

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 2017 – Friday 15th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fantastic first term to this academic year. It has been packed with so much learning and events that we can hardly believe it's nearly come to an end already!

Thank you for your understanding on Monday when we had to close the school due to the snow.

The children came back to school on Tuesday filled with stories about the fun they had building snowmen and sledging!

Year 3 and Year 4 performed their Nativity on Wednesday. The production took us to a courtroom in the middle of Bethlehem where we saw the cows feeling pushed out of their stable by the donkeys. The judge was far from happy. The narrators took the judge out of the courtroom to witness the night's events first hand. The judge was humbled when he saw baby Jesus and when he and all the characters experienced the peace and love that this special baby brought in to the world. Not only was the acting and singing from Year 3 and Year 4 superb but it left us with such a strong message to love one another just as Jesus taught us. Well done to all the children in lower KS2. Thank you to Miss Shatiry, Miss O'Brien, Mrs Tarrant and Miss Martone for working so hard to produce a wonderful show.

Thank you to all our families who attended in such large numbers and helped create a warm atmosphere in the hall. Thank you also to Gerry Costello one of our Foundation Governors who attended all the nativities and thoroughly enjoyed each one of them.

Don't forget we have our Carol Concert in the Church on Monday 18th December at 7pm. All are welcome!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God bless,

Mrs O'Melia and Mr Troy



Swimming in the Spring Term

Year 5 Red and Year 4 will start swimming on Friday 12th January. They will go every Friday at 9.30am. Please ensure your child has everything they need including a swimming hat. Those without hats are not permitted in the pool. If you would like your child to wear goggles please put this request in writing as per the pool's procedures.

Please also ensure your child is prepared so that this opportunity and money is not wasted. If your child is well enough for school they are well enough for swimming. Your support is appreciated.



REMINDERS –

Attendance- Please can parents remember that if your child is not in their classrooms by 8.50am, they are late. Punctuality is being closely monitored and parents of children who are persistently late will receive a letter. Holidays in term time will not be permitted. Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term. These are checked by the EWO. Thank you!

Please bring an appointment card if your child is visiting the doctor, dentist or a letter if it's a hospital appointment. Please try to make medical appointments after school if you are able to do so. Many thanks for your support.

Dropping Off- Please do not drop your child off in front of the school gate. Please ensure you park safely and responsibly. Thank you for your support.

Scooters and Bicycles- Please can you ensure your child does not ride their bike or scooter in the playground at any time. Thank you!

Dates for your diary – Parents are welcome to all Assemblies & Masses

Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Concert Monday 18th December - St Philips Church 7pm
Party Day Tuesday 19th December - Children come to school in their own clothes

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term, school finishes today at 1 o'clock



Achievements



Rec	Reception - For their amazing Christmas jumpers and dancing during our whole school assembly.
Yr 1	Torishae - For her beautiful behaviour and always being a kind friend to others. Sebastian - For his excellent behaviour this week and trying his best in all class tasks given.
Yr 2	Darcy - For her helpful attitude in class and fantastic effort making a stained glass window in Art. Juana - For a wonderful descriptive piece of writing about Lily and the Snowman.
Yr 3	Year 3 - For their fantastic performance at the Nativity.
Yr 4	Joline - For performing an amazing solo at our Nativity Pouria- For making a great effort with his spellings.
Yr 5 Red	Flavia - For learning all her words at the Carol Concert. Cara - For learning all her words for the Carol Concert.
Yr 5 Blue	Andrew - For focusing well and being self-motivated. Lola - For using fantastic adventurous vocabulary.
Yr 6	Louis LD - For showing great improvement in his participation in class discussion. Natacha - For an amazing first week in our class in Year 6.

Well done to everyone who tried their best this week and worked hard to challenge themselves.



Thank you to everyone who supported the charity 'Save the Children' by coming to school wearing a Christmas jumper and helping to raise £111 for children who are less fortunate than us especially at this time of year.

Congratulations to Mamie Year 2 and Miss Shatiry for being crowned our Christmas Jumper Day Queens!

This is such a fun event in the calendar and we look forward to it every year. Thank you to everyone who put so much effort in to celebrate this special charitable day in support of others who have more needs than our own.



Attendance this week



Reception	94%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	100%
Year 5 Red	96%
Year 5 Blue	97%
Year 6	100%
Total Attendance	97%

Well done to Years 4 and 6 who had the best attendance this week.



3RD SUNDAY OF Advent

St Theresa's Building Fund

The voluntary Building Fund contribution of £60 per child and £100 per family for this academic year is due. Your contribution goes towards the 10% cost we are obliged to pay for developing and maintaining our school buildings. Please keep your payments coming in, so far **54** families out of **234** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£4,600** out of a possible **£12,500** many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.