



Friday Bulletin

Friday 23rd February 2024

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Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents,

It was excellent to see so many parents and grandparents at our coffee morning earlier today. The information that Miss Gregory shared around 'emotionally based school avoidance' was really excellent and can be found in the slide below for anyone who was unable to attend. These important sessions are also a way in which we can listen to you as parents and find ways of supporting you even more.

A great example of responding to the needs of the school can be found in the example of the playground project, which is also summarised below. Teamwork is a significant part of our ethos and I would like to thank you all for your continuous support of our school. The FOST team have put together a very exciting sponsored 'Leap for Leap day' activity to commemorate the leap year on Thursday next week. We have encouraged children to get sponsorship across the weekend on the form sent home earlier this week.

What will you do with the extra day?? Perhaps we could use it to reflect on the Gospel message for the weekend ahead that captures the blockbusting scene on Mt Tabor where Jesus appears bathed in white light with Moses and Elijah, great teacher and prophet from the Old Testament. God speaks to the disciples witnessing the event, asking them to 'listen to His son, the beloved'. Imagine the power of us stopping to listen to God more often, shutting out the 'noise' that surrounds us.

Be it the church, the countryside or the car - let's use that extra day next week wisely to simply listen!

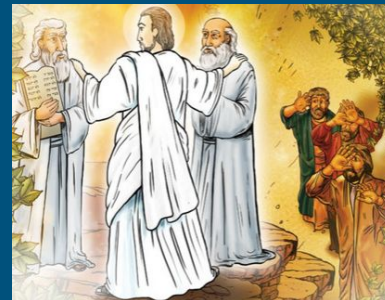
Have a great weekend!

Mr Dachtler

**Thursday
29th
February**

'Leap for Leap Day'

during school time



Family Coffee Morning

This morning's family coffee morning focussed on attendance, establishing good routines and 'Emotionally Based School Avoidance'.

It really is wonderful to come together to speak about different family experiences and to learn some tips along the way.

[Click here](#) for this morning's slides and signposting to further support.

Our next family coffee morning will be on Friday 22nd March with the theme being 'Understanding Autism'.

Everyone is welcome!

Family Coffee Morning



The sessions will have a short presentation which will include different strategies, support and information on how to support your children. The sessions will be fun and informal. There will be lots of time to ask questions and share experiences.

Friday 22nd March 2024

'Understanding Autism'

- What is Autistic Spectrum Disorder/Condition?
- How are pupils with ASD supported?
- Possible Signs and Symptoms
- What to do if I think my child is Autistic?

Time: 8.45am-9.30am

Location: The School Library

Miss Gregory (SENCo) and
Mrs Cain (Jigsaw4u) will be at
the session.

No need to book, just turn up!





Stay and pray.

Monday at 9am in
the School Library.



Come to pray,
Come to learn,
Come to sit quietly and think,
Come to worship,
Come to light a candle for yourself
Or someone you care about,
Simply come...

Lent at St Teresa's 2024

- In school **Adoration** (all year groups) - **Tuesday 27th February**
Here is a link to a video explaining what Adoration is - [Adoration](#)
- **1st March** - World Day of Prayer, a chance to deepen our prayer life throughout the season of Lent.
- In school **Sacrament of Reconciliation** opportunity (Yr 4 - 6): **Tuesday 5th March 12:15pm - 1:15pm**
- **Y5 Easter Liturgy** for parents - **Tuesday 26th March** - time TBC
- In school, during lunchtimes, our **Faith Formation Team** will be leading children in some **quiet reflection** as we think about the time Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane and to give children their own chance to “watch and pray.”
- **During Holy week**, the Faith in Action Team want us to all join in ‘*The Big Lent Walk*’ to raise money for Cafod.
- Here is a link to a short video on Lent - [Lent in 3 Minutes](#)

The Playground project



We are committed to making St. Teresa's a school where everyone thrives and that includes having a playground that is safe, sustainable, exciting, and that supports their physical and mental health.

