



St Teresa Talks

Welcome to our children's newsletter!

Introduction from our Head Girl and Head Boy

It has been such a great year with so many achievements, celebrations and special events.

We have really enjoyed leading Monday liturgical prayer. At the beginning of the year, I (Ethan!) was really shy but I feel confident now to talk in front of the whole school. We have to think outside the box when planning liturgical prayer to show how to help others different ways and it is important to listen to my peers because we only have a short time to think about the drama!

Annabel and Kacper, our deputy head boy and girl, both feel so proud of their roles and felt they were part of something special, 'when we welcomed parents into school we felt so happy that they were smiling back at us because we knew we were playing an important part to make everyone feel welcome'.

We have been really busy improving our school to offer lots of opportunities for you all. We have put together this newsletter to let you know what has been happening and how you can get involved next term!



Hello from the chaplaincy team!

You have probably seen us leading liturgical prayer and other events this year. We wear a small gold cross as a sign that we are part of the chaplaincy team. This year, we have been a huge team of 25 members!

We have really enjoyed leading the school in prayer, Mass and special occasions. One of our Year 6 lay chaplains Alfie, was inspired to help others and said 'my favourite activity was when we went to a younger year group and helped them to use the Let Us Pray 2gether resource box. It is great to see younger children joining in with our mission statement and school prayer in our liturgical prayer.' Thomas is one of our Year 5 lay chaplains who also commented, 'I was inspired by my brother being in the chaplaincy team so I applied in year 4 and now we can inspire new members like Jesus inspires us'.



The chaplaincy team are responsible for leading the school to develop their spiritual journey. Miranda in Year 5 explained, 'as a team, we decided that we would like the children at St Teresa's to have more opportunity for innovative prayer so we set up two lunch time groups to provide extra time for personal prayer in our prayer area. Our Key Stage One Prayer Group joins together once a week to write their own prayer intentions led by some of our Year 5 lay chaplains. The Year 6 chaplaincy team lead the lunch time Lectio Divina group for Key Stage Two, which gives children the chance to read from scripture and think about the message to be lived out in our lives.'

Maybe you will be inspired to join chaplaincy? If you are in Year 4 or Year 5, you can apply to be part of the team. Look out for the application pack next year!

We are the school council!

During our school council meetings, members from each year group get together to discuss ways to support our school community. Alex, our school council chair, explained, 'we have completed so many events such as delivering Christmas cards to the care home, creating a video for Anti-bullying week, we led an initiative to promote Fairtrade and baked cookies to give to the church hall warm space'.

There is so much going on with our school council and our secretary Phillip, was inspired by his role, 'being secretary to the school council makes me feel valued and more responsible for my actions. It has inspired me to help others and be a role model to other children.'

Alex and Filip both felt inspired to be more resilient and persevere, 'you should never give up on your goals because at first, I didn't get the role I wanted but then I was chosen to be school council chair so it proved to me I should continue trying hard and to have faith.'

Everyone can apply to join the school council, you just need to ask your new teacher for an application form in September. Who knows, one day you could be your class rep!

Welcome to the Eco-team!

Our school Eco-team have been very busy this year. Every Wednesday, we have been completing jobs around school such as litter picking, checking the classes are recycling, turning any taps or lights off and trying to encourage everyone to do the same thing. We enjoyed helping the wider community during Waste Week, when we got the whole school involved in donating DVDs, toys and books to help the Rainbows Hospice.

Sumayya, one of the Year 4 eco leaders, explained, 'I really enjoyed making the bird feeders in our lunch club. I also liked doing jobs around school and checking everyone in the school was recycling.' Victoria from Year 2, enjoyed helping out with Waste Week and commented, 'I liked picking up the litter from the playground because it is important to make sure it is clean and the encourage everyone else to keep it clean.' This is another way that we are answering God's call to care for creation so we are living out our school ethos too!



Even our younger members of school can be part of the Eco-team, like Gabi from Year 1 who said, 'I loved doing the jobs around school and checking taps were always off to make sure we weren't wasting water.'

We are working hard to make the school an eco-friendly place and hope to continue this around school next year. If you would like to be a member of the eco-team, applications will open in the new year so make sure you let your teacher know you would like to be a member and bring your form in to apply!

Next Year!

Don't forget that you can be part of our teams at St Teresa's. We also have our lunch time clubs which anyone is welcome to join! Our Key Stage One Prayer group happens every Wednesday at 12.30 in the Year 1 shared area. If you are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 you are welcome to join our Lectio Divina which happens every Wednesday at 12.30 in the Year 5 hub.

Our focus for the Autumn term will be 'Encounter', which meets 'to meet'. We will explore ways we can encounter Jesus through our intentions and our actions. There will be lots of opportunity for you to lead and share in events in school and think about how you can help to create an awesome community!

We have really enjoyed our time as Head boy and girl and would encourage you to sign up to be part of one of our teams at St Teresa's. We will miss our roles but if you believe you can be it, then it will happen. Our advice: have fun and don't stress about it!

We hope you have a great summer and look forward to the new school year.

Thanks for reading!

Sophia and Ethan

Head Girl and Head Boy

