

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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As we prepare for the beginning of Advent we have been thinking about the gift of giving. At this time of year it is so easy to become focused on having things we want, but don't really need. To give something of yourself to another means so much more; it may be a smile, a good morning or simply some of your time. St Therese was a wonderful example of this; through her 'little ways' of seeking God's will in her everyday activities, doing everything for the love of Jesus with humility. **"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."** (Luke 6:38)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd December	Dressing the Christmas Tree, 6pm
9th December	South Berks Singers Concert, 4pm
10th December	Dress Rehearsal, 1.30pm
11th December	Foundation & Infant Christmas Concert, 1.30pm
12th December	Foundation & Infant Christmas Concert, 1.30pm
13th December	Infant Christmas Lunch
14th December	Junior Christmas Lunch
14th December	Assessment Reports sent home
18th December	Junior Carol Concert, 2pm & 5pm
19th December	Christmas Jumper Day
19th December	Term finishes, 1pm (After School Club finishes at 3.30pm)

IMPORTANT

Foundation & Infant Nativity Booking



Please ensure you have booked your ticket for the Foundation and Infant Christmas performance.

Unfortunately we cannot permit admission without a pre booked ticket.

The booking system will close on Wednesday 5th December.

Children in Need

Our dots, spots and crazy hair added up to an amazing **£621.88** raised for Children in Need!



Thank you for joining in the fundraising for this very worthwhile cause and thank you to our School Council for their organisation.

Christmas Jumper Day

19th December



We will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term, Wednesday 19th December. Children should wear normal school uniform topped off with their Christmas jumper. Please donate a minimum of £1. All proceeds will go to the Kunkujang Electricity Project.

Mini Vinnies

I am pleased to announce the members of our new Mini Vinnie team below. Mini Vinnies have a very important responsibility in our school and I am very proud of all of them for volunteering.

Catherine B	Ifunanya	William F
Finn	Cherenna	Comfort
Henry E	Austin E	Henry A
Eloise M	Sienna	Mia

Thank you to all the children across Year 3 and Year 4 who applied for the positions, I thoroughly enjoyed reading all your letters.



The Mini Vinnies have already started to turn their concerns into action and have launched their first Christmas challenge! Please see the attached note for more details.

Please turn over

I have been desperately trying to ignore the fact that Christmas is creeping up on us for the past couple of weeks; I have avoided the Christmas crew led by Miss Chaffey and have closed my eyes to the costumes and glitter that have appeared in corridors. However, the Grinch was thoroughly put to bed on Saturday when I saw that our school had been transformed into a Winter Wonderland! Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success; there was an amazing buzz all afternoon and it was wonderful to have an opportunity to catch up with so many of you. Words are never enough to express how very grateful I am to the incredible SA team for all they do for our school and the time they dedicate to all their events. They raised a fantastic £2,500, the highest total ever achieved which is testament to their hard work.

Over the next couple of weeks we have so many events in school, please refer back to key dates and newsletters to make sure the children don't miss anything.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher