

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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SPRING TERM 2018 – Friday 21st December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold and dark weather of the season.

Christmas has always been a magical time at St Theresa's and this year, the last few weeks of term have been filled with Christmas activities and assemblies. Year 3 and Year 4 wowed us last week when they told us about the Christmas Journey. Not only was the acting and singing superb, the dancing fabulous but it left us with such a strong message to love one another just as Jesus taught us.

On Monday night, we had another absolutely spectacular event. It was our annual Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carol Concert. We were treated to a magnificent evening in St Philip's church where quality and clarity of their speaking and singing was excellent.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children for these events.

As the term draws to a close, it is with humility and gratitude that we both look back on the term and with barely restrained anticipation look forward to the holidays and next term!

We are sure that pupils, parents and carers would like to join with us in thanking all of the staff and governors at St Theresa's Catholic Primary School for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the pupils of the school. Likewise, we the staff, governors and pupils would like to thank you, all parents and carers for all your support.

Last, but in no way the least, we the rest of the school community thank our pupils – you are indeed some of the best pupils we have ever had the pleasure of working with.

We pray for, and wish everyone peace, joy and happiness this Christmas and New Year.
See you all on the 8th January 2019!

God bless,
Mrs O'Melia and Mr Troy

News From The Friends

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our coffee mornings before all of the Christmas assemblies. Thank you for your generous donations for our charity collection.

Thank you all for your support this term.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!

The Friends of St Theresa's



Thank you to everyone who supported the Save the Children Charity by coming to school wearing a Christmas Jumper and donating a pound. This is such a fun event in the calendar and also enables us to think of others less fortunate than us especially at this time of year!
The total raised this year was £142! Thank you to all who donated.

Park SAFE
SMART

We have received more emails from parents who were upset to see St Theresa's parents continuing to park over driveways, on pavements and in the middle of the road outside of the school. If you own the following cars, please ensure you are more considerate where you park and ensure pedestrians can walk safely on the pavements. Thank you.
Registration- GJ51 SDU and DY15 VKB

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th January – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

Tuesday 8th January- Children back to school

Friday 11th January- Swimming 9.30am Year 4 and Year 6 Red

Monday 14th January – School Photos

Friday 18th January- Lemon Jelly starts back 3.30pm

Yr R	<p>Kourtney - For showing fantastic knowledge of 3D shapes.</p> <p>Anita - For settling into our class and making lots of friends.</p> <p>Kezie - For using sentences to express his feelings.</p> <p>Jonathan- For being such a great role model in his behaviour and learning.</p>
Yr 1	<p>Laura - For her amazing behaviour and for being a fantastic role model to others in the class.</p> <p>Mikolaj - For his beautiful use of similes and adjectives in his writing this week.</p> <p>Eleanor - For not giving up and trying her best! A great example of being a 'Have a go Mo'.</p> <p>Brendan - For being a super role model and always doing the right thing.</p>
Yr 2	<p>Lucas - For using all of his learning muscles to deepen his mathematical knowledge.</p> <p>Sebastian - For challenging himself during our mathematics lessons.</p> <p>Matty - For always trying his best in his learning.</p> <p>Elizabeth - For her excellent attitude to learning.</p>
Yr 3	<p>All Year 3 - For producing an amazing Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly.</p> <p>Noah - For a fantastic effort in our art lessons using pastels.</p> <p>Isabel - For excellent attitude to learning.</p>
Yr 4	<p>All Year 4 - For producing an amazing Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly.</p> <p>Joe - For trying really hard to solve the Christmas maths puzzle.</p> <p>Julia - For making a great effort in her reading this term.</p>
Yr 5	<p>Enda - For the improvement and progress he has made in his writing this half term.</p> <p>Sean - For his great understanding of the RE topic this half term.</p> <p>All of Year 5 - For their fantastic performance at the Carol Concert this week.</p>
Yr 6 Blue	<p>Daniel - For always putting 100% effort into everything he does.</p> <p>Hugo - For always putting 100% effort into everything he does.</p> <p>Year 6 Blue - For their great effort in their Carol Concert.</p>
Yr 6 Red	<p>Jermaine - For brilliant attitude towards his writing and proof reading his work.</p> <p>Kammy - For excellent attitude towards her writing this week - Keep it up!</p> <p>Year 6 Red - For their great effort in their Carol Concert.</p>

Golden Tickets- Lena, Klaudia and Luke Year 3

St George's won the most House points this week.

