# St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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This week I shared the story of the Beatitudes with the children; we discussed how each blessing offers a future reward to people demonstrating specific character qualities. The children agreed that our SAINTS Beatitudes help us to demonstrate values which will help us to follow in Jesus' footsteps and the reward for all of us in our St Teresa's community will be that we are all, 'Safe, Happy and Successful, Together with God.'

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd September Year 6 to Osmington Bay

24th September Parent Helper Training, 2.30pm

26th September Seuss Parent Information Evening, 7pm

27th September Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am

30th September Clubs start

30th September Winter Uniform starts

2nd October KS1 Parent Phonics & Reading Workshop 2pm & 6pm 3rd October KS2 Parent Maths & Grammar Workshop 2pm & 6pm

#### Office Hours

We would like to remind you that the School Office is open to parents from 8.30am to 9.30am and then again from 3pm to 3.45pm. Any forgotten items should be dropped off during these hours, especially whilst we are short staffed.

# **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Please join us for coffee and cake on Friday 27th September to raise money for MacMillan.
Our Year 5 children will be delighted to serve you.



#### KS1 & KS2 workshops

We will be running workshops for both KS1 & KS2 parents with key information regarding Phonics, Reading, Maths & Grammar. Please come to the front office for these meetings, children should not attend. Please email the school office if you would like to attend.

### Snacks

May we remind you that Junior children should only bring in fruit for morning Break time.



# **House Captains**

We are delighted to announce the House Captains for this year.

St Catherine's - Alba & Rupert

St Francis - Harry D & Ciara B

St Gemma - Harry M & Grace L

St Thomas - Austin R & Madi

And well done to our Sports Captains -George & Claudia

# **Music & Choirs**

We welcome Mrs Hewitson our new music teacher, she was delighted to have nearly 70 children come for choir auditions this week – to have a choir of this size is fantastic and we are looking forward to performing at many community events this year. Any Junior can join Struck by Sound and after hearing the amazing singing in Mass this morning from all the children we're hoping we will see even more new faces next Wednesday lunchtime.

## **Reception Parents Meeting**

We look forward to seeing our new Reception parents on Thursday at 7pm. Please come to the school office for this meeting, children should not attend. Already the weeks are flying by and the summer has become a distant memory! The children have all settled in so well and I have already had 5 'Gold card' moments from different classes across the school which is a fantastic start.

It was lovely to welcome Fr Simon to our school on Wednesday and to learn more about the history of our building – it has certainly seen some changes over the years! The children wrote some beautiful welcome prayers for Fr Simon; we hope he will be very happy in his new Parish and look forward to working with him.

As we approach the season of Harvest we will be supporting Cafod's 'Brighten up this Harvest', raising funds to help install solar water pumps in communities abroad. Each class have been given a money box and have been asked to bring in any loose change from now until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. There will also be a collection box in the front office - look out for the posters across the school which gives more details of how the money raised will be spent.

And finally, whilst we are very blessed to have such a dedicated and committed staff, can I please ask that when they are 'off duty' and out and about in the local community they are not asked about school matters.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher