

'Our journey with God'

Dear Parents

The Gospel for this weekend is themed around community. Jesus is building his team of followers, many of whom had to take a leap of faith and follow. The school and Parish have over 80 years of history together. The journey has always had its ups and downs along the way and in the end the community and its values always win through. Fr John taught us that we are all part of that journey, working together for the common good. The journey is different *because of us*. We all matter regardless of cultural background or social status. We are a team.

Teachers from St Teresa's spearhead English, Maths and Science leadership across the Merton Deanery and we were delighted to welcome 12 teachers from other Deanery schools, who observed modelled lessons teaching spelling, punctuation and grammar, on Thursday this week. A very special thanks to Mrs Bimson and Mrs Aransiola for their organisation and time.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter the Nursery have been learning about Light and Dark. Children from the Early Years enjoyed an excellent insight into the stars and the universe with a special Planetarium, that was set up in our school hall.

The next fundraising event organised by the FOST Team is the **'Jumble Sale' next Friday 31st January, in the school hall from 3.15pm**. If you have any good as new items that you would like to recycle, please place them in the blue bins either out the front of the school or by the Early Years entrance. No large or bulky items - thank you. Please come along as you may find that something, someone no longer needs, is the one thing you are looking for. There will be lots of children's clothes that have been outgrown which you can pick up very reasonably. Don't forget to bring some cash!

Perhaps we should all try to 'look up to the stars' this weekend asking our loving God to continue to guide us in our communities and beyond.

Have a great weekend.

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Headteacher

If you are interested in becoming a class representative, please email the FOST Team with your details at fosteresa@gmail.com. They really need your support!



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Feeling the need to clear some clutter this new year?

Look no further! The Friends of St Teresa's needs your good-as-new items for our January Jumble Sale. Clothing, bric-a-brac, toys, books and DVDs in good condition are all welcome. No large or bulky items please.

Friday 31 January 2020

3:15pm— School Hall—Free entry

This is your opportunity to have a clear out, come along and bag a bargain. Tea and cake will also be on sale.

Collection bins will be outside school (by the main children's entrance and in the Early Years playground) from Monday 20 January for any donations

As storage is limited, any items not sold on the day will be donated to local charity shops.

Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Wed 5 Feb	Year 1 Maths Workshop for parents	9.00am-10.00am	School Hall
Thurs 6 Feb	Year 5 Maths Workshop for parents	9.00am-10.00am	School Hall
Mon 10 Feb	Year 4 Maths Workshop for parents	9.00am-10.00am	School Hall
Tues 11 Feb	Year 3 Maths Workshop for parents	9.00am-10.00am	School Hall
Wed 12 Feb	Year 6 Maths Workshop for parents	9.00.am-10.00am	School Hall
Thurs 13 Feb	Year 2 Maths Workshop for parents Nursery & Reception Parent Consultations Y6 Parent Consultations	9.00.am-10.00am 1.30 - 7.00pm 8.00am - 7.00pm	School Hall Classrooms Head's Office
Fri 14 Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS - STAFF TRAINING DAY & Half term break		
17 - 21 Feb	Half Term Break		
Mon 23 Feb	School Opens for all pupils REMEMBER THE NEW START TIME OF 8.40AM.	8.40am	

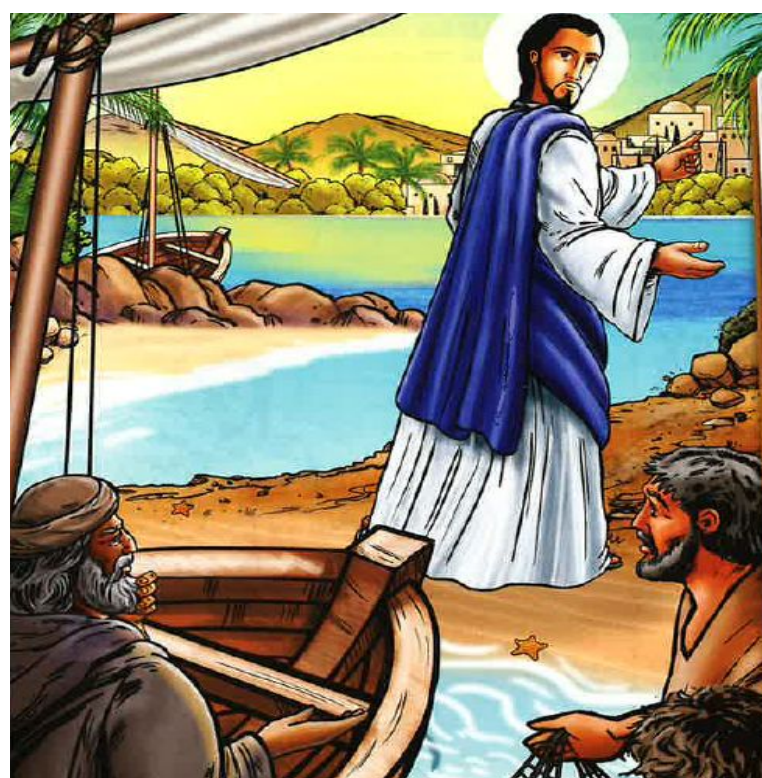
Sports News

Last Friday 3 of our children from Y5 attended a Boccia tournament. We are happy to announce that they came second in the competition picking up silver medals.

The competition was hosted by Merton School Sport Partnership, with the help of some of our Y6 Sports leaders. The leaders had the opportunity to officiate matches, record results and encourage all children playing. This was a great opportunity for the pupils to use their leadership skills and was well appreciated by the pupils and staff in attendance.


This week all of our Reception children attended bikeability training provided by a company called "Cycling Instructor". The children had a very enjoyable experience and we hope to see them on their bikes again soon. If you are interested in any further free bike training for children or adults please have a look on their website

www.cyclinginstructor.com.



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 26th January 2020



Hearing that John the Baptist had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." As he was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people." And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there, he saw another pair of brothers, James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving their boat and their father, they followed him. Jesus went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

*Adapted from
Matt. 4:12-23 (the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)*

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