

# St Teresa's Catholic Academy

## SPRING TERM 2018

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This morning in Liturgy I shared my experiences of Gambia with the children and asked them to think about all the things we are grateful for; the things that perhaps we take for granted. In our busy lives it can be hard to remember to give thanks, especially when we are having a bad day but when we persevere in thankfulness and resist the temptation to grumble, we can find Joy and Peace in the midst of our struggles, knowing every gift is from God. *"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe."* (Hebrews 12:28)

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th March	Yrs 1, 2 & 3 to St Crispins for Author visit
14th March	Rosen Class Assembly, 9.05am
16th March	Assessment Reports sent home
16th March	St Paddy's Fun Night
19th March	Class Photographs
21st March	Parents Evening, 4-7pm
22nd March	Parents Evening, 4-7pm

#### Parking

Over the past two weeks we have, once again, been inundated with complaints from the residents of Batty's Barn Close who have suffered from our parents parking inconsiderately on a daily basis. During the town renovation works the car parks in Easthampstead Road are offering free parking between 3pm and 6pm – please do take advantage of this; it is only a 3 minute walk from the car park to the school and will really help us to maintain good relationships with our neighbours.



#### Social Media

It has come to my attention that a number of our pupils are using Social Media accounts including Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Whatsapp and Facebook. To protect children, these major social media platforms have **age** restrictions to prevent those underage from creating profiles as the content on these sites is not deemed to be appropriate; the age for children to open an account is 13+ . With the increase in the number of electronic devices children have access to it is important we are aware of the sites they are accessing. If you would like further information on keeping your child safe online please look at the links on the Safeguarding section of our school website.

#### Staff News

Mrs Sexton is currently off sick and is not expected to return before Easter; please keep her in your prayers. Please note, when she returns to school she will be reverting to her maiden name of Miss Abel.

#### Sports News



Congratulations to our netball team who are now top of the league after winning 8/8 matches! Well done Sophie, Rosie, Juliette, Emma, Maddie, James, Adrian and Amelia!

#### Parents' Evening Booking

Please book your appointment using our Booking System which can be found on the school website in the Parents section. Booking will open first thing on Monday 12th March and will close on Monday 19th March, please ensure you book your appointment during these times.

Kindly note that only St Teresa's children should attend, no younger or older siblings please.

It's certainly been an eventful two weeks! We were only just getting over the excitement of our Winter Olympics week when we had the opportunity to actually try out some of the sports for ourselves thanks to the arrival of Storm Emma. Thankfully everyone has returned to school in one piece and it has been lovely to hear about the different adventures the children (and staff!) enjoyed in the snow. I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to spread the news that we were actually closed Thursday morning when our Parentmail system and school website went down just as my decision changed. Due to the resourcefulness of many of our parents word soon got around – a wonderful example of our amazing school community working together.

We have also been thoroughly entertained by Lewis and Butterworth class as they presented their assemblies to their families as well as the rest of the school. The children were so proud to share all that they had been learning with us and all of us learnt something new! My thanks to the many parents who have taken time to thank and congratulate the staff for the effort they have shown in preparing the children; we are so very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff and they really do appreciate your lovely feedback.

This week, across the school we have been celebrating our love of books as part of our Reading Week. Our 'DEAR' (Drop Everything And Read) section each day was a great success although it did seem very strange picking up my novel to read during the work day when I heard the bell ring! Throughout the week the children have had the opportunity to read with staff from across the school and then yesterday with their Prayer Partners; to see the older children reading to their younger counterparts with such enthusiasm was a lovely sight and definitely something we will now see more regularly.

Finally, last week I was truly honoured to attend a very special Mass to celebrate Sr Thérèse's Diamond Jubilee of Religious Profession. Sr Thérèse has such a special history with our school and continues to support us in so many ways; I felt privileged to represent our school and be a part of such a special occasion. Sister had requested the children sing two of her favourite hymns during the Mass and, as always, our wonderful Chamber Choir did a fantastic job, well done to you all!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Nikki Peters*

Headteacher

**SA News follows**

## School Association Update



### **St Paddy's Night is SOLD OUT!!**

Thank you to everyone that has bought tickets. The SA are really looking forward to putting on a fab evening.

If you have any spare chocolate then we would love it for the chocolate tombola.....a very popular stall. The contribution box is in reception.

We will also be having a cake stall so if you would like to donate some fabulous Paddy themed cakes.....we would love to have them. Please let me know, so we can arrange collection email: lau-rahorncastle@hotmail.com

Thank you

#### **Happy Bag Collection**

What an amazing success, All your fabulous contributions have raised an amazing **£508.95!!** Such a super amount, thank you! An extra special 'thank you' to the Starkie family for their amazing clear out pre their move to France!



#### **St Teresa's Charity Draw**

Congratulations to this month's 250 Club winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize- James Batty

2<sup>nd</sup> prize- Fiona Hayward

3<sup>rd</sup> prize- Lindsay Wenstrom

Please get in touch with me if you haven't already so that we can pay you your winnings!

If anyone else would like to be part of this fabulous charity draw then please get in touch! You have a chance to win a sum of money each month while also contributing directly to the SA funds which as always, go right back into the school to benefit your children!

#### **Future Dates for the diary**

**BINGO NIGHT- 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**HAPPY BAG COLLECTION-14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**SCHOOL DISCO (CHILDREN ONLY)- 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**FAMILY FUN DAY-7<sup>th</sup> July**