St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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This week we have been thinking about Friendship; what does friendship mean and what does a 'good friend' look like? We discussed the values good friends demonstrate and why friendship is so important for us all. We were helped by the words from Ecclesiastes; *"Two people are better than one. They get more done by working together. If one person falls, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone when falls. No one is there to help him."* (4: 9 -10)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th November	Remembrance Commemoration
12th November	Yr 3/4 African Drumming Workshop
12th November	Football Match against St Sebastian (at home)
13th November	KS1 Parent workshops 2pm & 6pm
13th November	Admissions 2020 Open Morning 9.30am
14th November	KS1 Great Fire of London Workshop
15th November	Children In Need
15th November	Mini Vinnies trip to the Salvation Army
18th November	Seuss 2 Trip to Wokingham Library
20th November	Wilson Class Assembly 9.05am



Admissions 2020

We are offering Open Mornings to those parents who are looking for reception places in September 2020. Please join us on Wednesday 13th November or 4th December at 9.30am.

Cold Weather

This morning a number of children sadly had to miss their smiley break as they didn't have a coat with them and we felt it was too cold for them to be outside for 25 mins. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Children In Need

Don't forget it's Mufti Day next Friday for a donation of £1. Children can wear their own clothes including football kit, spotty clothes, fancy dress or even crazy hair. We will also be joining in the 'Big Morning Move' so bring in your donations of 50p to £1.

There will also be a big Pudsey on the playground after school to add your coins too.

Football Match

St Teresa's football team played their first match of the season against The Coombes School on Wednesday 6 November. In an exciting match the final score was 4-1, with William H scoring 3 goals and Michael A 1goal. Great sportsmanship was shown by all participants. Congratulations to the Team:

Ben J (goal keeper)
Jamie W
Blake B
George F
William H
William E
Ollie M
Michael A
Max S



Christmas Decoration Competition

We are delighted with the many Christmas decorations that we received for the competition. We are therefore pleased to announce the winners were - Charlotte D, Henry A, Olivia O, Kiki W, Acqulin, Henry D, Ennio S, Holly G, Lisa Z, Sonny S, Jack N and Nora Z. The lucky winners will be visiting the garden centre to add their winning designs to the tree.



Deputy Head Boy

Hello, I am Thomas and I am the new deputy head boy of St Teresa's Catholic Academy. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to represent our school. I have been at the school since preschool. My favourite subject is maths



Deputy Head Girl

Hello, I am Teigan the new Deputy Head Girl of St Teresa's. I am honoured to be able to work with the School Council and helping wherever I can. I have been at this school since Reception and I have enjoyed every second of my time here. My favourite subjects are English and Art because I find them a challenge. I am looking forward to the year ahead and I can't wait for all the responsibilities.



Head Boy and Girl Celebrations

Well done to the following people for getting great achievements:

Eliana, for getting a merit in a drama exam on Sunday

Henry Digman, for passing stage 4 in swimming

Acqulin Jinto, won 3rd place in the Wokingham Winter Space Art Competition

William Storey, for finding all the treasure in LEGOLAND

George Sullivan, getting medals for being a great football player and being player of the week in Tennis

Corey Jones, for passing his safety skills test in swimming

Charlotte, for winning the green shield in ballet

I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday and are fully refreshed and prepared for what is probably the craziest half term of the school year! The 'C' word has already been mentioned in abundance around the school and I have even heard some carols being sung – I have no doubt the festivities will be upon us in a blink of an eye!

A number of our Key Stage 1 children visited London over the holiday with their families as they have been so inspired by their Learning Focus of London which they have been studying since September. I have heard so many exciting tales of all the places they visited and got to "see for real!". As educators this is truly one of those special moments; when you know that you have ignited a really special interest in a topic. A big thank you to you as parents for continuing the children's learning outside of the school environment and helping to bring their learning to life.

Please note we have two additional Academy Inset Days this academic year – Friday 19th June was advertised in our Diary Dates however a new date of Monday 20th April 2020 has also been added to allow training for teachers to prepare for the new curriculum changes which are taking place.

It is with great sadness I announce Mrs Sarah Huxford has stepped down from our Governing Body. Sarah has been a Governor for over 20 years and in that time she has been a key member of the team and very involved in all the major changes the school has undergone; not least the extensions and the purchase of the Convent Land as well as the recruitment of numerous members of staff. In her role as Governor Sarah worked tirelessly to ensure our school was forever moving forwards and always offering the very best for the children. As well as her Governor role, Sarah was a great support to all members of staff. She was in school on a regular basis, helping out in class and on school trips, hearing children read, creating our beautiful flower pots and always offering a listening, supportive ear to us all – to name just a few of the countless ways she contributed to school life. Words cannot express fully how appreciative we are of all Sarah has done for all the staff and children of our school community; she really will be missed.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters