

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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SPRING TERM 2019 – Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the staff at St Theresa's we would like to wish you a Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break. We would like to thank you all for your Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. We hope that we will all have a happy year ahead and that every child in the school works hard to reach their full potential.

We are delighted to see how enthusiastically the children have come back ready to start their new topics. Year 6 have started to look at the Treaty of Versailles for their topic 'World War Two'. Year 5 have been creating brochures for a trip to Mars as part of their work on 'Stargazers'. In Year 4 the children have been planning all the things they want to learn about for their 'Traders and Raiders.' Meanwhile, in Year 3 the children have been finishing their 'Heroes and Villains' topic and are extremely excited to start their new topic 'Tribal Tales' where they will travel back in time to the Stone Age. Miss Barber's class in Year 2 have been linking all their work towards their new topic of 'Steet Detectives', where they have been looking at maps in Geography and visiting the tale of Hansel and Gretel in their writing. Miss McKinlay and Year 1 have been using some wonderful vocabulary to describe a giraffe as part of their 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic. Finally in Reception the children have been using their excellent knowledge of shapes to make different houses and castles found in their favourite fairytale stories.

Well done to all the children and staff for making a great start to the 2019. We are sure we can keep this fantastic work ethic and enthusiasm throughout the rest of the year.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Jackson back to St Theresa's. Miss Jackson will be teaching Year 6 Red for the rest of this academic year.

Wishing you all a very nice weekend.

God Bless, **Mrs O'Melia and Mr Troy**

Message from The Friends

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back everyone. We will be updating you shortly with our planned events for this term. Watch this space!

We would like to thank all the parents who volunteered to help raise funds for the school last term and to thank you all for your generous charitable donations and continued support.

We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months.

The Friends of St Theresa's

Cycle Confident

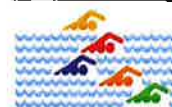


Over the next two weeks Year 6 will be receiving their Cycle Confident training. The aim of Cycle Confident is to ensure that all children leave primary school being able to cycle confidently and safely. The training will be during the week in part of the playground and those who progress, will have the opportunity on the local roads. Letters will go out this week for children in Y6 Blue. Y6 Blue will start on Monday 14th and Y6 Red will start Monday 21st January.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Year 4 and Year 5 have been invited by Christ College to join their celebrations for the Chinese New Year on Wednesday 30th January from 2:20 – 3:20pm. The children will be treated to a range of performances from the pupils at Christ College and then have the opportunity to see a 30 minute cultural performance from London Southbank University.

Swimming



This term Year 4 and Year 6 Red will be travelling to Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre to receive their swimming lessons. Swimming is a part of the PE National Curriculum and it is therefore compulsory for all children to attend. To meet the requirements of the National Curriculum for Physical Education all pupils should be taught to:

- Swim competently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25metres.
- Use a range of strokes effectively.
- Perform safe self – rescue in different water-based situations.

Parents of children returning from an illness that would prevent them from swimming for a short period must provide the school with medical evidence of the illness. Should a child not be able to swim for an extended period of time, a doctor's letter must be provided.

Times Tables Rockstars!

This week we have set all of the children up with a new online times tables programme that your child can use at home to help improve their times tables knowledge whilst becoming a rock star! They will receive their log-ins next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14th January - School Photos
Monday 14th January – Cycle Confident Week for Year 6 Blue
Friday 18th January- Lemon Jelly starts back 3.30pm
Monday 21st January – Cycle Confident Week for Year 6 Red
Wednesday 30th January- Chinese New Year performance for Years 4 and 5 at Christ College
Friday 1st February- Number Day

Well done!

Rec	Junaid - For his great interest in our money topic this week. Dori - For writing his holiday news independently.
Yr 1	Mya - For her great improvement with number/place value and addition/subtraction in numeracy. Maia - For being kind, friendly and helpful towards others in the class.
Yr 2	Lakshay - For working hard over the half term on his handwriting. Jan - For using excellent adjectives in his writing.
Yr 3	Ben - For his fantastic effort and enthusiasm with his writing. Alphy - For his great effort with his Maths learning.
Yr 4	Shayan - For showing a good understanding in our maths learning on fractions. Stella - For showing fantastic enthusiasm during our English lesson on settings.
Yr 5	Tania - For her 'Have a go Mo' attitude and for participating well in class this week. Keep it up! Kajetan - For the great effort he is putting into every lesson! Well done!
Yr 6 Blue	Shazayne - For his excellent learning in Maths this week. Mia - For her excellent learning in Maths this week.
Yr 6 Red	Erin - For her fantastic work ethic when transforming shapes on a Cartesian plane Calum - For being a cooperative and friendly member in class.



Evie Year 1 and Amy Year 4



St Georges won the most house points

Attendance and Punctuality this week



	Absence	Late
Reception	93%	0
Year 1	98%	1
Year 2	97%	3
Year 3	99%	1
Year 4	100%	0
Year 5	97%	1
Year 6 Blue	99%	3
Year 6 Red	98%	0

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

Well done to Reception and Years 4, 6 Blue 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.