

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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As we continue through the season of Lent we have been focusing on Almsgiving through our fundraising events. However, it is important to remember the giving of Alms does not always relate to financial matters; Jesus taught us to make the need of others our own and this can simply be a kind word or gesture, or giving up some of our free time to provide company for those who are lonely. *"For I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me."* (Matthew 25:35-36)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th March	Class Photographs
22nd March	Assessment Reports sent home
25th March	Clubs all finished (only Yoga and Martial Arts this week)
27th March	Parents' Evening, 4pm to 7pm (Booking opens later today)
28th March	Parents' Evening, 4pm to 7pm (Booking opens later today)
31st March	WASMA Concert
5th April	End of Term, 1pm (After School Club ends, 3.30pm)

Parents' Evening Booking

The booking system for Parents' Evening will open after school on Friday 15th March. To access the system you need to go to our website and click on the Parents tab and then Booking System. Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday 27th March and Thursday 28th March. Please note the booking system will close on Monday 25th

March and appointments will not be able to be made after this time.



Milk Bottle Tops

We are collecting used milk bottle tops as part of our Healthy Schools Scheme. These will be taken for recycling. Please send the children in with their bottle tops as there are drop boxes located around school where they can deposit them.



Safeguarding Spotlight

There is a lot in the media at the moment about screen time and the affects it is having on young people. I hope you find the attached article about screen time and mindfulness useful.

Hockey Tournament by Katie, Ben and Alex

10 of us went to a hockey tournament at Sonning Hockey Club yesterday and played 6 a side against 5 other schools. We didn't win any of our games but played really well and had lots of fun. Our opponents were very hard and had been playing for many years but we didn't give up. It was our first hockey tournament and we were really pleased with how we played!



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World Book Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day last week. The children enjoyed reading with their prayer partners in the morning and had great fun reading with their siblings and parents in the afternoon. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school to share in this international celebration of books.



Cross Country by Blake and Gareth

Last week the cross country team went to The Marist for a competition. We ran 2km on a track through the woods against 3 other schools, boys and girls. It was very muddy and slippery but we still did really well and came in the top 10 in all of the races! Everyone enjoyed the run and it was a great experience.

Staff News

It seems as though our school will soon be sponsored by Pampers as we are delighted to announce Mrs Finnegan is expecting her first baby in Autumn. Our heartfelt congratulations to her and Brian, who is also one of our Governors.



On Wednesday we all had the pleasure of watching Rosen class assembly and what a treat it was! The children have been learning all about Space and were very keen to share their new found knowledge with us all. They all presented so confidently and with such enthusiasm, especially during their very catchy songs! Well done to them all.

Following on from my parentmail last week regarding uniform I would just like to say a very big thank you to you all for responding so positively. As a result our usual high standards have returned and all of the children across the school are looking very smart.

It has been lovely to hear how the children are marking the Cafod 'Give it Up' challenge in so many different ways and I know we already have a lot of money in our class boxes! Their fundraising efforts have continued today as we celebrated Red Nose Day – it felt very strange coming to school in pyjamas and I'm not sure it was particularly conducive to a productive work day for me but the children certainly embraced it!

I am pleased to report that thanks to your generosity the electricity has now been installed in the Nursery School in Kunkujang. My parents are travelling to the Gambia again this weekend and this time will be accompanied by my son and nephew; I hope to have some updated videos to share with the children when they return so they can see first hand the difference their fundraising has made.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher