



Dear Parents,

The beginning of Advent signals a time of reflection. As a school, spent some time during Monday's assembly thinking about what we could change over the Advent period, to improve our relationships with both one another and with our environment. Children had many suggestions of simple actions that could make a big difference, some of which are displayed on a wonderful wreath in the school office, which has been created by some members of the Faith Formation team, members of the Wraparound club and some smaller groups of children. You are welcome to pop in and have a look.

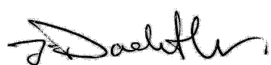
Over the past couple of weeks, a number of children in KS2 have taken part in top up swimming lessons at Morden Pool, to ensure that they can swim competently. Life skills such as these are of crucial importance and the group are to be commended on their commitment to the additional lessons.

St Teresa's has a long history of impressive choir performances and we were thrilled to be invited to sing at Wimbledon station to raise money for the HCPT charity. The children sang beautifully and made over £300 from donations. The group even made the Wimbledon Times newspaper, a link to which will be available shortly in the news section of the school website. Particular thanks must go to Mrs Aransiola who once again led the choir through an amazing performance and repertoire of Christmas songs and Carols, much to the delight of the commuters.

As well as appearing in Wimbledon, St Teresa's also has a presence in Morden this Christmas. Children from Wraparound Club produced a lovely selection of festive artwork for the window of Turners estate agents, near the Civic Centre in Morden town. Thank you to the wraparound team of staff and children for all of their hard work!

Year 4 led us in a very holy Advent service earlier today. The story they told of the events leading up to the birth of Christ, gave us the time to reflect. We need to keep it simple and make 'straight paths' to the Lord. These pathways lead us to salvation. A big thank you to the Year 4 staff for their commitment to this wonderful story.

Have a great weekend - see you at the F.O.S.T Christmas Market this evening!



Mr J Dachtler
Headteacher

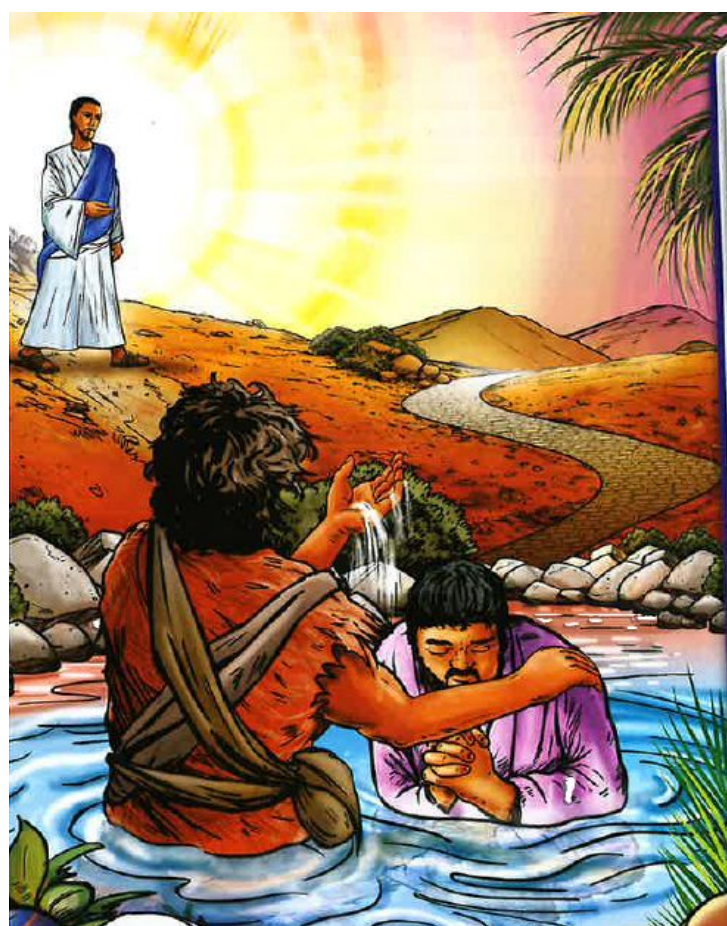
Just a reminder that if you are applying for a **Reception** place for your child at St Teresa's for September 2020, you must apply on-line to your Council and also provide the school with your signed and stamped Supplementary Information Form and supporting documents,
by **15th January 2020**.

St Teresa's

Market today!


Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Sat 7 Dec	St Teresa's Parish International Evening (whole family event) Grand Draw Tickets available from the Church - First Prize £1000!	7.30pm - 9.30pm	School Hall
Tues 10 Dec	Nursery and Reception Nativity (AM Session) Nursery Parents invited	9.30am - 10.30am	School Hall
	Nursery and Reception Nativity (PM Session) Reception Parents invited	2.00pm - 3.00pm	School Hall
Wed 11 Dec	Year 2 Christmas Around the World Workshop - Y2 Parents invited	2.00pm - 3.00pm	School Hall
Tues 17 Dec	Reception - Year 6 - Class Christmas Parties (more information regarding donations, to follow)	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Classrooms
Wed 18 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for the whole school for a £1 donation to charity.	All Day	
	Whole School Christmas Dinner - all children from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to participate.	11.30am - 1.00pm	School Hall
	School finishes for Nursery pupils today.		
Thurs 19 Dec	School closes for Christmas holiday	1.30pm	Collect from the playground



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 8th December 2019



In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judea and this was his message: "Repent, change your ways; for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said, 'A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John said to the people, "I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

*Adapted from
Matthew 3: 1-12 (the 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A)*

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church - all are warmly invited.

"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux

Wraparound After School Club Christmas Party

On Monday 16th December, we are holding our Christmas Party. If you would like your child to attend, please book on ParentPay in the usual way. Children need to bring a Christmas jumper/top to wear at Wraparound that afternoon.

There will be party games and lots of goodies!



Nursery places still available from January 2020

(Only for children with dates of birth between 01.09.15 and 31.08.16)

We would like to inform you that we still have a few Nursery places available from January 2020. If your child is currently attending mornings only but you are interested in increasing their hours, you may qualify for up to a further 15 hours childcare of 30 hours per week.

If you would like to know more please see your child's teacher or Mrs Isaac in the school office. In the meantime, you can check whether you are eligible for the additional hours by registering on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

You may also have friends who are looking for a Nursery place - part or full time, who may be interested. Please feel free to pass on this information. The admissions email address is admissions@st-teresas.merton.sch.uk

PE & Sports Assembly Monday 16th December

Final reminder to all children who have attained any sporting achievements since July 2019, to send Mr Paul a picture of themselves with their trophy or certificate. Also provide a brief description of what they received the award or trophy for. Thank you.

Mr Paul's email address is:

dominic.paul@st-teresas.merton.sch.uk

DEADLINE FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER



TM United presents

Free Festive Football

Visit Santa in his Grotto
Face Painting
Food & Drink & Festive Cheer
See whats on at your community club
Tooting & Mitcham United v Ware FC
Free Entry to match with this leaflet
Kick Off 3pm

Have your say on our exciting new plans for 2020

**December 14th
12pm-6pm**

TM United, Campus Society Stadium
Bishopsford Road, Morden, Surrey SM4 6BF