Attendance and Punctuality this week



	Absence	Late
Reception	94%	1
Year 1	94%	3
Year 2	99%	1
Year 3	96%	3
Year 4	100%	1
Year 5	92%	1
Year 6 Blue	100%	7
Year 6 Red	98%	0
Total Attendance	97%	17

Well done to Years 2, 4 and 6 Blue for your excellent attendance this week!

Well done to 6 Red for coming to school on time!

Our attendance target for this term is 97%

Punctuality



5 minutes late every day means missing 3 days of school every year.

The doors open at 8.40am and the children must be in class by 8.50am when the register is taken. Pupils arriving after this time are recorded as 'late' and any pupil arriving after the register closes is marked 'absent'.

Persistent lateness may trigger investigation by the School's Education Social Worker.



Advent Prayer

How dark outside!

But see – a star's in the sky;
Mary and Joseph are passing by.

So let's light a candle to welcome them as they
go on their way to Bethlehem.

We'll light a candle in church each day. We'll
light one candle each week and pray.

We'll light a candle at home each day. We'll
light a candle each week and pray.

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the
blessing of Jesus Christ come warming our hearts
and brightening our way.

May Christ our Saviour bring life into the
darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for
His coming.

Amen.



The Little Princess Trust was launched in 2006 by the parents of Hannah Tarplee, along with help from friends and from Hannah's school, Hereford Cathedral Junior School. Hannah was the original Little Princess. Sadly she was diagnosed with having a Wilms tumour and after a brave battle, died in 2005.

At that time, finding high quality wigs for children was very difficult and only after a long search was a suitable company eventually found which made a wig for Hannah. She very much enjoyed wearing her wig, particularly on special occasions.

After Hannah passed away, so many kind people offered help, financial and practical. Hannah's parents, Wendy and Simon decided that the most fitting way to use this help was to launch a charity dedicated to providing specialist real hair children's wigs.

This charity inspired Olivia in Year 4 to grow her hair for two years. She recently had it all cut off and donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust.

The cost of making a wig is around £350 and it can take from between 7 - 10 donations to make just a single wig- as at least 800g of hair is required!

Please click on the link below to see Olivia's fundraising page. If you would like to donate some money to help make at least one wig completely free that would be greatly appreciated.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kamila-miachka?fbclid=IwAR0IEh0L0u_5GxtgnqwwQ5JutZXgYXXoG3FErAIWHMC1p6kVuiBy8rfbQR8&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_content=KAMILA-MJACHKA&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_source=Facebook&utm_term=KQnJDPBDm

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RECEPTION PLACES – 2019-2020

Please remember to complete the local authority
eAdmissions form by
Tuesday 15th January 2019.

St Theresa's School Forms must be returned as
soon as possible but no later than **Tuesday**
15th January 2019.

REMINDERS

Swimming

Year 6 Red and Year 4 will start swimming on Friday 11th 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 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.

WhatsApp

We know that parents in several year groups have WhatsApp groups in order to exchange information and to support each other with logistical arrangements. Sometimes, such groups have inadvertently spread misinformation and innocent errors. Please can we ask group users to be careful of this and certainly not to use such chat groups to discuss members of staff. Thank you.

Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Theresa's is EVERYONES responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Leaflets for parents and visitors outlining the school guidelines on Safeguarding are available outside the school office. We also have a dedicated Safeguarding page on our website with a number of associated Policies and details of our designated Safeguarding team. Please contact one of the team at any time if you have concerns.