

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM TERM – Friday 20th December 2019



On Monday evening we were treated to one of the highlights of the school year; the year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert. It was such a heart-warming evening that allowed us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. The children sang in harmony and their stunning voices echoed through the packed Church. It represented a great deal of hard work on the part of the children and the staff.

It was wonderful that so many families and parishioners joined us during this very special evening.



This year St Philip's Church have been celebrating their centenary and we were overwhelmed to hear that they were kindly raising much needed funds for our school. During the Christmas Carol Concert Fr John presented Mrs O'Melia with a cheque for £2660. We would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to the parishioners of St Philip's for this extremely generous gift.



A huge thank you to Pauline and her team in the kitchen for a wonderful Christmas Lunch last week. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food.



On Thursday some children from year 6 visited Clovelly House Residential Home in Finchley. There they sang Christmas carols and delighted the residents with their beautiful singing. Thank you to the parents who helped transport the children to and from the home.

Message from The Friends



We are delighted to let you know that this term we have raised a total of £3722.81. This was raised from the following events: Christmas cards, second hand uniform, Jingle Mingle, Christmas singalong and the raffle. Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated, volunteered and attended these events. Here's to more fundraising in 2020!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 20th December- SCHOOL CLOSING 1PM
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 6th January STAFF TRAINING -
SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**

Tuesday 7th January- SCHOOL OPEN

Tuesday 14th January- Chess Club starts back

Thursday 16th January- French Club starts back

Friday 17th January- Lemon Jelly starts back

******SAVE THE DATES******

**MOVIE NIGHTS- Wednesday 5th February-
Reception to Year 3**

Wednesday 12th February- Year 4- Year 6

A Child's Christmas Carol



There was a little Baby once
Born upon Christmas Day;
The oxen lowed 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

School Uniform



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Please take the opportunity over the Christmas break to make sure your child's uniform is in keeping with the school policy.

Hairstyle- Shaved head on the back and sides, with long hair on top is not a permitted style. Gel or wax styling products and dyed hair are not permitted either.

Hair should be neat and tidy and be tied up at all times. Hair accessories should be small, plain bands and be blue, black, brown or red.

Earrings- Plain Stud earrings are **only** permitted. Please do not send your child in to school wearing earrings that are not studs.

If your child's uniform does not conform with the school policy, you will receive a letter from the Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance and Punctuality this week



	Attendance	Late
Reception	80%	1
Year 1	90%	0
Year 2	88%	2
Year 3	93%	1
Year 4	93%	0
Year 5	90%	1
Year 6	97%	0

Well done to Year 6 for your excellent attendance this week!

Well done to Years 1, 4 and 6 for coming to school on time!

Certificates for week ending: Friday 20th December

Rec	Shervin – For being such a kind friend to everyone in our class. Kamo – For his great attitude towards his learning.
Yr 1	Olivia – For making a great effort in her writing. Dori – For making the right choices in class and in the playground.
Yr 2	Gabriel – For his excellent writing on the Amazon Rainforest. Arvin – For his excellent effort and listening all week.
Yr 3	All of Year 3 – For their hard work and dedication this term. Lets keep it up!
Yr 4	Kasper – For his wonderful effort in his independent RE work. Sophia – For her friendly and helpful attitude in our classroom.
Yr 5	All of Year 5 – For their fabulous and fantastic Carol Concert performance.
Yr 6	All of Year 6 – For their incredible performance at the Carol Concert.

Golden Ticket

Well done to Ben Y4 and Govind Y4

House Points

Congratulations to St Andrew's and St George's-
joint winners!

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 the 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