



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

At a Glance

Please check the 'At a Glance' section of your previous newsletter for up to date dates for your diary

Before I go any further can I just say that this will probably be one of the most boring newsletters you will have read! Unfortunately we have no Mrs Hale to jazz it up with colourful clip art or interesting words of wisdom. I am sure you will all want to join me in wishing her a very speedy recovery from the operation she had on her arm.

Next I must say a huge thank you to everyone who got so involved with our World War days this week. The dressing up has been great fun but the days have been about much more than that. The children have learnt so much about these terrible wars, especially as we were very lucky to have a visit from Dan Shadrake from Portals of the Past who brought in photographs, memorabilia and artefacts for the children to see and touch. I have had so many interesting conversations with so many children about their relatives all around the world and the part they played both in the World Wars and conflicts since then. It really has been most enlightening and reminds us once again just how much we owe these brave people. Some of the work produced by the children will be put on display at the Town Hall to commemorate the end of the WW1 and we will be mounting and displaying more of it to display in the hall for everyone to see after our Remembrance Mass on November 9th. Thank you Miss Spratt for organising these days - we must all do what we can to ensure that we never forget the huge sacrifice of lives lost - or changed forever - in all conflicts both in the distant past and the present day.

Finally a reminder that we will be celebrating Mass for All Saints Day on Thursday at 10.00. There will be refreshments in the school hall afterwards and you are all most warmly invited.

Congratulations to all the certificate winners listed below. Keep up the hard work

Mrs Kelly

Merit Certificates

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

- Y1: Tabitha, Adam, Ayomide, Sophia
 - Y2: Ava, Izzy, Owen, Amelia H
 - Y3: Elliot, Henrietta, Klaudia, William, Samuel
 - Y4: Poppy, Aleks H, Ryan, Noah, Emelia, Jeremy
 - Y5: Natalie, Daniel B, Nicole, Diyoni
 - Y6: Lily T, Riley, Olivia and Victor
- Presentation Awards:
Josef (Y1), Archie (Y2), Jake (Y3), William (Y4), Maya (Y5), Emily (Y6)



Attendance

Unfortunately we have no Mrs Hale available to calculate percentages!



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)

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Parish Christmas Bazaar

The Parish will be having their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 24th November.

As last year we would like St Teresa's school to have a tombola stall.

At this stage we are asking if parents in KS1 could donate an item of stationery suitable for a child, teenager or adult. It can be small or large but something that would be nice to win as a gift for someone. From KS2 parents we would ask if they could donate a candle, large or small. Nothing has to be expensive although it is always nice on a tombola if a couple of things are! If you are able to donate these items can you please send them into school and place in the marked box in the reception area within the next week or two. We would really like this to be a bumper stall to help raise funds for the Parish.

Harvest Collection

Our Harvest Collection Box is still in the entrance foyer if any of you have any non-perishable goods that could be donated to the Food Bank. All items will be most gratefully received.

Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

We currently have poppies to purchase from the School Office in support of the Royal British Legion's Annual Poppy Appeal. The Year 6 children will also be taking the poppies etc. round to the classes so that all children will have the opportunity to buy one during school time. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy please can you ensure that they have the amount that you would like them to donate in a clearly marked envelope (particularly for the younger children), or that they are aware what the money you are giving them is for! Thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile cause.

(More) Parish Bazaar

As has become the custom the organisers of the Parish Bazaar will be holding a colouring competition again this year. On Friday every child will be given a Colouring Competition sheet to take home. If your child would like to take part please ask them to colour the sheet in and return to school by the date on the sheet. All entrants in each of the different age groups will be judged by one of the Parishioners of St Teresa's. The winners will be announced at the Bazaar and each winner will receive a prize! There are also sheets available for pre school children, these will be available at the weekend from the table just inside the Church door. Thank you.

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.