

Weekly Newsletter

At a Glance

Academic Year 2018/19

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:

Swimming lessons for Year 1 commence this Friday 11th January. Please ensure that permission has been given and payments made / started via your child's ParentPay account.

Forthcoming Events / Visits:

Tues 15th Jan: Y3 to BT Adastral Park

Weds 16th Jan: Y6 'Animation Nation'

First of all I would like to wish you all a very happy new year! It is great to see everyone back looking refreshed and happy. I am glad to be able to report that I have found children ready and keen to learn (and of course tell me about the great time they had over the Christmas break) in every class. It has been a real pleasure to see and be part of.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the internet safety workshop on Wednesday. I am sure you will all agree it was absolutely worth the inconvenience of venturing out in the cold. A real eye opener - not just for parents but for staff and children as well. Your evaluations will be really useful when planning other workshops so if you haven't returned one to the school yet we would really appreciate it if you could. I am sure you would like to join me in extending my thanks to all the staff who stayed late to organise and supervise films for the children - without their goodwill we wouldn't have been able to offer this facility and I know that this would have affected the numbers able to attend. A special thank you to Mrs Herron for organising the event. Her dogged determination ensured that we got the 'Two Johns' booked in at just the right time of year. Thank you all.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Fairbank, the new Teaching Assistant in Year 2 and Mrs Borges, a trainee teacher, to the school. After saying some sad goodbyes I would also like to welcome Levi (Y5), Rebecca (Y2) and, come Monday, Immanuelle (Y1). I am sure you will all be very happy at St Teresa's.

I am sure it will not have escaped your attention that today is Friday and newsletter day is usually Wednesday. Friday is going to be our new 'newsletter day' - for the time being at least. Congratulations to all the merit award winners listed below and to Year 5 for the best attendance. Year 5 also had the highest attendance for the Autumn Term. Well done all of you - and keep it up.

Wishing you all a very good weekend. Whatever you have planned, enjoy.
Mrs Kelly

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in our Merit Assembly this morning:

Rec: Lisa, Charlie, Leila, Archie
Year 1: Esme, Daniel R, Archie, Sophia
Year 2: Maks, Rebecca, Kai, Keira
Year 3: Isabella, Elliot, Thomas, Klaudia, Harry
Year 4: Kaya, Harry S, Poppy, Nick
Year 5: Natalie, Levi, Daniel B
Year 6: Natalie, Hayden, Olivia, Miabella



Presentation Award: Olive (Y1), Hayley (Y2), Zach (Y4), Sam M (Y5), Miabella (Y6)

School Meals

W/b Monday 14th January - Week 2

Menus are available via the School App / Website.



Attendance

Rec:	90.56%	Year 3:	90.63%
Year 1:	93.33%	Year 4:	94.79%
Year 2:	95.98%	Year 5:	97.92%
		Year 6:	96.97%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Congratulations Yr 5 for having the highest attendance in the last week of the Autumn Term



Reflections of the Week



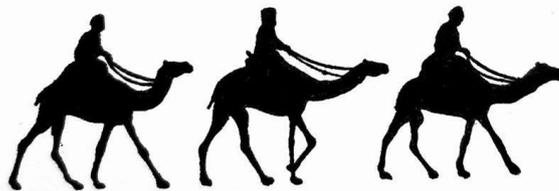
January's Gospel Value – Truthfulness

“Be kind and truthful and your life will be fruitful.”

During Monday morning assembly, Mrs Kelly spoke with the children about the Feast of the Epiphany and the special visitors that visited Jesus with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The children thought about why the Wisemen brought such special gifts and what each gift was and represented. Mrs Kelly then asked the children what they thought the Wisemen would bring to Jesus in this day and age.

The children's responses were so thoughtful, with many of them saying that they thought the Wisemen would bring peace, joy and love.

It was so refreshing listening to the children share their ideas and understanding of the importance of looking after God's world. The gifts that they thought would be shared now are some of the hardest things to achieve on your own. However, working together, greater things can be achieved. We strive each day to give the children the skills to work together as a team to achieve and this is our school New Year's resolution. “Together we can achieve great things and grow in love for God.”



A prayer for the New Year

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.
May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed every creature and plant,
every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honour rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to
blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

May the grace and peace of Christ bless you now and in the days ahead.

“Let us do little things well today”

Well done to all those who have tried to do ‘Little Things’ well this week.

Congratulations to all those who have tried to make a difference in little ways.

Reception	Nkenna	Always helping to make the classroom tidy and taking pride in everything she does.
Year 1	Beth	For being such a supportive friend this week
Year 2	Florence	For being so welcoming to a new member of the class
Year 3	Charlie	For being a great team player this week
Year 4	Aidan	For always holding the door open for adults.
Year 5	Nicole	For <u>always</u> holding the door open for others to pass through
Year 6	Natalie	For showing great resilience
Staff	Mrs Herron	For organising our fantastic, informative E-Safety Day with ‘The Two John’s on Wednesday

I cannot wait to hear about all of the wonderful ‘little things’ that happen next week!

IMPORTANT - ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 2019

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 12 November 2018**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019. **THE STATUTORY NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2019.**

From **12 November 2018**, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

Information regarding admissions can also be found by visiting our school website www.st-teresas.essx.sch.uk and following the links to Admissions.

All supporting documents must be completed and returned to the School Office by 15th January 2019.

These include:

The Supplementary Information Form (available via the school website)

Your child's Birth Certificate

Your child's Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)

The Certificate of Catholic Practice (obtained directly from your Parish Priest) For information Father Tom will be available to issue Certificates of Catholic Practice on Saturday 12th January from 2.00pm in the upstairs room in Church. Please bring your signed weekly attendance records with you.



Parish Fundraising for Lourdes 2019 Italian Night



Fund-raising for Lourdes 2019 will be starting with an Italian Night on Saturday 16th February in St Teresa's School hall! This popular event has been well attended in the past, and again the young people from the parish going to assist in this year's Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage will welcome your continued support.

Please make a note in your diaries - book early to avoid disappointment! - places can now be booked by contacting Toni on 07962014747 or email tonifusi@btinternet.com. More information to follow!

Essex Healthy Schools Programme

On behalf of Dr Sooraj Natarajan, local GP and Clinical Lead on Children's health in Mid and South Essex, schools are being asked to share this information with staff, parents and carers so that they are aware of what to do in the event of:

Diarrhoea and Vomiting;

Bronchiolitis

Head Injury

For more information visit the [Essex Healthy Schools Programme](#) page.

Guitar Lessons - Amendment

Please note that from next week guitar lessons will be on a Wednesday (not Thursday as stated on the App). Therefore please could you ensure that children who have guitar lessons bring their instruments in on Wednesday next week. 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.

The Governing Body of
St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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Formal Consultation on Admission Arrangements for September 2020

In accordance with the Schools Admissions Code, the Governing Body of St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Colchester wishes to consult with stakeholders and the wider community on their proposals to modify their current admission arrangements. It is proposed that these arrangements first apply to applications for admission to Reception in September 2020 and to all other applications receiving during the 2020 - 21 academic year.

As determined by the Schools Admissions Code, this consultation is for parents / carers of children aged 2 - 18, other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements, all other admissions authorities within the local area, the local authority and the Diocese of Brentwood.

The statutory six week consultation period will run from 28th November 2018 - 24th January 2019 (not including school holiday periods). A copy of the consultation can be found on the school website www.st-teresas.essex.sch.uk under the 'Admissions' section

Comments on the proposal to revise the Admissions Criteria are invited and will be considered and used by the Governing Body to inform their final decision on whether to implement the proposed revisions. Formal notification of the Governing Body's decision and a copy of the Admissions Criteria will be placed on the school's website by the end of February 2019.

Consultation responses should be made in writing to St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Clairmont Road, Lexden, Colchester, Essex, CO3 9BE or by email to office@st-teresas.essex.sch.uk

The closing date for responses to be received is 24th January 2019.