpose Room in the mobile at 10 to 9 when there is a mass or assembly at 9:30am. Please leave a donation for the tea and coffee provided, so we can continue to provide this service.

Reminders

To assist with the smooth running of the school and to enable me, the staff and pupils to achieve a successful working environment, I seek your full support with the following:-

Punctuality

School times are:- 8:50am start
 3:30pm finish

The school gates are open at 8:30am. Children should proceed straight to the playground where they will wait until 8:40am. They will then lead to their classrooms.

Children arriving in the morning after 8:50am should report to the school office. Children who are not picked up on time in the afternoon will be taken to the school hall where they should be collected. It is important that all children are on time for school and are collected promptly at the end of the day.

Attendance

Good attendance is vital for your children's progress. We do not authorise time out for holidays in term time. However if you require authorisation in special circumstances please put your request and details in writing to the Headteacher. For other absences please send in a note of explanation to be recorded in the class register. The school will follow up unexplained absences. The Educational Social Worker will check up on poor attendance.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons no jewellery except watches and ear studs are allowed. Children must not wear hooped earrings.

Uniform

Pupils should wear their St Theresa's uniform with pride and should be dressed in full school uniform which includes a jumper or cardigan with the school logo and the school tie.

Children are also expected to wear the appropriate PE uniform which consists of a white t shirt with the school logo, navy sweatshirt with the school logo and navy jogging bottoms. (Not leggings).

Girls are permitted to wear their navy check summer dresses until the half term break. However, if the white shirt is being worn it must be accompanied by a tie.

As it is difficult establishing the ownership of uniform, please ensure that all school coats, jumpers and PE kits are clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Trainers are allowed for playtime. Trainers must not be worn to and from school or in school. When your child plays on the school climbing frame we advise they wear trainers at playtime for safety.

Home Learning

You will receive a home learning timetable from the class teacher. Your support in ensuring that the homework is done well and completed on time is invaluable. Support from home can contribute to a child's success at school.

Home Learning Club for Year 5 and Year 6 will start on Friday 13th September. A letter will be sent out on Monday with further details

Water

We believe that drinking water regularly has a significant impact on improving concentration. Water bottles can be purchased from the school for a charge of £2.

Sweets/cakes

We are mindful of healthy eating and therefore do not allow sweets in the school. Please send in fruit for birthday treats. To ensure the safety of children with allergies we ask you to avoid peanut related foods in packed lunches.

We recommend healthy packed lunches to provide prolonged energy and concentration for the afternoon session. Biscuits and chocolates bars only give a temporary boost of energy.

Fruit

The Reception and Infant Classes are provided with a free piece of fruit daily from the National "Free Fruit for School."

Dinner Money

It is important that dinner money is sent in at the beginning of each term. Please place the correct amount of £79.80 in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly written on it. We regret we do not keep money in the school and therefore cannot provide change. Cheques should be made payable to St Theresa's Primary School.

Contact Details

Please ensure the school office has your up to date mobile number and contact details should we need to get in touch with you urgently.

Code of Practice

It is essential that we have your support in promoting the School Code of Practice. At St Theresa's we are committed to caring for each other and the school environment. Bullying or unkind behaviour will not be tolerated.

Complaints

Parents must follow the formal procedures for complaints by contacting the appropriate members of staff, the class teacher in the first instance, then the Deputy Head or the Headteacher if you feel your query has not been resolved. You must not attempt to redress the concern yourself by confronting those you believe to be at fault. Please do not confront other parents or children on the school premises. Early contact with the school over issues or developing problems allows them to be dealt with quickly and researched thoroughly.

Curriculum Meetings

You are invited to a meeting with your child's new class teacher on the days listed below to discuss the class curriculum and procedures. All meetings will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at 3pm and should last about thirty minutes. If you are unable to attend information packs will be sent home from each class.

Tuesday 10 th September	Year 5 Class
Wednesday 11 th September	Year 4 Class
Thursday 12 th September	Year 3 Class
Friday 13 st September	Year 2 Class
Monday 16 th September	Year 1 Red & Year 1 Blue Class
Tuesday 17 th September	Year 6

Parents of children in Reception have been invited to an Early Years Curriculum Meeting on Thursday 3rd October at 6:30pm led by Amelia Whitehouse Early Years Advisor.

Swimming

This year swimming lessons will take place on Fridays.

Pupils in Yr 5 and Yr 6 will be attending Copthall swimming pool every Friday morning for this Autumn Term starting next Friday 13th September.

The coach will leave at 9am for their lesson at 9:30. They will return to school by 10:50am. Please ensure your child is suitably prepared and on time for school.

The coach will leave at 9am prompt.

In the Spring Term Year 3 and Year 4 will have swimming lessons instead.

All for Sports Coaching will start next week.

All for Sports will take place on the following days for the following classes.

Tuesdays – Reception, Year 2 and Year 3

Thursdays – Year 1 Red, Year 1 Blue, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Please ensure your child wears their school PE kit & PE tracksuit to school on these days. This will ensure time is not taken up getting changed.

On PE days when the lesson is taught by the class teacher, children are required to bring their PE kit with them.

Primary School PE and Sport Funding

The government is providing additional funding for schools for academic years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015 to improve provision of physical education and sport in primary schools. This funding provided jointly by the Departments of Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport will be allocated to primary school headteachers.

At St Theresa's we have decided to use our funding to increase the standards of teaching and learning in gymnastics and improve the gymnastics equipment we have in the school. Every Monday afternoon a qualified gymnastics coach (from All for Sports) will team teach a gymnastics lesson with every class teacher.

Gymnastics is a highly skilled area of the PE curriculum and we wish to provide high standards of teaching and achievement in this area.

Lessons will start next Monday afternoon for the following classes

Autumn Term – Year 3 and Year 4

Spring Term – Year 5 and Year 6

Summer Term – Year 1 and Year 2

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit with them on this day.

Consent Form for Local Community Activities

During the year we will be informing you about and seeking permission for your children to participate in school outings and activities. However for attendance at local activities such as attending Mass in the church, visiting the local library, swimming at Copthall Leisure Centre we ask you to complete the permission slip below giving general consent. We also ask for your permission to use photographs of your children for display purposes. All forms will be kept on file. Many thanks for your co-operation.

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! More details of what is involved will follow.

Dates for your diary

Year 5 Class Assembly	Wednesday 25 th September 9:30am
Beginning of Year Mass	Friday 27 th September 9:30am
Year 2 Class Assembly	Wednesday 2 nd October 9:30am
Year 4 Class Assembly	Wednesday 9 th October 9:30am
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
Parent Curriculum Meetings	See above for dates
Half term	Mon 28 th October - Fri 1 st November

Yours sincerely,

Miss M. Kelly

Headteacher

Consent Form

I/We give permission for my/our son/daughter.....

Class..... to participate in all curriculum trips and activities as follows:

- Fields
- Library
- Road Safety Activities
- Church visits
- Other activities including walks to places in the local community

Signed.....Parent/Guardian Date.....

I/We also give permission for the school to use photographs/videos