

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Liturgy Focus:



Christmas is drawing ever closer and in the lead up to this very busy time of year, with all the additional stress and pressure we find ourselves under, tempers can become frayed and words spoken in anger. As Disciples we should never be loveless and should remember to show a greater love for one another so we can live as Jesus taught us; *"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."* (Proverbs 16:24)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23 November	Christmas Fair 12pm - 3pm
25 November	Seuss 1 Trip to Wokingham Library
27 November	Rowling Class Assembly 9.05am
29 November	School Association Tuck Shop
2 December	KS1 + Seuss Christmas Story Night
3 December	Christmas Wreath making workshop 7pm
4 December	Open Morning for Prospective Parents 2020

Admissions 2020

We are offering Open Mornings to those parents who are looking for reception places in September 2020. Please join us on Wednesday 4th December at 9.30am.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent fundraising. The totals raised in support of these very important charities were fantastic.

Children in Need £518.00
The Royal British Legion £323.84



Remembrance Day

On the 11th November we celebrated Remembrance day by all writing 'We will remember them' on a red paper poppy. As we walked into the hall we all stuck our poppies on a big cross and then sat down quietly. We said a prayer to remember all the people who died in wars. The poppy cross looked stunning covered in red. We were told about some people who had been affected by the war to help us understand.

By Lilymay, Year 5

Corpus Christi Christmas Cracker

Please see attached the details of the church Christmas event on Saturday 14th December at 3.30pm.



Christmas Tree Competition

The winners of our Christmas Decoration Competition have now decorated their Christmas tree at Squires Garden Centre. If you are able to support them by visiting the garden centre and casting your vote by the end of this weekend.



Wokingham Living Advent

During Advent a venue around the town will host a performance for charity, weekdays at 6pm and weekends at 4pm. Leaflets are available in the main school office or www.wokinghamadvent.org.uk.



Year 6 Trip to Guildford Spike Workhouse

On Wednesday 20th November, Year 6 went to the Guildford Spike Workhouse as we are currently learning about the Victorian Era. We learnt the difference between paupers and casuals (casuals paid 2d (1p) to spend the night in the cells; paupers had to work for their keep as they couldn't pay). Throughout the day we participated in various activities relating to the life of a poor Victorian. One of our favourite parts involved exploring life at the Spike and taking a quiz testing our knowledge at the end of the day. It was really fun and we would love to visit it again.

Alba M and Adrian R (Yr 6)



Golden Book

Well done to the following children on being nominated to go into Mrs Peter's Golden Book.

Yannah was nominated for her eagerness to improve her writing even using her freeflow time to work on it.

Marcus L was nominated for his willingness to share his talents during a gym lesson whilst remaining supportive of his peers and never boasting or showing off.

Acqulin was nominated for her fantastic 3D pop up book about Florence Nightingale showing great knowledge and skill

Jimmy was nominated after during a recent workshop he could see the visitor was struggling to carry all his equipment. Without being told Jimmy went over and offered to help.

Well done to everyone for showing us their talents.



Congratulations

To Canon Simon who has been elected a member of the Cathedral Chapter. Please keep him in your prayers. What a lovely start to his time in our community.

This half term seems to be flying by – it's hard to believe we have already been back three weeks! In that time we have continued to have so many exciting learning experiences including, a drumming workshop, Writers workshops, Great Fire of London workshops to name just a few!

On Armistice Day the whole school came together to stop and remember all those who gave up their lives for us. The children created some beautiful poppies and shared some poetry. My thanks to Mrs Boucher for leading such a thoughtful and poignant service.

Although we are not even at the end of November Christmas preparations have begun in earnest and Carols can be heard right across the school! A huge thank you to all of the children who made Christmas decorations for the tree at Squires Garden Centre; it's lovely for our school's talents to be celebrated in the local community.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow, the SA Team have been working tirelessly and I have no doubt this year will be even more magical than ever; the staff will once again be manning the bar so please stop by and say hello!

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher