

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

We are trying very hard to become a 'healthy eating school' and would ask for your support in this initiative.

Every morning our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are given a piece of fruit which varies each day and will include apples, pears, carrots, bananas and tomatoes.

If you have a child/children in Year 3 and above could we ask that you send them in with fruit or vegetables for snack only.

We are also cutting down on plastic; you may recall the children reminded us last week that we are drowning in it; so if you could avoid sending snacks wrapped in this we would be very grateful.

We are so proud of the children's determination to become healthy whilst trying to save our planet and we very much look forward to working in partnership with you to achieve this.

Next Sunday is the beginning of Advent. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and our children in Year 3 & 4 are busy preparing an Advent Service to share with us on the 4th December at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to attend this service in St Teresa's Church.



News from pupils...

We went to the Big Sing last week. I really enjoyed it. It was lots of fun. I cannot wait to do it again. We sang with a different school.

By Joshua Year 2

We went to the Big Sing and I had a great time. I did a solo! It was a late night. We did lots of songs with Year 5 from Thorpedene School.

By Kai (Year 2)

We went out to the Big Sing. It was fun. It was a late night. We sang lots of songs. We were with a different school

By Ruby (Year 3)

Message from Mrs Withams

Congratulations to all of Year 2 & Year 3 who represented our school at the Big Sing Concert at Thorpe Hall School. They sang brilliantly, the soloists and dancers performed confidently and with enthusiasm and best of all, their behaviour was superb. It was a great night and I'm very proud of all the children.

Huge thanks to Mrs Withams for organising this wonderful event for the children.

Reverse Advent Calendar

As in previous years we will be organising our 'Reverse Advent Calendar' - instead of taking something out each day we will be putting something in. Commencing on Friday, little red hearts will be coming home with the children a few at a time. When your child brings home the heart we ask you to return it the next day with a little gift for our hamper and the heart will move to the next child to take home. The gifts we ask for are non-perishable food, small toys or any Christmas treats that families cannot afford. Every item donated

goes to local families in Rochford and your donations really do allow them to have a better Christmas. Thank You so much

Governor Good to Great Awards

Year 1 - Erica	For always showing kindness to others
Year 2 - Hannah	For always being hard working and conscientious.
Year 3 - Edward	For excellent creative writing and for working hard to improve his handwriting.
Year 4 - Olaf	For working hard on his reading comprehension skills.
Year 5 - Vinnie	For excellent addition and subtraction of fractions.
Year 6 - Harrison	For great work on persuasive writing.
PE - Adam (Year 1)	For always trying his hardest in PE
Special Awards - Year 2 & 3	For being super ambassadors of our school and singing beautifully in the Big Sing Choir
Swimming - Ryan S	For showing a huge improvement.
Mrs Morgan	For superbly completing her swimming training to teach our children.

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Super Stars Tea Party</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Year 1 - Kirstie Year 2 - Ollie Year 3 - Edward Year 4 - Tia Year 5 - Henry Year 6 - Matilda</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">We wish the following a very happy birthday this week Amelia, Aidan, Albert & Albie.</p>
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A huge thank you to FoSTS for putting on yet another fantastic Christmas Market. The stalls were beautifully decorated and the whole school was full of festive cheer. The work involved in putting on an event such as this is immense and we thank you all for your commitment and kindness.



If you missed out on the chance to visit **‘Elfridges’** fear not! We will be opening our doors once more after school on Friday 30th November. We have some amazing stock which will be super presents for your loved ones. Prices range from £2. Thank you for your support.

Administering of Medicine - Due to changes in legislation we are not longer permitted to administer medication prescribed three times daily during the school day. The advice given is that a child can have this medicine in the morning, after school and at night. Medicine prescribed four times a day can still be administered during the school day.

Attendance - Well done to Year 6 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	88.8	0.4
Year 1	89.0	0.5
Year 2	90.0	3.8
Year 3	91.7	1.7
Year 4	93.4	3.3
Year 5	95.8	No Lates
Year 6	99.10	0.3

Last week a high number of children arrived late for the school day. Being late can really unsettle a child as they enter class flustered and unprepared for the day. Could we please ask that children arrive at school from 8.45 and no later than 9am. All children should enter through the school gates and not via the office. Thank you.

Diary Dates

4th Dec	Year 3 & 4 Advent Service in St Teresa's Church
12th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day and Hat Parade
14th Dec	Early Years Nativity - 9.30am
14th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Nativity at 2pm in St Teresa's Church
15th Dec	Breakfast with Santa
17th Dec	Flu Immunisations
18th Dec	Year 5 & 6 Nativity at 7pm in St Teresa's Church
19th Dec	Christmas Disco
19th Dec	Last Day of Term
3rd Jan	Start of New Term
3rd Jan	Year 6 - Trip to the Cliffs Pavillion 6.45pm

Children in Need - We are delighted to tell you that we raised a staggering £268.76!! Thank you all for your wonderful support and thank you Year 5 for arranging a delicious cake sale.

Flu Immunisation - 17th December 2018

We still have quite a few forms that need to be returned. Please can we ask that you complete and return these forms indicating whether you wish your child/children to be immunised. Thank you

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.



As we approach the most joyful season of Advent we pray that every family in our school experience this joy. We pray that those who feel worried or poorly find love and support from all those that they

meet. Amen

Thank you for your continuing support and partnership

Mrs N Paterson