

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Lent is a penitential season, an opportunity to examine our lives, give our struggles to God, and invite him, through prayer, to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. "In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering." – Pope Francis - Homily, March 5, 2014

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 5th April | End of Term, 1pm (After School Club ends, 3.30pm) |
| 23rd April | School commences, 8.55am |
| 24th April | SLT Surgery, 7pm |
| 26th April | Start of Term Mass, 9.30am |
| 3rd May | Inset Day, School Closed |
| 9th May | Year 5 Swimming starts |
| 13th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| 15th May | Whole School Photograph |

Owl Pellet Dissection

By Austin and William

We dissected owl pellets on Tuesday in class and found bones of birds, rats, voles and mice. We used cocktail sticks to dissect the pellets which are quite small and odourless, thankfully! One of the pellets had a chicks leg hanging out of it! It was a bit disgusting but we still enjoyed it.



WASMA

Congratulations to everyone who took part in WASMA on Sunday and a special thank you to Miss Chaffey and Miss Hines for yet another fabulous performance.

Netball Report by Giselle

We had a netball match against Oaklands School on Wednesday and we lost 16-0. It was quite hard because we haven't had much team coaching yet but we were very good at intercepting the ball. We all tried really hard and we all really enjoyed the match. We are hoping to do some more training on our teamwork to help us improve for the next match. Well done to Katie who was the Player of the Match!



Sunday 12th May

See over for further details

Summer Uniform can be worn when we return after the Easter break



As we will not be in school for Holy Week this year we have spent this last week of term preparing for Easter in a variety of ways. We have been using Pope Francis' words from 2017, "Do you want to fast?" as inspiration to think about the type of people we would really like to be. The children wrote their thoughts on postcards to God; we were so impressed with their insight/ideas we have displayed them across the school so everyone can share in them.

My parents have recently returned from their latest trip to The Gambia and were pleased to see the transformation of the Nursery School now that the electricity has been installed. The school is fast becoming a victim of it's own success and now has a waiting list of children who want to go to the school so they need to build 2 further classrooms at a cost of £8,000. Our Chamber Choir are joining forces with Mrs Phillips church choir to perform a concert on Sunday 12th May, 3pm at St Michael's and All Angels Church in Sandhurst. Admission is free; there will be a retiring collection to raise funds for the classroom project which will hopefully give this new project a flying start.

If you have been to any of Mrs Phillips concerts before you will know how much fun they are so please do put the date in your diary and come along for an hour of quality entertainment.

Despite the numerous bugs that we have been plagued with this term the children (and staff) have continued to be superstars and should be very proud of all they have achieved. My thanks to our amazing SA Team who have continued to entertain us this term whilst raising funds for our school and to you all for your ongoing support.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher