

# St. Theresa's Newsletter

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SPRING TERM 2018 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Dear Parents and Carers,

The Christmas journey has well and truly begun at St Theresa's! This week the children in Reception wowed their audience with some beautiful singing during their Carol Concert. They worked hard remembered all their lines and spoke with great clarity. The Carol Concert ended with a very special moment where the children and their families came together to write a Christmas wish and place it upon the tree. We hope all your wishes and hopes for the future come true. A special 'Thank You' to Mrs Decuseara, Miss Martone and Miss Hagin for preparing the children so well for their first time on the stage.

On Friday, the children in Year 1 and 2 acted out the Christmas Story. The children should be extremely proud of themselves– the wonderful acting, the fabulous singing and the elements of humour (especially the camel's dance!) were greatly enjoyed by all. It was a joy to see each child play an active part in this beautiful story. Thank you to Miss Barber, Miss McKinlay, Mrs Katin, Mrs Hamerton and Mrs Fraser for helping the children to put on a very memorable production.

Thank you to one of our Foundation Governors who came to both celebrations. She was very impressed with how confident the children were.

May we all shine this Christmas through our thoughtful words and actions!

God bless, Mrs O'Melia and Mr Troy

## ADVENT PRAYER

### A Child's Christmas Carol

There was a little Baby once  
Born upon Christmas Day;  
The oxen loved His lullabye  
As in His crib He lay:  
His tree, it was a lonely tree  
That stood upon a hill,  
Its candles were the mighty stars  
That shine upon us still;  
His toys were flocks of little lambs,  
He loved to see them play:  
It is for Him we are so glad,  
Now upon Christmas Day



## News From The Friends

Dear Parents and Carers,

## THANK YOU EVERYBODY

We raised the fantastic amount of £3409 at the Christmas Fair! Thank you all for your generosity. We are now working with the school to prioritise the needs of the children for 2019. We will update you on this and our next events early in the new year.

Thank you again all for your support

## The Friends of St Theresa's



## Christmas Fair

**Many thanks to everyone who made our Christmas Fair such a big success. The total amount raised is absolutely amazing!**

**A HUGE thank you to The Friends for all their hard work and constant energy. Without them, your children would not have some of the wonderful resources they use on a daily basis.**



Mrs O'Melia and all at St Theresa's.

**Park SAFE**  
**Park SMART**

We have received a few 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- AD08 YZA, RK52 WPY and CV53 DWJ



It's that time of year again to bring out your most festive knitwear!

On Friday 14th December, we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day with the nation. Children may wear a homemade or bought Christmas jumper to school and bring in a £1 or £2 charitable donation. All proceeds will go to Save The Children.

There will be a whole school assembly for the children to showcase their designs.



### END OF TERM ABSENCES

Following recent guidelines issued from the borough, we have been asked to advise parents about absences at the end of this term and the beginning of the next term in January.

A planned absence needs to be requested in writing in advance and will be considered for authorisation by Mrs O'Melia. If a parent reports their child sick at the end of Christmas term or the beginning of the Spring term and there is evidence to suggest the claim is false, this will be investigated. This has happened in the past and parents who have falsely reported their child sick for a period of time have been issued with fixed penalty notices. Parents are required to provide schools with evidence regarding flight changes or delays if this is a reason for absence. The guidelines read "**Parents should be advised that they may be liable to a penalty notice if they do not provide evidence to validate their child's absence**". Our school has an exemplary attendance record in borough, one that our children, parents and staff are and should be very proud of. The benefits of excellent attendance are widely spoken about and celebrated at school. This can only be maintained with the support of our parents.

Thank you for your support.

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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.**

### Sporting News



Well done to the Year 5 and 6 boys who represented St Theresa's on Tuesday night in their 2<sup>nd</sup> Round East Cup fixture against St John's N11. The final result was 5-1. A superb win for to St Theresa's! This was a real team effort and their sportsmanship has to be commended. The opposition manager also complimented the St Theresa's team on how well they played and their general attitude. Well done boys on your excellent win.

We now await Akiva Primary School in the next round.

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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 11th December** – Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 12th December** – Lower Junior Christmas Assembly 9:30am

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day –Whole school assembly for children only

**Monday 17th December** – Years 5 and 6 Carol Concert at St Philip's Church 7pm

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day

**Friday 21st December** – Last Day of Term early closing 1pm



Reception	Reception Class - For their beautiful Christmas Assembly.
Yr 1	Year 1 - For their amazing performance in the Nativity.
Yr 2	Year 2 - For their amazing performance in the Nativity.
Yr 3	Mamie - For showing excellent investigative and reasoning skills in Maths this week. Artem - For using some excellent, descriptive vocabulary in his writing.
Yr 4	Kamaya - For settling into our class straight away and into our school routines. Mia - For showing great enthusiasm during our T.V advert on the USA.
Yr 5	Martyna - For the great effort you're showing. Well done! Joline - For your positive attitude and enthusiasm during lessons.
Yr 6 Blue	Dawid - For putting lots of effort into all of his learning this week. Max - For an excellent efforts when writing a flashback narrative.
Yr 6 Red	Alex - For really applying himself with our work on negative numbers all week. Scott - For his excellent attitude in class and for really applying himself in our learning on negative numbers. Jack - For his wonderful attitude and input to our writing this week.

### Golden Children this week are:

**Nathalie Year 2 and Kacper Year 3**

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

#### KEEP IN TOUCH:

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## Attendance and Punctuality this week



	Absence	Late
Reception	100%	0
Year 1	97%	2
Year 2	99%	0
Year 3	93%	0
Year 4	97%	0
Year 5	100%	2
Year 6 Blue	99%	3
Year 6 Red	99%	0
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>7</b>

*Well done to Reception, Years 2, 5, 6 Red and 6 Blue for your excellent attendance this week!*

*Well done to Reception, Years 2, 3, 4 and 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.**