

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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This week our focus across school has been 'Be kind, be bold, be awesome.' We are all born with distinct talents and gifts that set us apart from each other; when we discover the talents that God has given us and we use them to glorify Him, we experience a full life! ***'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.'*** (James 1:17)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th September	Year 3 & 4 Stoneage Day
24th September	Year 6 to Osmington Bay
25th September	Parent Helper Training, 2.30pm
27th September	Seuss Parent Information Evening, 7pm
28th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am
28th September	Year 6 return from Osmington
1st October	Clubs start this week
1st October	Winter Uniform to be worn



Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Toby Masters and Santina Russell, our new Head

Boy and Head Girl. For the first time ever we are going to have Deputies to support them in their duties who are Max Davies and Chloe Ward. I am looking forward to working with them all over the next year.



Annual Information Evening

This meeting is an opportunity to hear from the School Association Team, the Governors and members of the Leadership Team, setting out the plans and focus for the new academic year. The date has been provisionally set for Wednesday 10th October however in recent years we have seen a significant decrease in the number of parents attending and last year the number of staff outnumbered parents. Could you please let me know, via the school office email, if you would like this annual meeting to continue and if so what you would like covered within it and finally whether you would attend if it went ahead. If the meeting does not go ahead we will, of course, circulate our key information electronically. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Staff News

Mr Harvey has decided not to continue in After School Club this year as his role in our SEN team has increased. Mr Harvey has always been a central figure in our After School Club and I know he will be missed by parents and pupils alike. Miss Abel has agreed to take on the supervisory role.



Playground Equipment

Can I please remind you that children (including younger siblings) should not use any of the playground equipment after school. In addition, scooters and bikes must not be ridden in the playground either before or after school.



Parish Panto

Please see the attached flyer regarding this year's Parish Panto.

The read through of the script for Cinderella, takes place on the 16th September. This is essentially a try-out of the rehearsal with the audition for main parts on the 18th September.

Greenredeem Scheme

The Healthy schools team last year were looking at ways to improve our recycling and waste. To assist them in this quest we have joined the Greenredeem Scheme. This is an online scheme from Wokingham Council that aims to improve the recycling in the area. Parents can join the scheme and find out ways to improve their own recycling and at the same time earn points for their local school. The more points we earn the bigger the prize at the end to go towards our improvement of recycling here in the school. Details on attached flyer.

Parent Helper Training

We are always looking for people to help out in school. If you are able to offer help in any way, for example, hearing readers, attending school trips or changing books, please come along to our training session on Tuesday 25th September at 2.30pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer in school will need to attend this training and will require a DBS security check. Please bring a valid passport, driving licence and a utility bill no older than 3 months to the meeting as we will require all 3 items to process this check. If you would like to attend this training please let the School Office know. Please note, if you have already done the training you will not need to do it again.

The summer holidays are now a very distant memory; school is very much back in! I have been so impressed with the way in which the children have returned from the break; everyone has settled beautifully back in to our routines and there is a very purposeful vibe around the school. We had a visitor to the school on Tuesday who was extremely impressed by the children's attitude to learning in class and their eagerness to share what they were learning.

Thank you to all those who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Tuesday; it was lovely to see so many of you. I hope you found it a useful session and are now fully informed about the term ahead. Please do look at the class pages on the learning platform for copies of the powerpoints that were shared.

Sadly, we say goodbye to our Foundation Governors: Charlotte Exell, John Burns, Guy Smith-Bingham, Anne-Louise Doe, Anne-Marie Eden and Fiona Hayward. In the time they have served as governors they have done so much for our school; the purchase of the convent land, the building of the new classrooms, overseeing the appointment of senior members of staff, changes to our class structures and our Academy conversion, to name but a few. All of their time and endeavours have enabled our school to go from strength to strength and their presence in our school will be missed.

Mr Matt Sullivan has been elected as our new Chair of Governors; further details of committee changes can be found in the Governor section of our website.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher