

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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As we approach the third Sunday of Advent our focus has been joy; we anticipate with joy God's presence breaking into our world each day, as it did long ago. ***"This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it."*** (Psalm 118:24)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th December	Assessment Reports sent home
18th December	Junior Carol Concert, 2pm & 5pm
19th December	Christmas Jumper Day
19th December	Term finishes, 1pm (After School Club finishes at 3.30pm)
3rd January	School commences, 8.55am
4th January	Start of Term Mass, 9.30am



Christmas Jumper Day

19th December

We will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term, Wednesday 19th December. Children should wear normal school uniform topped off with their Christmas jumper. Please donate a minimum of £1. All proceeds will go to the Kunkujang Electricity Project.

SAVE THE DATE!

Now that Nativity prep has finished, Miss Chaffey can start thinking about WASMA!



WASMA will take place on Sunday 31st March 2019 and Miss Chaffey will be looking for juniors to sing and dance at the Hexagon.

More information in January.

Dressing of the Christmas Tree

On Monday 3rd December we went to the dressing of the Christmas tree in Wokingham town centre. We sung lots of Christmas carols praising God and handed out tree decoration to the Mayor. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we hope you can spot our wonderful decoration on the tree.

Annabel, Erin, Joshua, Viara, Grace and Mysha

Thank you to Miss Hines and Mrs Finnegan for accompanying the children.



Mini Vinnies Foodbank Collection

By Finn and Austin

Today we went to the Foodbank and counted all our food and we donated 135 pieces of food. We had lots of food like sweets, biscuits, chocolate, mince pies and lots of tins which were very heavy. We talked to the Manager of the Foodbank and she told us that the Foodbank has donated 75,000 meals in the last 5 years! Everyone enjoyed the visit and we will do another assembly in January to tell everyone about our trip.



The children have been so busy in the past week or so; I'm always so amazed that we manage to fit everything in before the end of term!

On Friday a group of children helped to decorate one of the Christmas trees in the Church; they had a great time making the decorations and were very proud of their achievements. My thanks to Miss Chaffey for overseeing this very important project.

Our Chamber Choir performed with the South Berkshire Singers on Sunday afternoon and, as always, blew the audience away with their talents. Sometimes I forget how phenomenal their singing abilities are because they make every performance look effortless. I was incredibly proud of them all and we have received lovely feedback from our local community. A big thank you to Mrs Phillips for everything that she does with our singers; she really does inspire!

Our children's talents were on show once again in our Foundation Stage and KS1 Nativities this week; in every performance we were wowed and dazzled by dancing donkeys, twinkling stars and sheep with attitude, to name but a few! All of the children were so confident and 'bounced' their way through all of the songs (the tune of 'Baby shark' has been firmly stuck in my head since!), how fortunate we are that the most wonderful story of all time can be told in so many different ways. Once again, my sincerest thanks to the incredible team of staff who not only directed the productions but washed, ironed and made costumes, taught dances, rehearsed lines, all with a big smile and a lot of patience!

Next week we have our Junior Carol Concert which I have no doubt will be just as wonderful; I look forward to telling you all about it once I have thought of some new adjectives to use to describe it!

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher