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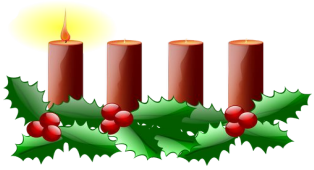


1st Sunday of Advent

Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Parents,

This time next week we will be enjoying our Christmas Fair! The FOST team have worked very hard to prepare for the fair but we really need everyone to fill the stalls and stop by after school for an hour or so, to make the event a great success. The majority of our fundraising will be spent on new playground equipment for the school so please give generously.

Children in Year 6 were treated to a performance of The Sound of Music by students at the Ursuline High School this week. The children enjoyed this classic musical played so well by the students - some of whom attended St Teresa's in the past.

Year 4 children took a break from their Advent service preparation to perform for their parents, playing either guitar, djembe or trumpet, following small group lessons taking place across the year, with Merton Music Foundation teachers. The children performed with great confidence, showing that investing in music lessons at a young age can be really impactful in the way in which we appreciate music for a lifetime.

The new liturgical year begins this week as we step into Advent. We need to prepare, perhaps not in terms of those 'black Friday' deals in the stores and online, but in terms of our hearts. The prophets of the Old Testament encourage us to '*stay awake*' at this time and prepare the way for the King of Kings.

We apologise to any parents who brought in cakes for the Y3/4 cake sale, that was originally booked for this afternoon. The FOST team hadn't realised that it was so close the Christmas Market and so decided to postpone this until after Christmas. However, the message didn't get through, so we trust you won't mind but we are going to keep the packaged cakes for next week's Market cake sale. Thank you for these donations which will be gratefully received.

Have a great weekend.

Mr J Dachtler
Headteacher

See our Christmas Market Flyer - overleaf!

In the meantime, if you are able to help set up or clear away after the market, your presence would be welcomed. We know that not everyone can support us during the actual event but help before or after is really important, to make things happen! If you are able to commit just one hour, please email your name details to: fosteresas@gmail.com. Thank you.

