

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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We have continued to focus on how we can show love to one another. In Morpurgo's Liturgy on Wednesday the children reminded us to be 'bucket fillers' rather than 'bucket dippers' – we all have an invisible bucket which holds our good feelings and thoughts. When we do something kind, we fill someone's bucket, when we do something unkind we dip into someone else's bucket and remove some of their good thoughts and feelings. *'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.'* (1 John 4:7)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th February	Transition Meeting for Yr 6 parents, Westende School
6th February	WASMA Rehearsal, All Saints School, 4pm
6th February	Yr 5 Swimming
7th February	Open Day for Current Parents
9th February	School closes for half term, 3.15pm (ASC closes at 6pm)
19th February	School opens, 8.55am

Open Day

Wednesday 7th February

If you wish to attend our forthcoming Open Day for current parents booking is required. Please read the instructions that were previously sent home on how to book yourself into a session. As we are unable to accommodate all our parents we have to limit the spaces to 1 parent per family. Please make sure you book your slot as soon as possible.

Netball Match Report by Maddie and Rosie

The netball team played against Robert Piggott School on Wednesday. We played 5 a side and in the first quarter we shot 2 goals and they shot none, then we managed 3 goals in the second quarter and we felt we were doing well as a team. We won 7-1 and Mr Howorth said we were all smiling even though it was very cold!



Emergency Contact Numbers

Please ensure we have an office contact number for you in case of emergency. As we realise it is not always possible to answer personal mobiles, this can often be the quickest way to get a message to you if your child is unwell or hurt themselves.

Fire Safety Message from Wokingham Fire Station



This message is important with Shrove Tuesday fast approaching and many of us will be cooking those delicious lemon and sugar soaked pancakes (there goes the New Year's resolution) with oil.

"Making pancakes can be lots of fun for the whole family and they certainly can be delicious. However, over half of all accidental fires in the home start in the kitchen so please take care, especially when cooking with hot oil."

Please see attached flyer.



Winter Olympics Week

The first week back after half term, we will be taking the once in four year opportunity to celebrate the Winter Olympics. We shall have our very own opening and closing ceremony at school and the children will be participating in themed activities throughout the week. Each class has a nominated nation, so we would encourage you to keep an eye out on their successes as the Games progress, to add the medal totals to our medal board in school. We hope it will be a really exciting week, whilst supporting our heightened focus on in the importance of physical activity in our children.

Great Fire of London by Liyana and William B

Yesterday, Year 1 and 2 had an amazing day! We had a visitor from the past, everyone dressed up in costumes and spent the day in the hall learning about history. We made candles and bread, wrote with our own ink and even used hammers and nails to decorate leather. In the afternoon we got to excavate boxes with artefacts in.



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. Sadly, more and more young people are now suffering with anxiety and depression and find it difficult to think positively about themselves. This morning our Healthy Schools Reps explained the importance of being ourselves and asked us all to celebrate the unique qualities and strengths we all have. Throughout next week the children will be taking part in different activities to promote well-being and we will be replacing our daily 'Wake up, Shake up' with some relaxation and meditation sessions. If you would like some more information please visit www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

I have been busy preparing for my trip to the Gambia next week; the children have given me lots of questions to ask and today Year 6 have been giving me some travel tips! I am really looking forward to seeing first hand the difference our fundraising has made to the community of Kunkujang and seeing another school in action. I will be armed with my GoPro so I can share my experiences with the children when I return.

Next week is your opportunity to share in your child's learning during our Open Day; after listening to me always talking about how amazing our school is, this is your chance to see it for yourselves. If you haven't yet booked your slot, please make sure you do this by Monday at the latest.

Good luck to all those taking part in the SA Quiz tonight. The staff team have been revising hard hoping not to win a wooden spoon again!

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher