

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

By following in the footsteps of St Teresa we share Gospel values.

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An 'outstanding' Catholic Primary School

Code of Conduct - Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible

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School News

On 1st and 6th November, we welcomed an advisor and three senior leaders from schools within the Assisi Catholic Trust, who worked with our leadership team as part of a 'Peer Review' process. The days were very worthwhile and positive. The reviewers identified particular strengths in:

- Pupils' learning behaviours
- The sense of 'family'
- Teaching and learning
- Leadership

The process has identified that the school could "extend achievement from its already strong position" by involving learner voice in additional ways. Our thanks to all who contributed to this positive process.

News from pupils...



On Thursday we played our first football league match against Rochford Primary. We played very well as a team and won 1-0. We were so good in defence that I only had to save two goals. Mr Dawes was so proud of us and even bought us all a cake as we had missed the cake sale!

By Florence (Year 6)

Congratulations to **St George's** (Red) who were our House winners last week. Well done to all members of St George's

Drowning in Plastic – This Monday **Ewan, Harrison and Connie** delivered a very important message in assembly.

We need to save our planet. It is not everyone else's responsibility - it is ours. We are drowning in plastic.

The children reminded us that we don't have to buy everything covered with plastic and we need to think about how we dispose of this plastic. Their fact finding mission and their presentation of these facts was super – Eco Warriors of the future! Well done!

Extended Services team up with the Co-op

As a school we have benefited greatly from a wonderful team of people from Extended services in Rochford who offer much needed support to those facing bereavement and hardship. Today we have learnt that they have been selected as part of the Co-op's Local Community Fund for their support to families. If you or your friends register their Co-op card and select their project, 1% of your spend at a Co-op store goes to them. It would be great to show them our support.

Thank you.

November 50 Club Draw

1st Prize - £5.50 Mrs D Speirs

2nd Prize - £4.00 Mrs J Dobinson

3rd Prize - £2.00 Mrs U Johnson



We wish the following a very happy birthday this week
Eden, Mrs Paterson, Jayden & Preston.

Parking – Could we please ask parents to allow sufficient time in the mornings when driving into school and not to park in front of the school gates. This is

not only a hazard to other cars on the road but is dangerous for other children entering the school. Thank you.

FoSTS Christmas Market – THIS SATURDAY 12 – 4PM



Only 3 more sleeps until our Christmas Market. The FoSTs team have had a busy few days getting lots of fun bits and pieces together. Our children are really in for a treat this year!

We have a huge craft selection, Christmas cafe, chocolate tombola, fabulous raffle prizes and you really must visit our new Elfridges store. There are wonderful gifts for the children to buy.

We are still in need of volunteers on the day, please speak to Kelly Vinn if you can help. We are enormously grateful as always.



Christmas Sock day this Friday – Wear your silly socks in exchange for chocolate for our tombola

School Menu

Our new menu is now up on our website with lots of delicious new dishes to try. This will commence the week beginning 26th November 2018.

Can we remind all parents/carers that due to severe allergies we are a nut free school



Mathletics – We hope that you are all having fun completing all the tasks set. **Congratulations to those who have already achieved their first bronze.**

Money Handling

Could we please ask that all money coming into school is clearly labeled in a named addressed envelope. This helps enormously with ensuring that all monies

are paid quickly and efficiently into the appropriate place. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Thank you!

Attendance - Well done to Year 5 for winning the Attendance Cup this week.

School Target for 2018/19 : 96%

It is very important that children miss minimal days off school as absence has a big impact on their learning.

Year Group	Attendance %	Late %
Year R	92.6	No Lates
Year 1	92.5	0.3
Year 2	91.6	0.9
Year 3	95.7	0.2
Year 4	95.8	0.5
Year 5	98.0	0.5
Year 6	97.7	No Lates

Diary Dates

21st Nov	Big Sing Concert at Thorpe Hall School - Years 2 & 3
24th Nov	Christmas Fayre 12-4pm
1st Dec	World Food Festival at St Teresa's Church
12th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day and Hat Parade
14th Dec	Early Years Nativity - 9.30am
14th Dec	KS1 Nativity at 2pm in St Teresa's Church
15th Dec	Breakfast with Santa
18th Dec	KS2 Nativity at 7pm in St Teresa's Church
19th Dec	Christmas Disco
19th Dec	Last Day of Term
3rd Jan	Start of New Term

Parish News

CAROLS ROUND THE CRIB – SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER AT 6PM



A selection of your favourite Christmas Carols sung with mince pies and Christmas refreshments afterwards. There is no charge for this event but donations are always welcome. All very welcome.



We pray for all those in our school family who have worries at this time, especially those who are poorly. We pray that you find comfort at this time in the knowledge that the Lord is always near. Amen

Thank you for your continuing support and partnership

Mrs N Paterson