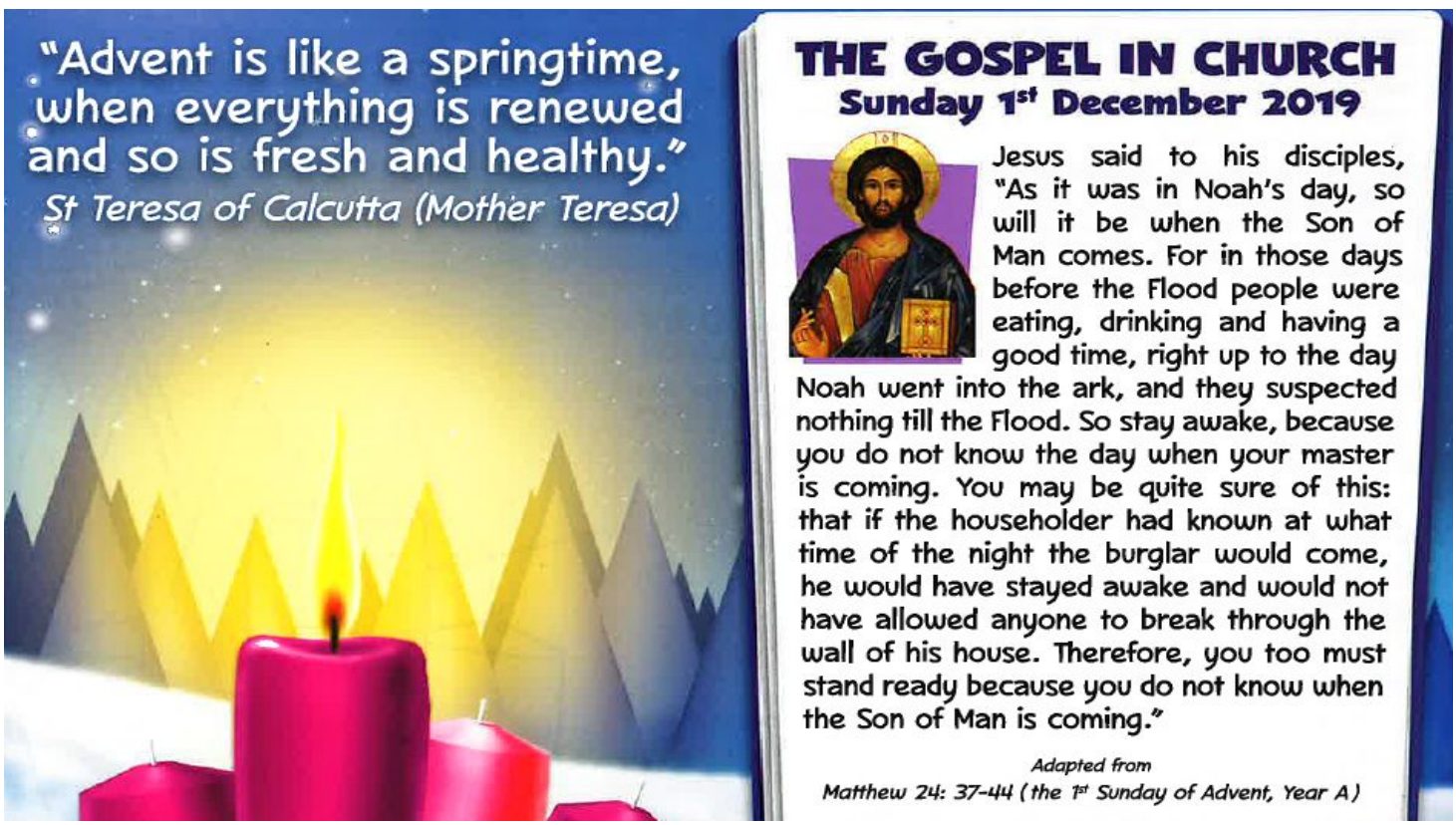
Remember

You can find us on FACEBOOK now at https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStT/

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

Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Fri 6 Dec	Year 4 Advent Service - Year 4 Parents invited Friends of St Teresa's Christmas Market	9.00am - 9.30am 3.30pm - 5.30pm	School Hall School Hall
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 Nursery and Reception Nativity (PM Session) Reception Parents invited	9.30am - 10.30am 2.00pm - 3.00pm	School Hall 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. Whole School Christmas Dinner - all children from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to participate. Last day for Nursery pupils.	All Day 11.30am - 1.00pm	 School Hall
Thurs 1 Dec	School closes for Christmas holiday	1.30pm	Collect from the playground



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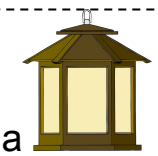
Attendance for the Week Beginning 18 November 2019 Our weekly target is 96.5%	
Class Name	**% Attendance**
Blossom Class (Nursery)	82.8%
Bluebell Class (Nursery)	94.9%
Reception W	93.2%
Reception G	85.7%
1M	97.3%
1WA	97.3%
2B	99.3%
2R	95.0%
3P	98.7%
3EM	98.0%
4M	94.7%
4H	97.7%
5S	95,5%
5V	96.7%
6M	100%
6F	95.0%
Whole School	95.4%
Early Years winner: Nursery Bluebell Class with 94.9% KS1 Winner: 2B with 99.3% KS2 Winner: 6M with 100%	Well done to last week's winners!

Sports Assembly Coming up!

Just to remind all children who have attained any sporting achievements since July 2019, to send Mr Paul a picture of themself with their trophy or certificate. Also provide a brief description of what they received the award or trophy for.
Mr Paul's email address is:
dominic.paul@st-teresas.merton.sch.uk

Christmas Lantern Competition

Last minute competition for the Christmas Market!



The Friends of St Teresa's are asking any children if they would like to make a Christmas Lantern out of recycled rubbish for the Christmas Market, to display around the playground. This would make a really effective display!
If your child would like to make a lantern, there will be a prize for the best one - judged by Mr Dachtler. Please return this slip to your child's teacher, so that the team can purchase enough battery tea lights, to light each lantern and place in the playground.
Name……..Class…... Is making a lantern and will need a tea light please.

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Christmas Market

School Playground

Friday, 6 December 2019

3:30 — 5:30pm

Ways you can support the Market:

Any donations of good-as-new items, toiletries, or raffle prizes can be placed in the bins at the school entrances.

There will be a Mufti Day on Thursday 5 December— please bring a bottle for the tombola

If you haven't yet signed up for a slot on your class stall then look out for the sheets in the playground.

Come along for…

Snow Globe—Santa's Grotto— Crafts—
Gingerbread Decorating—Elf off the Shelf! -

Bottle Tombola—
Refreshments
Mulled Wine
and lots more!

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