

# St Teresa's Catholic Academy

## SUMMER TERM 2019

### NEWSLETTER 2

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Nothing in life can prepare us for the death of someone close to us; whether it is from a sudden accident or a sustained illness it always catches us off guard. With every death, there is a loss. And with every loss there will be grief. Grieving can be the most difficult time for us, however we can seek comfort in God's words. "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 20th May | Life Education Bus this week                           |
| 20th May | Walk to School Week                                    |
| 23rd May | Year 5 Swimming  |
| 24th May | Sports Day (No After School Club today, 3.15pm finish) |
| 24th May | Half term starts, 3.15pm                               |
| 3rd June | School commences, 8.55am                               |
| 3rd June | Year 6 Bikeability this week                           |
| 5th June | Seuss Trip to the Lookout                              |
| 5th June | SLT Drop in Surgery, 7pm                               |

### Parking

Please can we urge you to park considerately at all times. We have had reports of illegal parking on the white lines on Easthampstead Road. These lines are there to allow our neighbours clear access to their driveways and must not be parked on. We are all representatives of our school when in our community and hope to be thought of as a friendly and considerate school.



### Staff News

Sadly Mrs Kumar will be leaving us at half term as she is embarking on a new career in Finance, we wish her every success! Mrs Haigh will be increasing her hours in Donaldson for the remainder of this term.

Mrs Delaney has returned to her teaching role and will be covering classes across the school this term.

Mrs Emmajo Cooper will be working as the Teaching Assistant for Year 5.



### SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

Please read the information carefully:

- Children come to school in their school PE kit of White T-shirt, Navy shorts and school sun hat. They do not need their book bags, only a named water bottle.
- Seuss, Donaldson, Rosen and Butterworth will begin their activities on the field at 9:30am.
- The Junior activities will begin at 10:45 –they will be taking part in races rather than the carousel activities.
- Once the races are finished (approx 12:15pm) we will stay on the field and have our picnic lunch. At this point you will need to sign your child/ren out from their class teacher. Following the picnic and the results announcement you may take your children home.
- **PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY 3.15PM**



Please turn over

Year 5 have been learning about India. Mrs Kumar and I brought in some traditional Indian clothes for us to try. Me, Teigan, Monika and Claudia wore the girls dresses and Jean-Seb and Thomas wore the boys clothes. We looked just like one big Indian family.

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### **Chamber Choir Concert by Grace and Katie**

On Sunday 12th May Chamber Choir performed in a concert in Sandhurst, St Michael's All Angels Church. We performed miraculously with their Church Choir who were also brilliant. There were many solos and duets done with courage. At the end everyone felt proud of themselves and we had a great time.

It has been a strange week full of highs, lows and everything in between.

On Sunday I thoroughly enjoyed the concert at St Michael's Church, Sandhurst. The children were so enthusiastic in their performance and I have received wonderful feedback. They raised an incredible £400 for our Kunkujang project. My thanks to Mrs Phillips and Miss Chaffey for working with the children and to the staff and parents who gave up their Sunday to support us.

Hearing our sad news on Monday sent shock waves throughout the school but as always we came together and drew strength from one another as demonstrated in our beautiful Liturgy this morning. It was a fitting commemoration for all that Shirley did for our school. My sincere thanks to parents, staff and governors for all of your support in what has been a difficult time.

Over the past week we have of course turned to our faith to bring us comfort. I was moved to tears on two separate occasions; Thomas and Harry created their own Creed which was so fantastic I have now adopted it as our very own St Teresa's Creed. I have attached a copy for you to read and it will be displayed in all classrooms. This was swiftly followed by a visit from Katie and Ciara who had written their own hymn to the tune of 'The Rose' which they performed to the whole school. Both of these were wonderful examples of our children living out their faith in their everyday life.

SATs have also taken place this week and the children approached them with a positive and mature attitude. I am very proud of how hard they have worked. Thank you to the staff and governors who assisted in the administering of the tests.

We are looking forward to Sports Day next week and a restful half term.

Best wishes,

***Mrs Nikki Peters***

Headteacher

### **STOP PRESS!**

*Our Headteacher became a Nana on Tuesday! Congratulations to Mrs Peters, her daughter, Lou, and Joe on the arrival of baby Olivia.*

