

ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

January/February 2016

St Teresa's School Mission Statement

We see the light of Jesus in the eyes of those we work, play and pray with every day. We give thanks to God for our wonderful family. Like St Teresa, we always try to do the little things well.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new year. We wish you all a happy and joyous 2016.

Coffee Morning

The Senior Leadership Team will be holding a coffee morning for all parents on Thursday 28th January at 9.00am. This is an informal drop-in session giving parents the opportunity to meet with senior staff and other parents for coffee and a chat. Please join us.



Young Voices

On 13th January a number of Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils attended the Young Voices Concert at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. This was an opportunity for them to sing with other choirs from around the Midlands, get tips from the Chief Conductor and rehearse dance moves for the evening concert. The lighting and sound effects were amazing and the children had a fabulous time joining in with some great songs.

Ten Ten Theatre came into our school last week to work with the all classes throughout the school. We also had a parents' session and the attendance was fantastic, thank you so much to all the parents who supported the event. The key themes of the sessions are below please take time to talk to your children about the play they watched.

FS and KS1 – *Freedom Fighter* – helping children to understand the importance of rules

Years 3 and 4 – *Master and Servant* – helping children to find happiness by loving and serving others instead of using others for their own benefit

Years 5 and 6 – *Called Up* – helping children to cope with the impact of change

Road Safety

We congratulate Key Stage 2 who participated in the annual Nottingham Schools' Road Safety Quiz impressing us all with their knowledge. We will continue, especially in these dark winter months, to remind all pupils about how to keep safe and be seen.

Choral Speaking

Congratulations to all pupils for their fabulous performances last week



Think-a-link

On Wednesday and Thursday this week we were lucky to have Andy Salmon (Sir Linkalot) from Thinkalink working with all our children who was able to demonstrate a fun and easy way to remember facts, formula, dates, spelling and much more. Everyone really enjoyed his presentation, including our parents. We all hope to use the handy and innovative tips in school and in our everyday lives.

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Key Stage 2 will celebrate Mass on Friday 12th February at 9.30am in school and there will be a Liturgy for Foundation/Key Stage 1 at 2.30pm.. All parents welcome to attend. As part of the Come and See Programme the children will be studying the following topics:

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| Foundation/Year 1 | Special People – people in the Parish family |
| Year 2 | Books – the books used in Church |
| Year 3 | Journeys – journey with Jesus |
| Year 4 | Community – life in the local community/parish |
| Year 5 | Mission – continuing Jesus' mission in the Diocese |
| Year 6 | Sources – The Bible |

Our Lenten fundraising will be in conjunction with the **Year of Mercy**. Year groups will be holding their own fundraising events.

School Council

Members of the School Council will be taking part in Nottingham City's Science Festival on Friday 12th February.

PE

We had a representative from Trinity School working with the children on Wednesday 20th January to teach Table Tennis to Key Stage 2.

Years 3 and 4 will travel to Trinity on 2nd February to take part in a School Hall Athletics tournament.

First Grade Sports continue to support our extra-curricular sports programme by providing tuition in Dodgeball, Athletics and Gymnastics.



Visits this term

The following year groups will be taking part in external visits this term:

Year 1 – Twycross Zoo – Tuesday 29th March

Year 2 – Brackenhurst – Tuesday 9th February

Year 4 – Visit to Nottingham City Centre – Tuesday 26th January

Year 5 – National Space Centre – Wednesday 27th January

Uniform

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School students wear their uniform with pride. Our uniform shows that we are part of the St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School community. We have the highest expectations from our students with regard to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of the school. We also have a uniform for the benefit and equality of all.

GIRLS

Winter

Brown skirt or pinafore dress

White blouse

Brown tie

Brown cardigan

White socks or black or brown tights

Black or brown shoes

BOYS

All year round

Grey trousers – long or short

White shirt

Brown tie

Brown jumper

Black or grey socks

Black shoes

Summer

As for winter or yellow gingham dress (not stripes)

PE UNIFORM

Please note that no sweatshirts or trainers of any kind are allowed except for outdoor PE activities.

Indoor

White T Shirt

Black shorts

Plimsolls

Outdoor

As above with the addition of plain leggings or jogging bottoms with a suitable top. (No bright colours)

Hairstyles:

- Hair should be one natural colour, no hair dye.
- The style should be appropriate for school; hair should not obstruct pupils' vision.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Boys' hair should be no shorter than Grade 2.
- Tramlines, patterns and sculpting are not allowed
- Coloured extensions and beads are not allowed
- Natural hair coloured extensions of a reasonable length need to be tied back

Year 6 SATs/Year 1 Phonics Screening

Year 6 SATs will take place on the week of 9th May 2016. Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place week beginning 13th June 2016. All children must be in school and please ensure that you do not arrange any medical or family appointments during that week.

Parents Evening

Our next Parents Consultation Evenings are:

Wednesday 9th March 3.30pm – 6.00pm by appointment only

Thursday 10th March 3.30pm – 6.00pm by appointment only

Teachers will be available to discuss your child's progress and targets and the classrooms will be open for you to view the children's work. These meetings are for parents only. Please ensure your child is collected as normal at the end of the school day.

School Gateway

Many of you will now be familiar with using School Gateway and are able to make payments for a variety of things including dinner money, trips and clubs. For those who do not have a computer, School Gateway can be accessed through your mobile phone or you may wish to use a computer from your local library. The system does have some limitations that conflict with our school systems. As clubs are on a first come, first served basis, using School Gateway makes this a much fairer system, also it does not allow parents to sign up for a club if the club has reached its limit of pupils. We had to allocate a minimum charge of 50p for all clubs in order for the system to record a request and for a consent form to be produced. Without a minimum charge the system will not work correctly. If you are experiencing any difficulty using School Gateway please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will endeavour to help you.

Winter Weather

As the weather gets colder please ensure your child has a suitable winter coat, scarf, gloves, etc. as learning takes place inside and outside.

Should we need to close the school in the event of bad weather, please listen to local radio where timely updates will be given. www.bbc.co.uk/radionottingham

Dates for your Diary

February 2016

10th Ash Wednesday

12th Mass Years 3-6 9.30am in School

Liturgy Foundation/Years 1 and 2 2.30pm

12th School closes for half term

22nd School re-opens

March 2016

4th Mother's Day Liturgy – Foundation–Year 2 - 9.30am

9th Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

10th Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

18th FITNESS FRIDAY- Sport Relief 2016 – non uniform day

21st HOLY WEEK

*25th Good Friday (school closed)

*28th Easter Monday (school closed)

*29th Return to school

April 2016

1st School closes for Easter break

18th School re-opens for the Summer Term

Yours sincerely,

A. Glynne-Jones (Mrs)
Headteacher

