



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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1st Half Autumn Term 2018 - Wednesday 12th September 2018

Weekly Newsletter



At a Glance

Academic Year 2018/19

October Half Term 2018:

Break up on Fri 19th Oct

Return on: Tues 30th Oct

Mon 29th Oct is a non pupil day

Christmas Holidays 2018/19:

Break up on: Weds 19th Dec

Return on: Mon 7th Jan

Thurs 3rd and Fri 4th Jan are non pupil days

February Half Term 2019:

Break up on: Fri 15th Feb

Return on: Mon 25th Feb

Easter Holidays 2019:

Break up on: Fri 5th Apr

Return on: Tues 23rd Apr

May Day 2019:

No School on Mon 6th May as it is Bank Holiday

May Half Term 2019:

Break up on: Fri 24th May

Return on: Mon 3rd June

Summer Holidays 2019:

Break up on: Weds 24th July

Swimming:

Y2 Swimming lessons commence this Friday 14th September. Please ensure that consent / payments have been made via your child's ParentPay account. Thank you.

Forthcoming Trips / Visits:

1st - 5th Oct: Y6 to Aylmerton

Field Study Centre

9th Oct: Y5 to BT Adastral Park

10th Oct: Y6 to BT Adastral Park

16th Oct: Y4 to Daws Hall



School Meals

w/b 17th September 2018

Week 2 (Please see the School Website or the App for details of the three weekly dinner menus)

Dear Parents

This week we welcomed 30 new children to our Reception class. Bayonle, Aaron, Oliver, Thomas, Samuel, Amber-Mai, Erin, Codey, Nkennanyelu, Isabella, Gabriel, Alexander, Meela, Faith, Annabel, Lisa, Leila, Aila, Botlhale, Blake, Marcus, Aoife, Archie, Lewis, Nahla, Rowan, Alexandra, Charlie, Victoria and Micaiah joined us for half days this week but will be with us full time from Monday. I am sure they will be very happy and I know you will want to join me in welcoming both the children and their families to our lovely school.

As you can imagine the office is a very busy place - especially first thing in the morning and after school. Could I please ask that you only come to the office window if it is urgent or desperate. We have an in school 'class mail' system so if you have any paperwork for the office / class teacher (consent forms / slips / notes etc.) please send them via your child. The children will be prompted to hand these in when the register is taken first thing and your message will then be passed to the appropriate place.

Class attendance data will be published in the newsletter again from next week - who will have the highest weekly attendance?? Watch out, Reception start full-time next week - they will be hard to beat!

Merit / Celebration Assemblies are usually held on a Friday morning and will start again this week. If your child has achieved something amazing outside of school they are most welcome to bring in their award/certificate to share with the rest of the school.

Mrs Kelly

FORTHCOMING DATES

Please make a note of these forthcoming dates:

18th September: Meet the Teacher Evening

6.00pm Year 2 and Year 3

6.30pm Year 1 and Year 4

7.00pm Year 5 and Year 6

A letter containing further details can be found on the school website and has been circulated via the School App.

Please note that children will not be permitted into the meetings and there will be no other staff available to supervise them. If you leave your child in the hall or somewhere else in the school during the meeting please be aware that they will be unsupervised.

20th September: Letters and Sounds Evening (Reception parents only)
6.30pm in School

21st September: Letters and Sounds Afternoon (Reception parents only)
2.30pm in School for those parents who could make the evening meeting

We look forward to welcoming you to these informative events.

SOME REMINDERS

I hope they don't sound like nags - although my husband often asks what the difference is!!!

P.E.

P.E. kits must be in school every day. Details of the kit are on the website. Please ensure your child has spare socks to change in to. Girls are not allowed to do PE in tights.

Earrings are not allowed to be worn for P.E. This is Essex County Council policy. Hair long enough to be tied off the face must be tied back with a soft band.

If a child comes to school on a PE day without the kit needed to take part in the lesson we will provide them with a change of clothes so that they can take part. We would ask that the clothes are washed and returned at your earliest convenience.

Uniform

Please wear white socks with summer dresses

PLEASE, PLEASE name all uniform - clearly and permanently! Even shoes and plimsolls - it's amazing how many children wear identical shoes and a plimsoll is pretty much a plimsoll!

Hair

Please make sure hair is tied back and off the face during school time. Please also ensure that the bands used are plain - please no fancy bows, clips, flowers or other fancy hair adornments. This is because they become the focus of attention when we all want learning to be the focus of attention!

Medicine

If your child is on antibiotics or any other medicine that needs to be taken during the school day you will need to fill out a form giving permission for a member of staff to administer the medicine. Forms are available from outside the School Office and can also be downloaded from the School website (please follow the links to Academy Information - Procedural Policies and then scroll down to 'Managing medication in school'). Items such as asthma pumps, antihistamines and epi pens need to be held in the cupboard in our First Aid Room. Please ensure that all medication is clearly labelled and in date.

Diarrhoea or vomiting

Guidance from Essex County Council regarding 'Pupils and staff recovering from diarrhoea or vomiting':

The pupil or member of staff should not attend school until completely symptom free for 48 hours. Please make sure you adhere to this advice if your child has been ill.

Water

Please encourage your child to bring a bottle of water in to school. Although we have water fountains they are quite fickle! All I ask is that the bottle has a sports bottle type top so that if it gets knocked over with the lid off it doesn't spoil any work on the table. Please no juice as spillages attract ants and ruins work!

Play equipment

Please do not allow your children to play on the play equipment after school. If there are no staff to supervise them we are uninsured.

Jewellery

Watches and plain studs are the only jewellery allowed to be worn in school. Nail varnish is not allowed.

Cards

Pokemon, Lego and any other card collections are NOT allowed in school. The sharing/swapping of these cards nearly always ends in tears and staff do not have the time to deal with 'he swapped' 'she took' 'I've lost' disputes.

Dogs

No dogs are allowed on the school premises at all.

Applying for a Secondary School place for September 2019

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opens on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2019. **THE STATUTORY NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31ST OCTOBER 2018.**

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Please be aware that, this year, Essex are not sending letters to parents about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. This can also be accessed using the link below.

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf

Music Lessons



Music lessons will re-commence as follows:

Mrs Parr (Piano / Flute) Thursday 13th September

Mr Curd (Brass) Tuesday 18th September

Mr Hurley (Guitar) Wednesday 19th September

Please ensure that your child has their instrument / music with them. Thank you

Year 5 & 6 Knitting Club



Knitting club will be starting again next Tuesday. If you have moved up to Year 5 or are now in Year 6 and you would like to join, please come along to the Resources Room at 12.45pm next Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you!

FOST - BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

The FOST back to school picnic will be held after school on Friday 21st September and will include (among other things) inflatables, a disco, penalty shootout, toddler area and refreshments.

Tickets are priced at £5 per adult, £3 per child and £10 for a family and can be purchased in advance via your child's ParentPay account. Please can you ensure that you purchase your tickets by Monday 17th September so that the 'Friends' know how many people to expect! Thank you



Fencing



Today we were delighted to welcome a member of the Great Britain Fencing Team to our assembly. The children very much enjoyed learning about fencing and watching a demonstration of some of the skills involved.

Fencing Club for Years 1 - 6 will be starting up again next week. Children have been given a letter which should be completed and returned to the School Office in order for your child to join Fencing Club.

Please remember to check the App and the school website for all sorts of useful information, letters and dates!

www.st-teresas.essex.sch.uk

We are occasionally asked to promote activities/clubs etc. from local groups. Such activities are not quality assured by the school and parents should be aware of the need to reassure themselves of the quality and safety of the services on offer, for example by visiting, looking at inspection reports etc.