



ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2021



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 new school year. I hope you are feeling well rested after the Summer holidays. It is wonderful to see everyone looking so refreshed and excited at the prospect of another year of learning here at St. Teresa's. I wish all our pupils, staff, governors and parents a very happy and rewarding year ahead filled with God's many gifts and blessings for our school community.

We extend a very special welcome to our new pupils and parents. We look forward to working in partnership with you in the education of your child.

Staffing

Headteacher	Mrs Glynne-Jones
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Green
Leader of KS1/EYFS	Miss Baker
Leader of Year 3 and 4	Miss Gee
Assistant Head and Leader of Year 5/6	Mr Dickie

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about school life please make contact, in the first instance, with your child's class teacher who will always try to help you. The school diaries are the best method of passing on messages/notes to the class teachers as these are checked daily. Staff from each phase are also available first thing in the morning so that you are able to pass on quick messages to them. Teachers are available after school, if you wish to have a quick word. If you need to arrange a meeting, please make an appointment through the school office. If you have a concern about your child or any aspect of their education this is the procedure you need to follow:

- **Class Teacher** - Firstly, make an appointment to speak with the child's class teacher and book a follow up appointment where required.
- **Key Stage Leader** - Following this if your problem has not been resolved, you need to contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with the Key Stage Leader.
- **Senior Leader** - If you still have a concern a meeting will be arranged with Mrs Green or Miss Gee.
- **Headteacher** - If a more formal approach is then required a meeting with Mrs Glynne-Jones will be arranged.

Correspondence

Please check your child's book bag and Home School Diary each day. This will contain details of what books your child is reading, homework, and other bits of useful information. We hope that the diary will give you an insight into what your child is doing in school and act as a form of two-way communication between home and school. We would be grateful if you could check and sign your child's diary each week as well as recording details of activities completed at home e.g. daily reading, spelling practice. The school website www.stteresasprimaryschool.co.uk is updated regularly with the latest information, photographs, events, etc. The school calendar and latest newsletters can also be found there.

Class Arrangements – September 2021

Foundation	Miss Mumtaz	FSM (Butterflies)	Miss Savage	FLS (Busy Bees)
Year 1	Miss Fitzmaurice	1HF	Mrs McKinnon/ Mrs Andrews	1MA
Year 2	Mrs James	2IJ	Miss Kerrison	2EK
Year 3	Mrs Sinclair/ Mr Haliday	3DS	Miss MacDonald	3KM
Year 4	Mrs Beighton/ Mrs Breedon	4KB	Miss Hennessey	4JH
Year 5	Miss Jacques/ Miss Baker	5MJ	Mr Edwards	5JH
Year 6	Mr Dickie	6SD	Mr Maltby/ Mrs Lambert	6DM



Attendance

Our attendance for the last academic year was 98.78%. Thank you for all your support in getting the children to school on time ready for the day ahead. It is important for your child to be on time and prepared for their school day. Please be aware that Nottingham City Council may issue penalty notices for unauthorised family holidays in term time. In line with our attendance policy, the school cannot authorise any holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Start and Finish Times – Autumn Term

EYFS, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 - Start at 8.45am and finish at 3.00pm

Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 - Start at 9.00am and finish at 3.15pm

Events



Religious Education and Catholic Life

First school Mass of the Year

Tuesday 7th September at 10.00am in school.

Feast Day of St Teresa

Friday 1st October at 10.00am in St Teresa’s church.

Day of Peace

Thursday 11th November. This will be a time to remember in our prayers those who have died in conflict and consider ways in which we can be a peacemaker.

Anti-bullying week

Week beginning 15th November is National Anti-Bullying Week. We will remember that Jesus called us all to live in harmony with each other and consider ways in which we can build bridges when this goes wrong.

Advent Mass and retreat day

Tuesday 7th December 9.30am in school.

PE KITS

Pupils will continue to come to school in their PE kits and wear this for the whole day.

The current school PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and plain black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms (no logos or brands). Children will need to wear their school jumper or cardigan and plimssoles or sensible sport trainers.

PE lessons will take place on the following days.

Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Friday (swimming)
Year 4	Wednesday (swimming)
Year 5	Thursday – (Wednesday 8/15/22/29-9-21)
Year 6	Friday

For the safety and wellbeing of the staff and pupils at St Teresa’s and in order to remain open all events for this term will remain on-line. This will be reviewed at half term. Thank you for your understanding and on-going support.

E-Safety Parents Workshop

On Thursday 16th September at 2.30pm, there will be an E-safety workshop for parents. The workshop will include practical advice, links to resources and where you can find help with keeping your children safe on-line. A link for the workshop will be sent out the day before the event, via text message.

School Photographer

The School Photographer will be in school on Friday 17th September for individual and siblings (in school) photographs.



Reading Workshops



We love reading at St Teresa’s and encourage all of our children to read every day. Reading with and to your children can have a very positive impact on all aspects of a child’s life. Reading with your child is one of the most important things you can do to support your child’s development as they move through the school. Find out more at The Reading Workshops being held on the following dates, you will receive lots of top tips about how to support your child and some resources to help develop their skills. Links will be sent by text message the day before the event.

Foundation	20 th September	2.15pm
Year 1	21 st September	2.15pm
Year 2	22 nd September	2.30pm
Year 3	23 rd September	2.15pm
Year 4	24 th September	2.15pm
Year 5	27 th September	2.15pm
Year 6	30 th September	2.15pm

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held w/c Monday 4th October. These will be held over the telephone with your child's class teacher. More details to follow.

Foundation Welcome Event

We look forward to welcoming our Foundation Stage parents to St Teresa's on Friday 8th October at 9.30am. This is an opportunity for the children to show you around their classroom and share what they have learnt during their time at school. This will be an on-line event and a link will be sent out by text message the day before.

Choral Speaking

We teach choral Speaking to improve confidence, vocabulary, speaking skills and to develop a love of literature. To share the work that the children do we would like to invite you to Our Choral Speaking event which will be held on the dates below. An invitation link will be sent out by text message the day before.

Monday 11 th October	Year 6	9.30am		
Tuesday 13 th October	Foundation	9.30am	Year 1	10.30am
Wednesday 13 th October	Year 2	9.30am	Year 3	10.30am
Thursday 14 th October	Year 4	9.30am		
Friday 15 th October	Year 5	9.30am		

Year 6 Visit to the Briars

A reminder that the Year 6 visit to the Briars is on Monday 1st – 3rd November 2021. The children will leave school on the Monday and return on the Wednesday. There will be a briefing for parents and carers on Monday 11th October at 3.30pm, this will be on-line, a link will be sent out by text.

INSET DAYS

Please make note of the following INSET Days

Friday 11th February 2022

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th July 2022

Summer term ends on Friday 22nd July 2022

School Procedures

School starts at 8.45am (Foundation, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6) and ends at 3.00pm and starts at 9.00am (Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5) and ends at 3.15pm. Punctuality is very important, getting the children into good habits at the start of the term is essential. Please collect your children promptly and allow time to park and be in the playground by 3.00pm/3.15pm. All lateness at the beginning and end of the day will be monitored. The school gates will be closed 5 minutes after the start time, after this, children must be signed in at Reception. This is recorded and monitored. Please refer to the attendance policy on the school website if you require further information. Please ensure your child is dropped off at the school gates. Kingsbury Drive can be a very dangerous road at that time of the morning.

Parking issues

Kingsbury Drive operated a residential parking permit scheme between the hours of 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking is increasingly causing problems around our school, putting the safety of children and others at risk. Cars parking inconsiderately or on zigzag lines at any time of the day cause visibility issues for pedestrians of all ages who are crossing the road network to get to and from school. Please consider parking a short distance from school. Both you and your child will benefit from the exercise, children will also be safer. We know time is precious and everyone is busy but the children are also precious and it is only a matter of time before a child is injured.

Uniform

Please can we remind you of school policy on shoes:

Slip on shoes and fashion shoes are unsafe and are **NOT** part of our school uniform.

School Uniform is compulsory and consists of:

GIRLS

Winter

Brown skirt or pinafore dress (No shorts)

White blouse

Brown tie

Brown cardigan

White socks or black or brown tights

Black school shoes with laces or straps

NO branding visible



BOYS

All year round

Grey trousers – long or short

White shirt (no polo shirts)

Brown tie

Brown jumper (no sweatshirts)

Black or grey socks

Black school shoes with laces or straps

NO branding visible



Hairstyles

We ask that parents be reminded of the school's expectations regarding hairstyles in line with our Uniform Policy:

- 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.

If policy is not followed, parents will be contacted and arrangements made for school child to stay in at play/lunchtime/ not represent the school at any events or attend after school activities

Please note – fashion bows are not allowed

Jewellery, particularly earrings are not allowed. Watches are allowed (but only simple analogue)



Administration of School Medicines

Long-term medication – arrangements can be made for medicines to be administered in school. Please make an appointment to see the relevant member of staff.

Short-term prescription medication – Please speak to your doctor about prescribing medication that can be taken outside of school hours. Non-prescribed medication cannot be administered in school. Please make arrangements for yourself or a nominated person to visit the school to administer this medicine.

Illness

If your child is ill, please notify the school as early as possible. **Pupils who have been sick or who have diarrhoea should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout.** If a child becomes ill during school, they should be collected as soon as possible. To this end it is vital that we have up-to-date information of telephone numbers including home, work and mobile numbers to enable us to contact you in an emergency.



Disability Equality

If you have any special requirements regarding disability access at any of our school events, please let us know.

After School clubs

We are delighted that after school clubs have resumed this Term. If your child attends a club please ensure that they are collected promptly. Any child that is collected late will not be able to continue or attend any future school club.

Facebook

We are aware that many parents use social networks such as Facebook to communicate with friends and family. Please may I remind you that if inappropriate remarks about the school or staff are posted, legal advice will be taken on behalf of the school. This is a very serious issue and will be treated as such. The legal age to have a Facebook account is 14 so we don't expect any child in our school to have access to this or any other social network forum.

Rainbows Bereavement Support

Has your child suffered a loss or bereavement and needs some emotional support?

The Rainbows programmes provide an emotionally safe environment for children and young people to guide them through grieving a significant and often devastating loss, resulting from the impact of a death, relationship breakdown or other serious change in their lives.

The Rainbows Programmes provide a safe setting for children and young people to talk through their feelings with others who are experiencing similar situations. They are helped to articulate their feelings by a trained adult facilitator whom they know and trust. **Confidentiality, which is at the heart of all Rainbows Programmes, is kept at all times unless a child or young person is at risk, in which case the school's safeguarding procedures are followed.**

If you feel you would like your child to have this additional support after school please contact the school office who will then give you a form to complete. If Rainbows is oversubscribed a range of factors will be considered to allocate places.

All enquiries need to be made by Monday 13th September 2021.

School Dinners



A reminder to parents if your child is on school lunches, you **MUST** keep the account in credit at all times. In line with school policy we ask that any child wishing to change to sandwiches that you give the office a half term's notice. We have experienced a number of occasions where the office is unaware that a child has changed from school lunches to sandwiches or vice-versa causing some parents to be charged or run up lunch bills incorrectly. We would also like to remind parents, particularly Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 that they must decide if their child is school dinners or sandwiches and not change from day to day. Food needs to be ordered and prepared in advance so we need commitment from parents for this to run efficiently. Many thanks for your support.

Snacks in School

Fruit will be available at morning break for Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils may also bring in a plain biscuit if you wish. Toast will be served at morning play for Years 5 and 6 at a cost of 20p (please bring correct money) or you may wish to provide your child with a plain biscuit or some fruit. All children have access to drinking water in school however they may also bring a labelled water bottle to be kept in class each day if you wish.



Before and After school Childcare

YMCA Childcare runs Before and After School Clubs every school day at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School. In addition to art, play, group games and sport, children have the opportunity to get involved with some brilliant and unique activities.

Skills Coaching

From Lego to football, Skills Coaching gives children the opportunity to take part in structured weekly sessions and challenges to build their knowledge and confidence in a variety of different activities.

Activities are chosen to be fantastically fun, and to contribute to primary age children's key learning outcomes in problem-solving, maths, design, teamwork, creativity and more.

Mindfulness & Yoga

At the end of every club, we'll be delivering amazing mindfulness and yoga sessions to support children's emotional and physical health. Calming and focusing, children will be set up for a brilliant day at school or restful evening at home.

Core Value Awards

We celebrate children through weekly awards and regular thanks for demonstrating the values that help us all grow to be happy and thriving individuals: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Caring.

You can learn more about our clubs or book a place by visiting www.nottsymca.com/childcare-termtime

All enquiries relating to the YMCA need to be made directly with them, not the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A. Glynne-Jones (Mrs)
Headteacher