Thanks to your feedback in last year's parent survey, you asked us to focus on improving the school facilities which is why we're making our playground a top priority. You've also helped raise a significant amount of money for the playground over the years which has put us in a really good position to get started.

To help lead on the design and development of the playground, we have now formed a dedicated working group with the following members: our Headteacher, Business Manager, two Governors, the Chair of FOST, and two additional parents with construction and finance expertise.

The group will be responsible for delivering a well thought plan that will include the views from the entire school community – children, parents, and staff, and to ensure that all the funds we've raised over the years are used well.

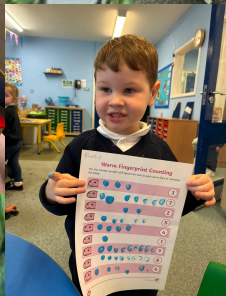
The group are currently having conversations with staff and pupils to find out what they would like the playground to have and the outcomes of these conversations will be shared with you over the coming weeks.



Headlines of the week



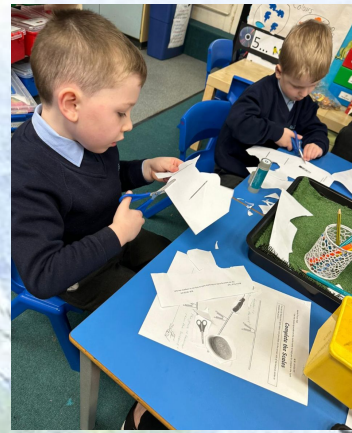
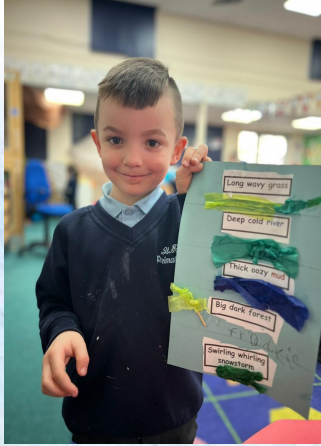
Nursery



SUPERWORM

A new story and a great start to the new term. Nursery have been busy finding minibeasts in the soil, creating beautiful hairstyles in the hairdressers and learning about 2D shapes.

Reception



Reception children were welcomed back to school this week by a new visitor in their classrooms...Grandma Fantastic! She has helped to enrich our vocabulary as we travelled through rivers, snowstorms, muddy swamps on the hunt for a bear. What fantastic words might you use to describe your adventures this weekend? In maths, we have been understanding weight and encouraging children to compare two objects to decide whether they are heavy or light.



Year 1



We have had a great first week back in Year 1!

In English, we started our new topic 'Song of the Sea'. We spent time making our own treasure chests and creating packing lists for what we need when we go on our underwater adventure next week!

In RE, we spent some time thinking about Holy Communion and why this is an important time. We really enjoyed our visit from the children in Year 4 who told us all about their Holy Communion experience last year.

In Science, we had lots of fun learning about the different body parts and understanding which ones are the most important and why.

Our NED champions this week:

1KH: Nicola has had a fantastic first week back at school! She has worked really hard in all of her lessons and tried her best to stay focused. She has made huge improvements in her writing by including capital letters and finger spaces in all of her sentences. Well done Nicola!

1LH: Dominic displays NED values in every part of his school life. This week he wowed us all in Geography by sharing some amazing facts about the Indian Ocean! Great job Dominic :)

Year 2



Welcome back children and parents after hopefully what was a **restful and peaceful half term break**. Our children have got straight back into their learning and have been looking at different points of **thanksgiving during Mass in RE lessons** this week and considering **why** we need to be **thankful for to Christ**.

In **English lessons**, we have decided to revisit some of the **key grammar principles** for our pupils to focus on in order to **support their sentence quality and structure** before we complete our next big write coming up.

In **Maths** we have started our new unit of learning - **multiplication and division** and this is a **big and challenging area of new learning**.

In **History**, we have gone back in time to start our study about **The Great Fire of London**.

This week our **wonderful NED champions** are: **Brice in 2LM** and **Jaydon in 2CM**. **Well done to you both!** 😊

Year 3



This week in English, we began our topic on 'Earth Shattering events'. We created some effective sentences on earthquakes by using powerful adjectives and alliteration.

In maths, we started on fractions. We identified what unit fractions are and compared them using the greater/less than symbols. We also began ordering fractions.

We looked at the structure of volcanoes in geography and explored how volcanoes were formed.



★ NED CHAMPIONS ★ **3EW-**

Maya has been brilliant this week. She always comes up with great ideas which also reflect well in her written work. Her learning behaviour is wonderful and she is a great role model!

3M -

Liam is 3M NED Champion this week. His enthusiasm for learning shone through this week when we were learning about the structure of the earth and how volcanoes are created. Well done for a great week! ★ 🏆

Year 4



This week, Year 4 enjoyed an 'experience lesson' based on our new book 'The Iron Man.' Somehow, the giant silhouette of 'The Iron Man' appeared on the playground. To put his size into context, we drew around a child in Year 4 to show how large The Iron Man's silhouette was in comparison. The children measured the outline of each and were astonished at the difference in size! They also looked at a range of different metals, describing their textures and properties.

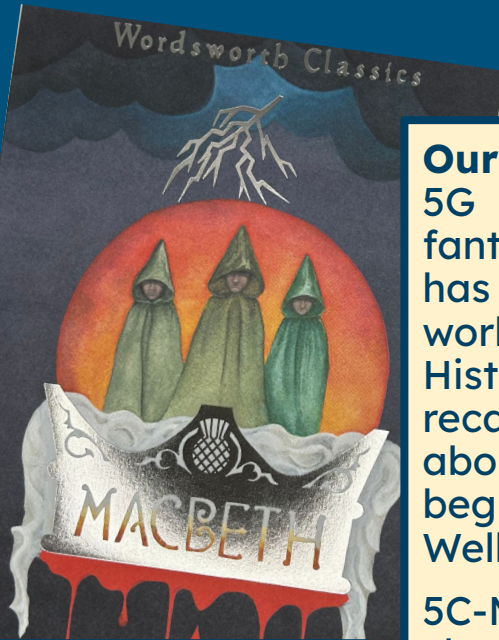
In Maths, we have continued our topic on fractions looking at equivalent fractions and fraction families. In Science, we have started a fun topic on electricity, so look forward to learning more about that in the coming weeks.

Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D, Jamie is our NED champion for his superb interpretation of 'The Iron Man.' He got into character and acted out the different emotions and reactions asked of him. He then went on to write some very descriptive sentences based on the Iron Man's movements and mannerisms. Well done Jamie!

In 4P, Logan is one of our class book worms. He loves reading and even read our entire class book, 'The Iron Man', at home on the afternoon we began reading it in school! He has also written vividly detailed sentences describing the central character of the book.

Year 5



In Year 5, we had a great week beginning our reading of Macbeth by William Shakespeare and or History topic of the Tudors! Our first lesson was a whizz through the Middle Ages to bridge the gap between our Year 4 learning on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. The children also did a BRILLIANT job in our first proper rehearsal for the Easter Production. Well done, everyone!

Our NED champions this week:
5G - Zack has been making a fantastic effort this week and it has been great to see his hard work, especially in English and History, when he was able to recall lots of interesting facts about Medieval Britain and the beginning of the Tudor period. Well done, Zack!

5C-Manuela is our NED champion. She has settled back in from the half term brilliantly. Throughout our English lesson, Manuela used her knowledge of figurative language to describe the opening scene of Macbeth. She has also show a great understanding of decimals. Keep up the great work!

Year 6

This week in Year 6, students enjoyed a captivating scientific lesson on classification. They assumed the roles of taxonomists and engaged in the classification of a diverse range of animals based on their similarities and differences.

Congratulations to our NED champions...

**6W - Talar
6F - Weronika**



Noticeboard



Reminders

Polite reminder - The playground toilets are for use by children **only**, if you are in need please go to the front office where there is an adult toilet.

Please see the next slides for all the exciting upcoming FOST events during the Spring Term!

Parents of children in Reception and Year 6 should have now received an email from SchoolCloud to book a meeting with their child's teacher. If you have any difficulties booking please email Miss Harrison - beth.harrison@st-teresas.merton.sch.uk

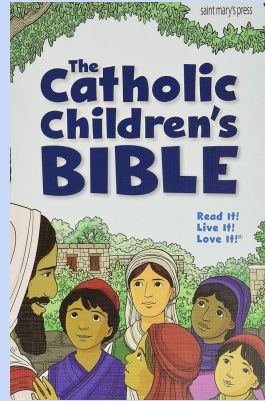
Upcoming key dates

- 29th feb - Leap for Leap Day
- 5th March - Yr 6 Parent/Guardian Consultations
- 6th March - Reception Parent/Guardian Consultations
- 7th March - World Book Day

Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School menu](#) (New for Autumn Term)
- [Religious Education](#) Spring Curriculum

Wonderful Word club!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wonderful Word Club has been happening in school since Autumn one term.

Please encourage your children to join us and build a deeper knowledge of scripture or you may indeed like to do this together at home.

Come and discover the wonderful Word of God. Journey with us through the hot deserts of Israel, across the deep, Red Sea into Egypt, up into the cooler mountains around Sinai. Come and meet Jesus and His ancestors in the scriptures!

Take some time to open your mind and let God's words sink deep inside. We'll wonder, question, pray and together discover what God is asking us to do. **Every Wednesday 12:30-12:55pm.**

FOST

Spring 2024
event schedule...



Friday 2nd
February
Valentine's

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in the school hall
Click below to purchase tickets

3:30-5:15

5:30-7:15



Thursday
29th February
'Leap for Leap Day'

during school time

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Friday 22nd
March
Easter Film
Night

in the school hall








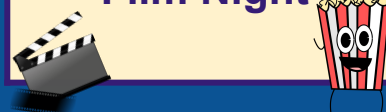

Times and ticket
information coming soon.



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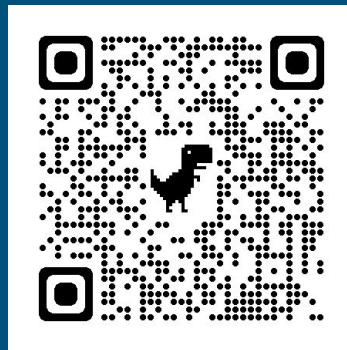


What?	Where?	When?	How?
 <p>Valentine's Dance</p>	 <p>School Hall</p>	 <p>Friday 2nd Feb EYFS/KS1 8:30-5:15 KS2 8:30-7:15</p>	<p><i>Thank you</i> for your support with this event parents and families. Over £1100 was raised which will greatly help to support future school projects and improvements.</p> 
 <p>Leap for Leap Day</p>	 <p>In school</p>	<p>Thursday 29th Feb During the school day</p>	<p>This is a <u>new fundraising event</u> 29th February. <u>Click here for information</u></p> 
 <p>Easter Film Night</p>	 <p>School Hall</p>	<p>Friday 22nd March TBC</p>	<p>As promised, we are rescheduling our film night. <u>Times and ticket information coming soon.</u></p>

School Library Wishlist



Our children at St Teresa's love to read, and by buying a book from our wish list, you will help to continually improve the range of books we can offer in the school library. Each book will be labelled with the name of the family who donated it, so please remember to add your child's name and class to the gift message so we know who donated the books. Click on the link [here](#) or scan the QR code opposite to buy and donate a book. Please choose the St Teresa's delivery option when you check out.





For parents | Letters and Sounds

The resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.

