



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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1st Half Autumn Term 2018 – Wednesday 26th 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 continue.

Payments will need to be completed in full by the end of the Autumn Term via your child's ParentPay account.

Forthcoming Trips / Visits:

1st – 5th Oct: Y6 to Aylmerton

Field Study Centre

8th Oct: Y2 to Hedingham Castle

9th Oct: Y5 to BT Adastral Park

10th Oct: Y6 to BT Adastral Park

16th Oct: Y4 to Daws Hall

17th Oct: Y5 Trip – details to follow

13th Nov: Whole School Visit – details to follow



School Meals

w/b 1st October 2018

Week 1 (Please see the School Website or the App for details of the three weekly dinner menus)

On Monday we were visited by the Deputy Lieutenant to the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Nigel Spencer MBE who held us all enthralled during his assembly when he spoke about his role, how it came about and what he does. On Tuesday our Chair of Governors, Mr Clements received a letter from him congratulating everyone connected with 'such a splendid school' on the wonderful ethos, the fantastic behaviour and the wide range of topics studied. Well done everyone, as Mr Spencer said, you really are a credit to the school.

On Friday we have our opening of the school year Mass, the theme of which will be 'Let us do the little things well' a saying of St Teresa of Lisieux, whose Saints Day is on Monday 1st October. As we are also holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday refreshments will be in the church hall rather than back at school. More information about the Coffee Morning is overleaf and I look forward to seeing you there enjoying cake and a cuppa whilst raising money for this very worthwhile cause.

Over the course of the past year we have changed the way we track the progress and attainment of children. On Wednesday 17th October at 6.30 we will be holding a Parent Information Evening to share with you how we now track pupils and explain how we can tell if a child is making progress. Please put the date in your diary. I look forward to seeing you.

Next week Y6 are on their residential trip to Aylmerton. I know they will have a wonderful time and they are all very excited. I ask that you keep them in your prayers over the coming week.

Well done to all the certificate winners listed below and congratulations to Year 3 for the highest attendance. Keep it up!

Mrs Kelly

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received a Merit Certificate in our assembly last week:

- Y1: Ila, Josef, George and Olive
- Y2: Anna, Joseph, Mason and Henry
- Y3: Rebecca, Kyrie, Sion, Jacque and Isabella
- Y4: Charlie, Ben, Oliver and Aidan
- Y5: Charlotte, Sam, Ellie and Noah
- Y6: Lily T, Riley, Olivia and Victor



Presentation Awards:

Spencer (Y1), Keira (Y2), Elliot (Y3), Braeden (Y4), Ella (Y5), Tyler (Y6)

Attendance



Rec:	97.67%	Year 3:	99.68%
Year 1:	96.33%	Year 4:	98.75%
Year 2:	94.48%	Year 5:	96.25%
		Year 6:	96.47%



Congratulations Year 3 for having the highest attendance last week.

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

[Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf)

Individual Photographs



Please note that the photographer will be in school on Friday 12th October to take individual photographs of the children. Please can you ensure that your child has their jumper / cardigan in school on that day.

Siblings will be photographed together during the day as a matter of course. If you have older / younger siblings not at St. Teresa's and you would like them included in a photograph with your child, the photographer will be available from 8.15am in the Music and Media room.

Please note that it is not possible to photograph cousins / friends etc. together due to time constraints.

MacMillan Coffee Morning - 28th September 2018



A reminder that this Friday, Year 5 will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning - please see the flyer overleaf for details of timings.

As part of their fundraising on Friday, Year 5 will be running a 'Guess the name of the Husky' competition. For just 50p per guess all children will have the opportunity to win this lovely, fluffy husky teddy! If your child would like to take part, please ensure that they have their 50p(s) with them on Friday and that they are ready with lots of names to guess. The husky is very much looking forward to being named and meeting his new family!

We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to support Year 5 in their fundraising for this very worthwhile cause. Last year's coffee morning raised over £1000! It would be absolutely wonderful if we could match, or even beat, that total.

We look forward to welcoming you for coffee and cake!

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please be aware that we no longer give out staff email addresses. If you need to contact staff other than verbally please do so via the school office or by letter.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Early Starters Picture Special - Gazette

On Friday a photographer from the Gazette will be visiting the school to take a picture of our Reception Class for their Early Starters Picture Special.

The picture will be appear in the Gazette on Tuesday 2nd October. It is hoped that we will have copies of the Gazette to purchase from the School Office on that day.

Macmillan coffee morning - 28th September



Please come and support the Macmillan coffee morning (day!) As last year, we are inviting each class to come and join in the fun too!

Parents and other family members are warmly invited to the session which their children are attending in order to enjoy the experience with them. However, if you would rather have a little "peace and quiet" with your fellow parent friends, you can pop in at the end of the day just before pick up.

We are suggesting a minimum £1 donation for your child to come and enjoy a cake and a drink. If you are also planning to attend, please "dig deep" and donate as much as you can to this amazing charity. Last year we raised over £1000!

The proposed timings are as follows:

9:00-9:30	Year 5 preparing the venue
9:30 - 10:30	Beginning of term Mass
10:30 - 11:00	Parishioners and Reception
11:00 - 11:30	Year 2
12:00 - 12:30	Year 3
1:00 - 1:30	Year 1
1:30 - 2:00	Year 4
2:00 - 2:30	Year 6
2:30 - 3:15	Before pick up session (Year 5 parents can come here)

Thank you in advance for your support, Mrs Herron ☺

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.