

### At a Glance .....

#### Academic Year 2018/19

##### October Half Term 2018:

Break up on: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Return on: Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct is a non pupil day**

##### Christmas Holidays 2018/19:

Break up on: Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Return on: Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> and Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan are non pupil days**

##### February Half Term 2019:

Break up on: Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

Return on: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

##### Easter Holidays 2019:

Break up on: Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr

Return on: Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr

##### May Day 2019:

No School on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May as it is Bank Holiday

##### May Half Term 2019:

Break up on: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May

Return on: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June

##### Summer Holidays 2019:

Break up on: Weds 24<sup>th</sup> July

#### Forthcoming Events / Trips / Visits:

16<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y4 to Daws Hall

17<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y5 to IWM Duxford

13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Whole School Visit - details to follow

14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Singing Group to 'Sing Up Suffolk'

16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Class based 'Come and See' assemblies. Parents are welcome to attend at 9.15am (Year 6 date to be confirmed)



#### School Meals

w/b 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Week 3** (Please see the School Website or the App for details of the three weekly dinner menus)

Dear Parents

Last week I was away on the Year 6 Residential Trip to Aylmerton.

We were blessed with fantastic weather and the sun shone every day. What made it most special though was the children who were an absolute delight to be with. During the week I was alerted to the fact that Miss Hilton had written the newsletter. I was also warned that I had a lot to live up to! Indeed I do - but thank you Miss Hilton and thank you also to the rest of the Leadership Team (Miss Spratt and Mrs Burrows) for holding the fort while I was away.

On Friday we had a guest speaker for assembly. Mark, from CAFOD, spoke to the children about the work CAFOD do for children all around the world. It was, I understand, a meaningful and thought provoking assembly and we are grateful to volunteers like Mark who come along and share this information with our children. With his thoughts in mind we will be collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries for Colchester Foodbank again this year. I am sure you will be your usual generous selves as we think of those people in our community who, through no fault of their own, are going hungry. There will be a box in the entrance area for the rest of this week and all of next. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Well done to Reception for the highest attendance this week. You just managed to pip Y3 to the post!

Keep it up

Mrs Kelly

### Merit Certificates

There was no Merit Assembly last week as Year 1 and Year 6 were out on school trips and the rest of the children attended a CAFOD assembly.



#### Attendance

Rec:	99.67%	Year 3:	99.03%
Year 1:	98.00%	Year 4:	97.50%
Year 2:	94.83%	Year 5:	96.25%
		Year 6:	94.12%

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

Congratulations Reception for having the highest attendance last week.



# Reflections of the Week



## October's Gospel Value – Thankfulness

“The Rosary Binds Us Together”

**“Love our Lady and make her loved. Always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible.”** St Padre Pio



This week our Monday Assembly was focused on the Rosary and how to pray the Rosary.

We learnt that October is the month of the Rosary and that it is especially important to pray the Rosary in October because it is the month of Mary. There are many prayers that are said when praying the Rosary and we joined together to pray some of the prayers including the ‘Our Father’, ‘Hail Holy Queen’ and ‘Hail Mary’. Mrs Kelly told us that her father always told her that it was better to pray one decade of the Rosary with love in your heart than to say the

whole Rosary and not be committed to God. I think it would be lovely if all of the children of St Teresa’s said a decade of the Rosary with their family during the month of October. Some children in Year 6 have a Rota for Daily Rosary club in the Library at 1.15pm for any children who would like to join in with saying a decade of the Rosary. For the month of October our school motto is **“Pray with a decade a day!”**

## Come and See



Last week we celebrated our Come and See Assembly. Please visit the ‘Our Faith’ section of the Website and click on ‘Come and See’. There you will see a video of our special celebration.

On Monday our Assembly focus will be Mary the Mother of Jesus. We will be exploring her many names and will be looking at the different faces of Mary from around the world.

## “Let us do little things well today”

Well done to all the children who have tried to do ‘Little things’ well so far this week. A special congratulations to all those below who have been recognised for going that extra mile to make a difference.

Reception	Aoife	Being helpful and caring
Year 1	Ava G	Making a special ‘Get Well Soon’ card for her friend
Year 2	Toby	Showing respect and being a polite boy
Year 3	Isabella	Being a good friend
Year 4	Amelia S	Being very polite, helpful and for always holding the door for others
Year 5	Sandali	Being a role model
Year 6	Georgia	Saying hello and being so welcoming.
Staff	Mr Burton	Being extra helpful to everyone this week

Remember it is important to do the ‘little things well’ both at home and at school each day. Make a difference and let your light shine.

### 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](http://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)

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### Individual Photographs

Please note that the photographer will be in school THIS FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photographs of the children. Please can you ensure that your child has their jumper / cardigan in school.

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.

### SAFEGUARDING



#### Collection Arrangements

We understand that many of you help each other out with collecting children from school when work commitments or unforeseen circumstances prevent you from doing so.

As part of our Safeguarding and Child Protection, please be aware that we will not let children be collected by somebody different (even if they are a parent of the school) unless the school has been notified by the parent/carer of the child in question.

If you have an arrangement between yourselves that you will collect each other's children on an ad hoc basis, please send a note in to your child's class teacher confirming the names of the people for whom you give permission to collect your child on an 'as and when' basis throughout the academic year. You will then not need to telephone the school on each occasion that they collect your child. If the situation changes at all, you must inform the school in writing so that our records can be updated.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping the children safe.

#### Birthday Party Invitations

Please note that due to new data protection regulations we will no longer be able to give out lists of names in your child's class for birthday party invitations / Christmas cards etc. If you wish to hand out party invitations this should be done in the playground before /after school, please do not send in invitation for the staff to distribute via the children. Thank you for your co-operation

### Parish Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 11am - 2pm.

This year we are asking KS1 parents to donate an item/s of stationery for the St Teresa's school tombola stall. It can be large or small and suitable for a child or an adult. For KS2 this year we are having a change and asking for candles for the same tombola stall. These can be large or small, Christmas candles, scented candles or any other kind of candle. There will be a box clearly marked for the Parish Bazaar in the school entrance area from next week. If every child was to bring just one item we would have a bumper tombola this year to help raise funds for our Parish. Thank you.



## Sports Zone



### Football Tournament at Shrub End

Last Friday ten Y5 children took part in the partnership football tournament at Shrub End Sports Ground. They played with determination and great sportsmanship and Mrs Herron and Mrs Harrison were incredibly proud of them. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those parents who helped with lifts.

Well done to: Elliot, Daniel B, Samuel R, George, Isaac H-S, Isaac B, Declan, Niamh, Ethan and Mac

## Travel Disruption

We are aware that there is a number of ongoing roadworks in and around Colchester which are causing considerable traffic disruption. While we appreciate how frustrating this is for anybody travelling by car and on public transport, we would appreciate your assistance in factoring in the additional journey time needed to ensure pupils arrive at school on time. For more information on traffic and roadworks, please visit [www.essexhighways.org](http://www.essexhighways.org)



## Fairtrade



A reminder that the next Fairtrade sale will be held after school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October in the prayer garden (or school hall in case of bad weather). We look forward to seeing you there!

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](http://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.*