

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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In our Christingle the children reminded us, '**Jesus is the light of the world, Jesus is our way. With Jesus even dark places are light: Jesus is our truth. In Jesus we shall live for ever; Jesus is our life.**'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th January Start of term 8.55am
15th January Start of term Mass, 9.30am
22nd January Lewis Assembly, 9.05am

Gate Times

Please note from January the front and back gate will be closed at **8:50am** when the bell rings. This is to ensure the safeguarding of the children as well as promoting the importance of being punctual. Anyone arriving after this time will need to go through the main office and sign in.

Alice in Pantoland

The Corpus Christi Parish panto is back again on 25th & 26th January. This year they are supporting a Wokingham based charity, Building For The Future - Our House. A charity which supports families & children with special needs in Wokingham.



Full details and tickets available at aliceinpantoland.eventbrite.co.uk

WASMA

Now that we've had our fantastic Christmas performances, we can start thinking about WASMA! This is a popular event at The Hexagon Theatre. It is open to all Juniors from Year 3 - 6 and we will have the opportunity to sing and dance with about 400 other children. Keep your eyes peeled as Miss Chaffey will be sending out information in the first few weeks back.



Save the Date: 29 March 2020

Clubs

The list of clubs will be sent out shortly. The bookings will open on the 10 January 2020, clubs will run for 8 weeks starting week commencing 20 January 2020.



Walking Bus

If anyone would be interested in restarting the Walking Bus please contact the office. This would operate from Cockpit Path car park to the back gate. You would need to be available to meet the children at 8.20am and walk them to school for 8.40am.



Thank You

We raised a magnificent total of

£850.00

At our Christingle and Carol concerts, thank you for your wonderful generosity.

As explained at the concerts this money raised will be used to set up the night shelter in Corpus Christi that is starting in the New Year



Head Boy & Girl Celebrations

Henry D - for getting Man of the Match in Football
James C - for passing his stage three in his swimming level
Liyana - for swimming 20 metres and received her Rainbow Award
Judown - for getting the next belt in Taekwondo
Ciara S - passing level in swimming (Happy Birthday)
Heloise - who finished yellow book in guitar



What an amazing few weeks we have had! St T's is always a very special place to be but never more so than at Christmas.

Last week Seuss and the Infants commenced our celebrations with their wonderful Nativities. All of the children were fabulous and retold the Christmas story in a very unique way!

On Saturday I had the pleasure of joining some of our children at the Parish Christmas Cracker for the lighting of the Christmas trees. A big thank you to Katie and Teigan in Year 6 who gave up their lunchtimes to make the beautiful angel decorations for our tree – they look gorgeous.

Monday was especially busy as we had the first of our Christmas lunches followed by our Chamber Choir singing at Murdoch House. The children's interactions with the residents were heart-warming and very genuine. It was a very special moment, seeing these two generations come together to share the joy of Christmas carols.

On Tuesday our youngest children in school provided wonderful entertainment for us all with their Christmas Sing-Song. They sang so confidently and were very enthusiastic with their actions and dancing, so much so the whole school joined in with their 'mooring'!

Yesterday our Juniors completed our Christmas celebrations. Years 3 and 4 led a thoughtful Christingle which gave us all a chance to stop and think about Jesus' love lighting the world and how we too can spread his love. This is the first time we have had a Christingle and certainly won't be the last! This was followed in the evening by the Year 5 and 6 Carol Service. This is always a very special event but was made even more poignant this year because the children had written a lot of it themselves. Whilst listening to their 'I was there' eyewitness accounts and prayers I was struck by the depths of their spiritual understanding. It was a beautiful way to end our term. My thanks to the SA Team for providing the refreshments – the mulled wine went down a treat!

As always, all of the above wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our staff – we truly are blessed as a school to have such an amazing team and I am so appreciative of all they do.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas; thank you so much for your ongoing support, I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher

