

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.' As Pope Francis explained, the mark of ash we receive on Ash Wednesday is a sign that helps us find our direction: *"it is a reminder that of the many things occupying our thoughts, which we chase after and worry about every day, nothing will remain. No matter how hard we work, we will take no wealth with us from this life"*. (Pope Francis – Homily, March 2019)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th March	Dahl Class Assembly 9.05am
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	Family Fun Night (School Association)
16th March	Class Photographs
18th March	Rosen Class Assembly 9.05am
20th March	Happy Bag Collection Day

Safer Internet Day

Before half term we celebrated Safer Internet Day with the theme: Together for a better internet. The Digital Leaders delivered an excellent assembly reminding everyone to be SMART when online. Every class spent time thinking about how they can use the internet safely, create a positive identity and be free to be themselves in a positive way.

Find out more at the following websites:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/about-safer-internet-day>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/free-be-me-safer-internet-day-research>



World Book Day

We are very much looking forward to 'World Book Day' on **Thursday 5th March 2020**. Just a reminder that the theme we are focusing on this year is **vocabulary**. We would like every child in the school to choose a word and wear fancy dress to represent it. On the day, the children should come to school dressed as their chosen word.

At **2.45pm**, the children will take part in a vocabulary parade on the playground. We would like to invite parents to arrive through the front gate at **2.35pm** to be ready for the parade. The gate will be locked at 2.45pm for the children's safety.

Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday 12th February, St Teresa's Hockey Team participated in a school friendly tournament between 5 schools in our area. Out of these 5 schools we came 2nd, and we were the only team not to lose a game! The rules were that if you won you got 3 points, if drew you got 1 point and if you lost you got no points. We scored many goals and worked well as a team. We really enjoyed the tournament.



Katie H and Harry D

100 Reads

Huge congratulations to Raphael (Shakespeare Class) and Sara-Maria (Seuss Class) and Maria (Rosen) who have already completed their 100 Read challenge – a fantastic achievement for them all!



Golden Book

Congratulations to Eliza S (Morpurgo) who was nominated by Mrs Peters for the beautiful book she created during Half Term. The book was called God's Footsteps and in it she included lots of the information she has been learning in her First Holy Communion sessions as well as the re-telling of some well known bible stories. The effort she had shown in creating a celebration of her faith was commendable.



Scooters

May we remind you that children must dismount from their scooters as soon as they enter school property. Please ensure that your child does not scoot in the playground or on the paths leading to this for safety of all other children and parents around.

Sports Festival

On Thursday 27th a group of Year 4,5 & 6 children went to Loddon Valley Leisure Centre to be at a Sports Festival. We did lots of activities there including obstacle course, ping pong / table tennis, badminton, soft play and kurling. There were other schools and we have a great time.

By Valynda & Acquin—Year 6

Late Arrival

If your child arrives after the gates have closed they must be accompanied into the school office by a parent. Please note the children must be signed into our computer system by a parent.

Just before half term our Head team (Katie, Jean-Seb, Thomas and Teigan) presented their 'Prayer Area' pitch to myself, Mrs Eden, Canon Simon, Mrs Howick and Mrs Boucher. They were not at all fazed by their audience – in fact their enthusiasm and passion for this project grew as they shared more and more of their ideas. It was evident they had put a great deal of thought into their design and the rationale for each of the things that were included had been carefully considered; we were incredibly proud of them. Their design was given a unanimous thumbs up from all of the panel and we are looking forward to seeing the project taking shape and coming alive over the next few months.

This week I have been joining Year 6 for their English lessons and have thoroughly enjoyed being back in class, not least because I have been completely blown away by the enthusiasm the children have shown in their learning. They are currently studying Macbeth and to see their excitement grow as they have delved further and further into the text has been a real joy to observe!

And finally, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Day last half term. I hope it gave you the chance to see first hand the efforts our staff go to in providing an exciting, engaging curriculum which motivates and inspires our children.



Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher