



ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL JULY 2016

St Teresa's School Mission Statement

We see the light of Jesus in the eyes of those we work, play and pray with every day. We give thanks to God for our wonderful family. Like St Teresa, we always try to do the little things well.

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of a very busy school year, the staff and I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout this year. The pupils have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of their achievements. I would like to thank all those parents who help the school in so many different ways, helping on school trips, hearing readers, helping with swimming, joining the PTA and helping organise events, the list is endless and your contributions have such a positive influence on our work in school. Many thanks to the pupils from Trinity who come and hear readers every week and another sixth form group from Trinity who lead a weekly RE workshop session with upper KS2 pupils.

We have had many wonderful highlights this year from the opening of the new build by Bishop Patrick McKinney to our Ofsted inspection in February where we were judged to be outstanding. All classes have had a variety of visits and wow days to enhance their learning. Our Year 6 have done incredibly well in their end of year SATs this year; the tests were more demanding and challenging (as I'm sure you've read). However, our children did significantly better than the national average. Congratulations to them all and thank you to the Year 6 team for all their hard work. Please see results below:

SATS Results

Subject	% of pupils at age related expectation or better
Reading	88%
Writing	78.3%
Spelling and Grammar	86.6%
Mathematics	98.3%

In the last week every child in the school has taken part in a day retreat the theme was 'Let His Glory Shine' the children completed a number of activities throughout the day. The days finished with reflective and thoughtful Acts of Worship what a wonderful experience for the children. Thank you to Dan, Emily and Hannah from One Life for leading these days.

School Reports

Enclosed is your child's annual report and notification about class arrangements for September. The children will all have the opportunity to meet their new teacher before the end of term. All the children have worked very hard so congratulations are in order. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's report, if you have any concerns, with the class teacher between 3.30pm- 4.30pm on Monday 18th July. Parents of children in 2ST can discuss their reports on Wednesday 20th July between 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Attendance

Our attendance currently stands at 97.45% thank you for all your support in getting the children to school on time ready for the day ahead.



Congratulations to Keeton Booth and Katie-Jay Reynolds who attended the Lord Mayor's Award for Schools on 14th July 2016 to recognise their excellent attendance, they have not been absent from school in the last 3 years. This is a fantastic achievement well done to you both.

Summer fair

A very big thank you to the PTA for organising the Summer Fair and to all who helped in any way. Once again it was a great success and we raised the fantastic total of £1,700. Well done everyone. All funds raised will go towards supplementing the cost of school visits plus other costs such as buying equipment and resources for the school.

Ofsted Celebration

On Friday 15th July we are having a 'Fun Day' to celebrate our Outstanding Ofsted. The children will take part in different workshops throughout the day including Mad Science, dance, singing, art and ice-cream! During the day we will be joined by Lillian Greenwood, our local MP.

Year 6 Visit to the Briars

A reminder that the Year 6 visit to the Briars next year will be 2nd – 4th November 2016. The children will leave school on the Wednesday and return on the Friday.

Please note the following dates:

July 2016

July 18th Class Swap

July 18th Sports Day – Foundation/Year1 and Year 2 at 1.30pm

July 19th Sports Day – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 1.30pm

July 20th Foundation, Year 1 and 2 Assembly at 9.15am (parents welcome)

July 20th Year 6 Wollaton Park

July 21st Year 3, 4 and 5 Assembly at 9.15am (parents welcome)

July 22nd Leavers Mass Year 6 – 9.30am

July 22nd Fitness Friday

July 25th **Inset Day**

July 26th Summer holidays return back to school **Tuesday 6th September**

RE



On Friday, the 24th of June, the children at St. Teresa's School celebrated the joy of having received Jesus for the first time at their First Holy Communion. This had been celebrated in the parishes throughout the city including: St. Paul's, St. Thomas More, the Polish Catholic Church and, of course, St. Teresa's. It was a joyful and prayerful celebration which the children prepared and lead beautifully.

Chicks



Foundation stage have been looking after some feathery visitors for two weeks! We were given some eggs in an incubator, and after a few days they began to hatch! We have loved looking after them and have even held them, we had to be very careful. After their two weeks here, they will go back to the farm and maybe visit some more schools.

Gardening Club



Our gardening club at St Teresa's has been really busy this term! We have made a beautiful new mosaic for the wall, planted lots of lovely vegetables, grown space seeds for an experiment and harvested our own potatoes! Everyone has commented on how healthy our plants look and how hard our children and families have worked nurturing our school garden – including the Nottingham in Bloom judges who came on the 5th July.

Year 6 Production

We congratulate Year 6 for their fabulous performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean. The singing and acting was highly professional. We were so proud of all the pupils. Well done and thank you to the Year 6 team.

Sleep Over Year 2

UNICEF 'Day for Change'

As you know YR2 children had a sponsored school sleepover last term. The children had a great time, raised lots of money and encouraged us all to reflect on the many children and families who do not have homes and safe places to live. They raised a grand total of **£771** and we hope this will help UNICEF with all the good work they do. A big thank you to all the parents and children who supported this highly successful event.

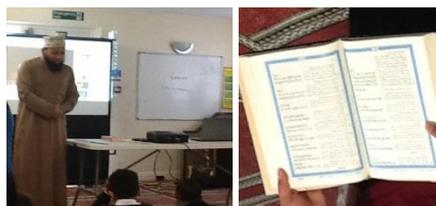
Wollaton Camp Year 2



The YR2 children really enjoyed their camping experience at Wollaton Park on Thursday 9th June. We went into the woods to build dens for the fairies. We walked round the lake and saw lots of wildlife. We visited Wollaton Hall and saw lots of stuffed animals! At dusk we gathered around the camp fire and toasted marshmallows whilst listening to a bedtime story. After a hectic day we finally went into our tents. It was great fun! The following morning, we had breakfast, tidied the camp and headed back to school on the coach. The children's behaviour was excellent, they were a credit to the school.

Mosque Year 3 Visit

As part of our celebration of Other Faiths Week Year 3 were able to visit the Wollaton Mosque to learn about Islam. It was a wonderful visit, we were made to feel really welcome and we learned so much about the faith of our brothers and sisters of Islam with whom we have such a great deal in common. The Mosque was a very special place indeed.



Hay Festival

The Year 5 and 6 Book Club had a fantastic trip to the Hay Festival in Wales. Throughout the day, they enjoyed various workshops from sports author Tom Palmer, children's television favourites Sam and Mark, and the Royal Shakespeare Company, exploring *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. As ever, the children were a credit to St Teresa's, and were even treated to an ice cream for all their hard work and commitment to reading throughout the year. Many thanks to the PTA for their contribution towards costs.

DARE

Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying participating in the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programme, and our visits from Officer O'Sullivan have been highly informative and interesting. This was celebrated with a graduation ceremony on Thursday 14th July.

Sport



YR5/6 children took part in a Mini-Basketball tournament at Brocklewood School on the 8th June. They worked well as a team and were a credit to the school.

On Tuesday eight of our YR3/4 children took part in Sports Hall Athletics at Ellis Guilford School, I am very pleased to report that St Teresa's were the winners. The children's behaviour was exceptional and they took part with great energy and commitment. Well done to all those who took part.

On the same day nine YR5 children took part in a Rounders Tournament at Trinity School. Alas we did not win and we will now work on developing skills of throwing and catching under pressure and the tactics of Rounders. I would like to thank all the children who have taken part in competitions this year and represented our school.

Running Club

On Monday 6th June St Teresa's Running Club joined Team GB triathlete Neil Smith at Harvey Hadden for a special training session. Throughout the afternoon the children tried different training techniques to improve their running, including fartlek training and interval training. Each week at Running Club the children are working hard to achieve their PB.

Uniform

School Uniform is compulsory and consists of:

GIRLS

Winter

Brown skirt or pinafore dress

White blouse

Brown tie

Brown cardigan

White socks or black or brown tights

Black or brown school shoes

with laces or straps

BOYS

All year round

Grey trousers – long or short

White shirt (no polo shirts)

Brown tie

Brown jumper (no sweatshirts)

Black or grey socks

Black school shoes

Hairstyles

We ask that parents be reminded of the school's expectations regarding hairstyles in line with our Uniform Policy:

- Hair should be one natural colour, no hair dye.
- The style should be appropriate for school; hair should not obstruct pupils' vision.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Boys' hair should be no shorter than **Grade 2**.
- Tramlines, patterns and sculpting are not allowed
- Coloured extensions and beads are not allowed
- Natural hair coloured extensions of a reasonable length need to be tied back.

If policy is not followed, parents will be contacted and arrangements made for their child to stay in at play/lunchtime/ not represent the school at any events or attend after school activities.

Dinner Money – School Policy

The cost of a school meal is increasing to £1.95 per day, £9.75 per week from 1st September 2016. Those parents who wish to pay school dinner money for the half term to October please pay £66.30 in September. All dinner monies must be paid via the School Gateway. Please ensure dinner monies are paid one week in advance to prevent a negative balance.



A reminder to parents that if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements for September you **MUST** inform the school office in writing. We have experienced a number of occasions where the office is unaware that a child has changed from school lunches to sandwiches or vice-versa causing some parents to be charged or run up lunch bills incorrectly. In line with school policy we ask that any child wishing to change to sandwiches gives the office a half term's notice. We would also like to remind parents, particularly Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 that they must decide if their child is school dinners or sandwiches and not change from day to day. Food needs to be ordered and prepared in advance so we need commitment from parents for this to run efficiently. Many thanks

for your support.

Staffing

This year we welcome a number of new staff who will be working in a variety of different roles.

Miss Wilkins, Miss McKenna, Mrs Lambert, Mrs Thornhill, Miss Holmes and Miss Brittle.

Mrs Mullen, Miss Poole and Mr Heaton will be taking up new posts, we wish them every success and thank them for their hard work and dedication to the children of St. Teresa's.

Class Arrangements – September 2016

Foundation	Miss Holyland/Mrs Andrews	Foundation	Miss Holmes
Year 1	Miss Wilson	Year 1	Miss Wilkins
Year 2	Mrs James	Year 2	Miss Brittle
Year 3	Mr Drayton	Year 3	Miss McKenna
Year 4	Miss Oakley	Year 4	Mrs Lambert
Year 5	Miss Nicholls	Year 5	Mrs Thornhill/Miss Corser
Year 6	Mr Cable	Year 6	Mr Dickie

Congratulations and Farewell to our Year 6



Congratulations to our Year 6 on their very many achievements at St. Teresa's over the years and their excellent SATs results. They have the qualities and attitudes to learning and life that will give them a brilliant start in secondary school and adulthood. We wish them every success, happiness and a continued love of learning.

A huge thank you to everyone, staff, governors, parents and children who have worked together this year to make our outstanding school such a special place. We wish you all a safe, fun and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you September.

Yours sincerely,

A. Glynne-Jones (Mrs)
Headteacher