

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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NEWSLETTER 1

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In our first Liturgy of this new term I shared the story of Jeremiah being called by God to be a Prophet; at first Jeremiah didn't believe he would be heard or would have the right words to carry out God's will so God suggested he went to the house of the potter. Jeremiah saw that the potter did not always create a work of beauty on the first attempt; sometimes the clay wobbled and he needed to start again but in the end, with perseverance a beautiful pot was made. As we begin our new school year we will all be attempting new things and sometimes we may be the wobbly pots, however, we know we are always in God's hands, and with His love and strength we will succeed.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th September	Seuss children start
9th September	Meet the Teacher, 6pm (Parents only - Years 1- 6)
20th September	Start of Term Mass, 9.30am
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

Clubs

Details of clubs are attached. Booking for clubs will open on Friday 13th September and will close on Wednesday 18th September. Please ensure payment is also sent by then. Clubs will start on Monday 30th September and will run for 8 weeks, with the exception of week commencing 21st October due to parents evening.



Staff Welcome

We would like to welcome our new members of staff:-

Mrs Sheila Hoover - Rowling teacher & KS2 leader

Miss Brash - Dahl teacher

Mrs Black - Morpurgo teacher

Mrs Mulhotra - Rowling LSA

Miss Dolamore - Rosen TA (afternoons)

Meet the teacher

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher. This will be on Monday at 6pm with a second session at 6.30pm for those with more than one child. Please enter via the club room, there will be no parking on site and **no children** should attend.

Class Lists

Seuss - Miss Hines, Miss K, Miss Best & Mrs Burns

Donaldson - Miss Greenwood, Mrs Cooper & Miss King

Rosen - Mrs Baker, Mrs Waite, Mrs Fidler & Miss Dolamore

Butterworth - Miss Chaffey & Mrs Haigh

Dahl - Miss Brash & Mrs Gee

Morpurgo - Mrs Delaney, Mrs Black & Mrs Elliott

Lewis - Mrs Lacey & Mrs Azouzi

Wilson - Mrs Roper, Mrs Wellington, Mr Harvey & Mrs Mulhotra

Rowling - Mrs Hoover & Mrs Wellington

Dickens - Mr Bearpark & Miss Carolan

Shakespeare - Mrs Cook, Mrs Theobald & Miss Carolan

Uniform

May we remind you that only Academy uniform may now be worn. Any old Primary School uniform is no longer valid. We have also introduced a new PE kit of red shorts and blue polo shirt. This replaces the old white t-shirt and blue shorts. Both items are available from the School Office.

Staff News

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Grace Finnegan on Wednesday 4th September at 1.13am weighing 5lb 11oz. Congratulations to Paris and Brian on their new arrival.



Parent Helper Training

We will be running training for those parents who wish to help within school either with reading, book changing or attending school trips. The training will be on 24th September at 2.30pm. Please advise the office via email if you wish to attend. Please bring with you ID to enable us to complete the necessary DBS checks.

Parish Panto

Save the date for the Parish Pantomime script read-through on Sunday 15th September, 4.30pm St Teresa's School Hall. This year the script is Alice in Pantoland. New comers welcome; adults & children (year 6 & above). No experience or skill necessary! Contact parishpantocc@gmail.com for more details or for offers to help with the show.

21 September – The Happiness Show

A live theatre performance by Rise Theatre hosted by Corpus Christi Church Wokingham





Set around a fictional TV Show; faith-based themes are explored through a mix of sketches, music, interviews, videos and creative reflection. A fun and thought-provoking family show geared towards adults, teenagers and older primary school children.

Show date: 21st September at Caudwell Hall Theatre Wokingham. **Tickets: £5**

Full show details and online box office: ccyghappiness.eventbrite.co.uk

New Houses

Following the announcement of the new houses we would like to confirm the following -

-  Buckingham House will now be St Catherine
-  Hampton House will now be St Francis
-  Kensington House will now be St Gemma
-  Windsor House will now be St Thomas

Welcome back to you all! A special welcome to our new families and members of staff who have joined our St Teresa's community; I hope you will be very happy in your time with us. I hope you have all had a lovely summer – the children have certainly come back very refreshed and are raring to go!

Sadly, Mrs Sutton has taken up a new role over the holidays and as such she won't be returning this term. Jennie has been looking for a new challenge for a while and a fantastic opportunity arose at the beginning of the holidays. In the seven years she has been with us she has been a key member of our team and a very valued member of staff; she will be greatly missed, not least by me as she had the incredible knack of being able to read my mind! If you would like to pass on any goodwill messages to Jennie please drop them in to the office and I will pass them on when I see her.

We also received the terrible news over the holidays that Reuben Aguiar, one of our former parents died in a tragic accident whilst on holiday. The Aguiar family have been a part of our school community for many years and were well known to many; please keep them all in your prayers at this very difficult time.

As always, a number of changes have happened in school over the holidays. The downstairs Boys toilets have been completely overhauled and look fabulous (we have received great feedback from the children). We have installed 'sliding doors' between the club room and the Hall which will offer us much more flexibility and space when we come together for whole school events. We also have two new lovely sheds on the play-ground. In addition, a huge overhaul of our heating system took place over the Summer thanks to significant funding we managed to secure from the Government – we now have modern radiators across the school and shiny new silver pipes (or posh pipes as the children named them on Wednesday!) My thanks to Mrs Boucher for once again overseeing all of these projects over the summer and ensuring the school was ready for our return.

We have also made some changes to our Behaviour Policy, a copy of which is attached. Having had many conversations with staff we felt we should do more to celebrate our children's achievements so over the next few weeks we will be introducing new initiatives – watch this space for more details!

We look forward to welcoming our Seuss children on Monday and I hope to see many of you at our Meet the Teacher session.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher