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Friday 25th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody for supporting Red Nose Day last week; including all the money made from the sale of the red noses, we raised £345.87 – thank you!

Thank you also to those of you who contributed to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal; we raised £330.

This week at St. Theresa's, the children have been celebrating all things science. On Monday, KS1 were treated to a science exhibition by Dr Andrew Szydlo (a performance chemist and educator who travels the world teaching chemistry) and the children got to see a range of science experiments which left them amazed; there was lots of fire, bubbles and explosions in the hall and it was a perfect way to start our Science Week. Year 4 and 5 visited Christ College and took part in different science investigations. Year 4 looked at various science experiments focusing on static electric energy. They got to use a huge Van der Graaf generator that made their hair stand on end! They also looked at how they could pass static electricity onto each other by creating a human chain. Year 5 took part in a soundwave project – investigating how the differences in the pitch and volume of their voices changed the appearance of the soundwave created. On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 visited the science labs in Bishop Douglass and used their science skills to become crime scene investigators. The children had to perform different science experiments to rule out potential suspects before finally revealing who they thought the culprit was. Thank you to Miss Georgious for organising all the activities for the children this week.

The government has updated its guidance for people who have tested positive for COVID; please see the 2nd page of the newsletter for the updates. The changes are in red.

Next Thursday, the Friends are hosting a non-uniform day; all children can come to school not wearing school uniform for a £2 contribution towards the Friends' funds.

A reminder to all parents that on the last day of term (Friday 1st April), school finishes at 1pm and there will be no after school clubs on that day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Birthday Treats

Please note that if it is your child's birthday, we ask that, rather than bringing in sweets or treats, a book or book token is donated to the school. Please note that the staff have been told not to hand out any birthday sweets or treats.

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

On Thursday 31st March, wear your own clothes for our Easter Feaster day!

We will be raising funds for the school by selling chocolate eggs at the school gate at drop off time!

Please bring £2 for the school fund for your little bag of Easter treats!

From The Friends.

The Wednesday Word

Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the younger son insults his father; his inheritance is all he thinks about. To make matters worse, his reason for returning is not love or consideration for his father, but simply his own desperate hunger. The father doesn't even question his son's motives. He welcomes his son back with the open heart and the open arms of forgiveness.

The message for us is that, whatever we may have done wrong, if we are truly sorry, we can still count on the loving forgiveness of God, who is our Father, and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Enjoy a special time with your child exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday, which is FORGIVENESS.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&v=56.14>

I invite every community and all the faithful to unite with me on Friday 25th March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, for the Solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that she, the Queen of Peace, may help us obtain peace.



Pope Francis #PrayTogether #Ukraine

School Attendance

Term Time Holiday Requests

We have received some requests for leave of absence during school time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Please note that children are expected to attend school for at least 96% of the year. Attendance is regularly checked by the EWO who may fine parents for any unauthorised absence.

Illnesses that will not prevent your child from coming to school

- Mild cough
- Cold/Sneezes
- Tiredness

Living with COVID-19 – updated 22nd March 2022

Testing

The guidance for education staff and secondary school pupils to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing has been removed.

Contact tracing

From 24th February, routine contact tracing ended. Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Pupils who test positive for COVID should not attend school. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they can return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

Parents will be advised to keep their child at home until they have 2 consecutive negative lateral flow tests; the school will ask you for evidence of the two negative results. The school still reserves the right to refuse the pupil until they have had 5 full days at home and two negative results.

Individuals with COVID-19 Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

If you have any of these symptoms you should order a PCR test. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause.

Safer Behaviours

Individuals can still reduce the risk of catching and passing on COVID-19 by:

- Getting vaccinated;
- Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside;
- Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet, when rates of transmission are high;
- Trying to stay at home if you are unwell;
- Taking a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if you test positive; and
- Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.

Mid Morning Snacks



A reminder to parents that children may only have fruit as a mid-morning snack. No other snack will be permitted.



Reception	Daniel C for a very nice "Show and Tell" session and for sharing his toy. Esther for her effort in Maths when doubling numbers 1-10.
Year 1	Max P for his positive attitude towards his Maths work last week. Shazia for trying really hard with her blending and sounding out, and for making good choices.
Year 2	Martin for making an effort to sound out and spell words independently in his writing. Bruna for working hard in all her lessons.
Year 3	Nia for trying to be more independent in class. Lucas for a good attitude to learning.
Year 4	Erin for working so hard on producing joined up writing with a pen Christina for showing great confidence in her Maths and learning new skills really quickly
Year 5	All of Year 5 for fully participating in all the activities in Hindleap Warren.
Year 6	Olivia for her fantastic RE learning on the Passion of Jesus. Luke for his great understanding of ratio and proportion.
<p><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Nathaniel Miki</p>	

Catholic Children's Society (CCS) Lenten Appeal Boxes

A reminder to please return all the CCS Lenten appeal boxes by Friday 1st April.

Dates for your diary

Mon 28th March	9am Mini Vinnie Commissioning Assembly (parents of Mini Vinnies only)
Wed 30 th March	Y2 trip to the Tower of London
Wed 30 th March	7pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter play
Thurs 31st March	Friends Non-uniform day
Fri 1 st April	CCS Lenten Box Appeal ends
Fri 1 st April	Last day of Spring term 1pm finish
Tues 19 th April	First day of Summer term
Tues 26th April	3.30pm-5pm Infant Movie Night
Thurs 28th April	3.30pm-5.15pm Junior Movie Night
Mon 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Mon 16 th -Fri 20 th May	Y6 at Kingswood (residential trip)
Mon 30 th May - Fri 3 rd June Inclusive	Half Term
Mon 6 th June	Staff Inset – School Closed for children
Thurs 21 st July	Last day of Summer Term – 1.30pm finish
*New dates in bold	