

# September 2019 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you all, very warmly, back to school. The children have all settled very well into their new classes and it is lovely to see so many smiling faces around the school. I would like to extend a special welcome to the parents of the new Nursery class and to the new children who have joined our school family.

## Uniform

The children have all come back to school looking very smart and wear their uniforms with pride. Thank you. A few reminders about school uniform:

- School shirts should be white (short or long sleeved) and school ties worn with the shirts.
- Sensible black school shoes should be worn.
- Summer uniform (pale blue gingham dresses) may be worn until October half term.
- Hair accessories (bobbles, headbands, ribbons etc) should be appropriately sized and blue in colour.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep standards at St. Teresa's so high.

## PE Kit

The children have looked very smart in their PE kits this week. As a reminder the PE kit is navy blue shorts, pale blue polo shirt with St Teresa's badge, St. Teresa's hoody (optional) and navy blue tracksuit bottoms in winter months. Trainers are the most suitable footwear for outdoor PE lessons. Children in FS and KS1 will need a pair of black plimsolls for indoor PE. Please remember to label all uniform and PE kits.

## Parents' Evenings this term...Save the Date!

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 3:45pm to 6:15pm and
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

Details of how to book your appointment will be sent out nearer the time.



## School Jotter Mobile App



Please can all parents ensure they have downloaded the School Jotter app. This is the only way we can send messages and notices to you. We will also be using School Jotter to book appointments for Parents' Evening.

If you have been experiencing problems with the App (particularly I-phone users), please delete the App and reinstall it from the App store.

## Contact Details

If your contact details or emergency contact details change, please let the school office know immediately. It is important that we can always contact you in the event of your child becoming ill or in an emergency.

**If you haven't supplied a copy of a birth and/or baptism certificate for your child, please send a copy to the school office.**

## School Masses

Father Michael would like all school masses to be held in church this year. Children will still attend Mass on a rota basis. Please see the Parish newsletter or the diary dates list.

### Medicines/Inhalers

Please ensure any medicines or inhalers sent into school are in date and you have completed a consent form prior to the request. Thank you

### School Fund

With ongoing budget pressures, I would like to ask all parents to make the contribution this year. The fund greatly helps subsidise the cost of school trips, workshops, theatre productions etc. for our children to experience and enjoy. We really appreciate this valuable contribution.



I would like to ask for a **contribution of £1 per child or family per week**. This can be paid weekly or all in one payment. Please pay through Parent Pay. Thank you.

### Nursery places

We still have places available in our fabulous Nursery. If you know anybody looking for a full-time nursery place, please could you let them know. Many parents will now be eligible for 30 hours fully funded provision. We are also offering a January intake for any 'rising' 3-year-old children.



We will be holding 2 open day sessions for prospective parents for Nursery or Reception.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 1:30pm and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30 am

### Aldi Stickers

We are collecting the stickers from Aldi supermarkets. If you have any at home, please send them into school. We can win a free sports kit.



### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are planning to host a coffee afternoon on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** to help raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Charity. Donations of cakes would be most welcome nearer the time. The afternoon will start at **2:45 pm** in the school hall. Any remaining cakes will be sold after school.



### Samaritans Purse



We will be supporting the Operation Christmas Child appeal again this year. Children will be bringing home a leaflet with further details. We have some boxes available at the office or there are some available in Church.



## September Diary



<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Swimming for Year 3/4 (Mrs Halden-Evans)
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	No Mass
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	6:00 pm - First Holy Communion meeting for Year 3 parents
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Mass in church (Year 5 and Year 6). Families welcome
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Macmillan Coffee afternoon – 2:45 pm
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	6:30pm – First Holy Communion preparation session in church

## October Diary

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	St. Teresa's Feast Day – Whole school Mass in church
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	No Mass
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Fast Day – no break sales
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Individual School Photographs
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Mass in church (Year 3 and Year 4). Families welcome
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest assembly in school
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	6:00 pm – Confirmation meeting for Year 6 parents (in church)
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Stanley Head visit – Year 1
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Stanley Head visit – Year 1/2 Combined Schools' Mass at St Gregory's – 7:00 pm
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Stanley Head visit – Year 2
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	1:30 pm – Nursery/Reception prospective parents
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Parents' Evening - 3:45pm to 6:15pm
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Parents' Evening - 5:30pm to 8:00pm.
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9:30 am - Nursery/Reception prospective parents No Mass
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School closed (INSET day)</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – school closed for half-term	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>School closed (INSET day)</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>

