



St. Teresa's
R.C. Primary School

2020

Friday 10th
January
2020

Dear Parents,

'Year of the Word'

It has been wonderful to welcome children back to school this week following our Christmas break. On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to thank you for the many gifts and well wishes that you passed on at the end of the last term. We are humbled by your generosity of spirit and support for our school.

As you will be aware the Pope has declared this liturgical year to be the 'Year of the Word'. We will be focussing this term on a passage from the book of Proverbs, encouraging us to 'Trust in the Lord with all of our hearts'. It is so encouraging to know that we can all trust that children in our school will receive a world class Catholic education, with **love** right at the centre of all that we do.

Special thanks to Canon Tom for leading our new term Mass yesterday, at which he blessed members of our newly formed 'Faith in Action' and 'Faith Formation' pupil groups. Led by Mrs Eaden and Mrs Sharkey, these children are making a real difference in school through the living out of their faith. Canon Tom was very touched by their work as well as their commitment to our school and Church community.

There has been an ongoing focus on positive mental health over the past few months. We hope that this morning's parent workshop on child anxiety was useful. We are always available to deal with any concerns you may have regarding mental health. Four members of staff are fully trained in mental health first aid and are ready to help.

The school library, now called the 'Reading Lab', has undergone somewhat of a makeover and you will have received notification of an exciting author visit next week. The Reading Lab will be open for each year group after school and we would love to see you. Please feel free to come in and choose from a wide range of exciting titles aimed to boost imagination and enhance learning. The library will also be a place where we present art work and topic displays, capturing what goes on in school for parents and children to see. Please contact Mrs Bimson with any additional ideas you may have that would further enhance this place of learning and discovery.

Finally, we learned yesterday that Mrs Druce and her husband are now extremely proud parents of another beautiful girl. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating them on this wonderful news. Please keep the Druce family in your prayers over the coming weeks as they adjust to their delightful new edition.

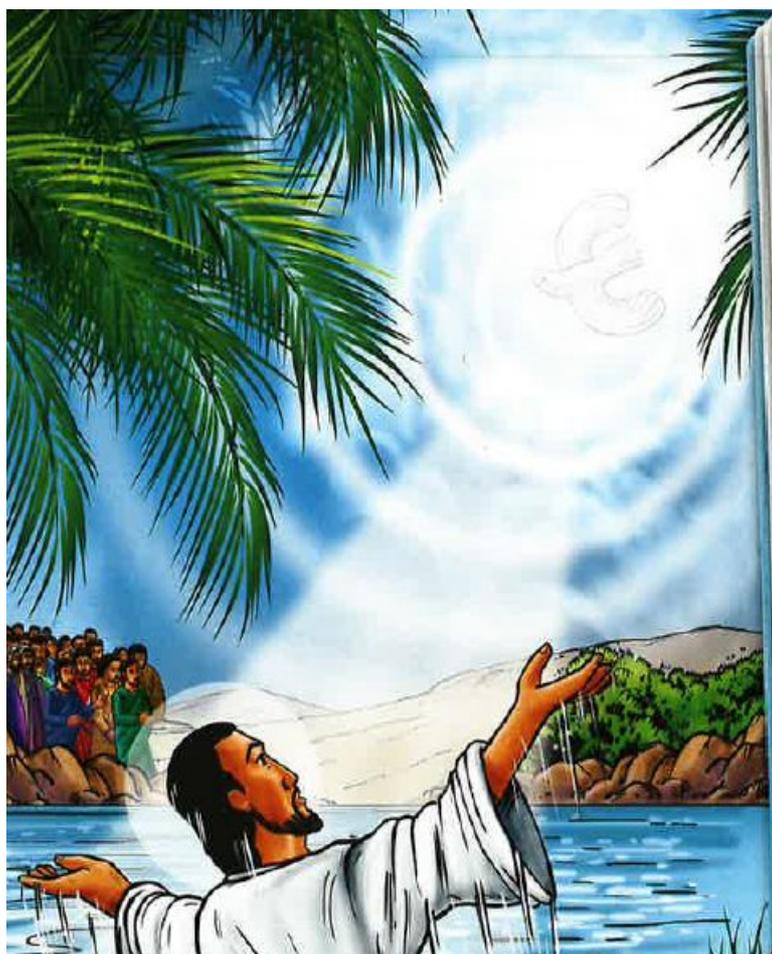
Mr J Dachtler
Headteacher

Reception Applications for September 2020

A final 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 the closing date of Wednesday **15th January 2020**. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
Sat 11 Jan	First Holy Communion programme resumes this week, for children making their First confession and First Communion this year.	9.30am	St Teresa's Church
Mon 13 Jan	After School Clubs start this week for children who have been offered a place. Please <u>check the day and time</u> of your child's club. All children are to be collected from the school playground promptly at 4.20pm. Entry to the playground is only via the Middleton Road or Y6 gates.	After school until 4.20pm	Collection from the school playground
Thurs 16 Jan	Vision Testing for Reception pupils. Please ensure that you have returned your completed form to the school - if you wish your child to participate or not. Please tick the appropriate box.	AM	In school



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 12th January 2020



Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he said, "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands." At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

*Adapted from
Matthew 3:13-17 (The Baptism of the Lord, Year A)*

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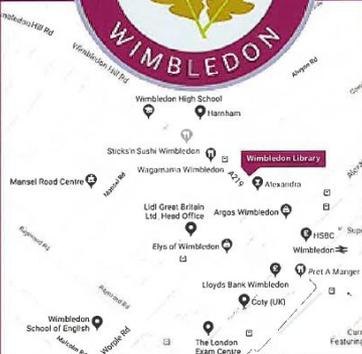


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Train to Teach
Thursday 16th January
Wimbledon Library
4-7pm



For enquiries regarding this event or to find out more about our observation days, school experience & teaching assistant roles

Please Contact:

Primary
Collette Farley: collette.farley@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Secondary
Hattie Dukes: hdukes1.315@lgfmail.org



BEGINNERS FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Starting 14th January

First 3 Sessions FREE

BOYS & GIRLS

8-13 YEARS

FUN
GET ACTIVE



TUES
5:30-
6:30 PM

TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED FC

Bishopsford Road, Morden, SM4 6BF



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CAROLINE ON 07702 710395

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

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Hounslow and Richmond
Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Reception, Year 1,2,3,4,5 and 6

Did your child miss the nasal flu vaccine this winter.

Please drop into one of our catch-up sessions held by the NHS nurses at:

Address: Mitcham Fire Station
421-445 London Road,
Mitcham,
CR4 4BJ
(Community Room First Floor)



Clinic Dates and Times:

Monday 13th January 2pm - 4.30pm
Saturday 25th January 10am - 2pm

(This is a Drop in clinic. If you prefer a confirmed time please ring the immunisation team on 02035380502)

(Parking available in surrounding areas, please do not park at the Fire Station, thank you)