



ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2024



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,

A very warm welcome back to school as we start our Spring term.

Catholic Schools Inspection November 2023

Following our recent Catholic Schools inspection, we are delighted with our report which has judged our school to be **Outstanding in all areas** for the second time. This is a truly remarkable achievement and one that we should all be justifiably proud of. The report is a tribute to the pupils, staff, parents, governors and our parish community who all work so hard to make the school such a special place.

The outcomes, provision and leadership across all areas make for impressive reading, please see attached report. This will also be available on the school website.

This is a great achievement and we look forward to building on our many successes and achievements. We look forward to arranging a day of celebration.



Catholic Life – School Update

New Year Mass

We are looking forward to our New Year Mass on Friday 12th January at 9.30am in the school hall. All families and parishioners are welcome to attend. Thank you to Father John McKay for celebrating this Mass with us as Canon Stanley is away.

Catholic Social Teaching Day – Thursday 1st February

This special day will focus on the Catholic Social Teaching Principles and how we can live these out in our lives.

There are 7 key principles which are:

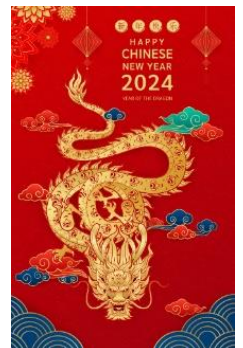
- Dignity
- Solidarity
- The common good
- The option for the poor
- Peace
- Care for creation
- The dignity of work and participation

Our Cafod visitor, Ann Neale, will be leading workshops in each year group to discuss how we can answer the call to action and apply the teachings of the Church in our lives. You can find more information about Catholic Social

Teachings on Cafod's website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Catholic-social-teaching>

Chinese New Year

On Monday 5th February, we look forward to our Chinese New Year workshop, to learn the 'Chinese Dragon Dance'. A team of professional dancers bring a traditional Chinese dragon, parasols and fans for all pupils to create an exciting dance performance.



Lent Preparations

This year, Ash Wednesday falls within the half-term holiday. It marks the beginning of the season

of Lent. During this time, we remember that Jesus spent 40 day and 40 nights in the desert to prepare himself for the ultimate sacrifice on Good Friday. How can we show sacrifice in our lives? How can we follow in the footsteps of Jesus? In the final week of term, all classes will attend Stations of the Cross in St Teresa's church.

You are welcome to join us for our Lent Mass on Thursday 29th February at 9.30am in the school hall.



During Lent, our whole school will be participating in Cafod's Big Lent Walk campaign. Year 3, 4 and 5 will be completing their pilgrimage walk to St Hugh of Lincoln Church, Bilborough on Tuesday 19th March at 9.15am. This walk is to stand in solidarity for the poorest countries in our world. Alongside this, each class will be completing fundraising events throughout Lent, to raise money for the vital work Cafod carries out.

Sponsor a Lantern

A huge thank you for all your donations for our 'Sponsor a Lantern' fundraising event. We raised a total of £183.30 that has been donated to Mission Together. Thank you so much for your generosity and prayers.



Upcoming Events – Please note dates and times

Parent Maths Workshops

Our class teachers will be holding Maths Workshops for Parents and Carers to help support your child's learning at home. These will be delivered in school; the dates and times are given below.

Monday 15 th January	Foundation	2.30pm	Tuesday 16 th January	Year 1	2.30pm
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 2	2.30pm	Thursday 18 th January	Year 3	2.30pm
Friday 19 th January	Year 4	2.30pm	Monday 22 nd January	Year 5	2.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd January	Year 6	2.30pm			

Year 6 Parents SAT's meeting

A SAT's meeting will be held for parents on Tuesday 30th January at 3.20pm in the school hall. Staff will share information about preparing for SAT's, what we are doing in school, what you can do to help at home and run through the structure of SAT's week, Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May 2024.

Whole School Cake Sale Thursday 2nd February

We will be holding a cake sale on Thursday 1st February, led by Year 1 and Year 4. We would be very grateful for any cake donations to be bought into school by Wednesday 31st January. Please ensure your child has a maximum of £1 to spend at this event.



Women in Science Day

On Wednesday 7th February, we will celebrate Women In Science Day. Each year group will be focusing on a different female scientist, linked to their current science learning. The children will be looking at a range of trailblazers from: Nancy Roman, the first female executive at NASA, to Elsie Widdowson, who helped research the nutritional values of food during WW2. We are all looking forward to finding out about some amazing women in science. Keep an eye on our twitter feed for updates.

Safer Internet Day

Safer internet day is on Tuesday 6th February. We will be focusing on how to keep the children safe when on-line. Obviously at home, parents are responsible for keeping their children safe on-line, knowing what sites they are accessing and who they are talking to. Please see below some useful guidance to support you in keeping your children safe on line.



[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Get children's tech Set Up Safe with new guides | Internet Matters](#)

[Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC](#)

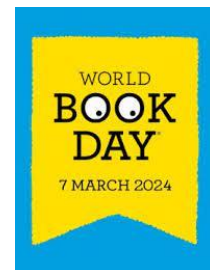
Did you know that 52% of 3-4 year olds go online for an average of 9 hours a week?

Create online safety discussions!

Although parental controls and filters are helpful, developing our own critical thinking towards online safety can have a much bigger impact and give young people more confidence when navigating the online world. Create discussion in the household about safer internet use while talking about certain scenarios that they may encounter online so they feel prepared around how to appropriately respond. Build their confidence in knowing how to ignore unwanted friend requests, leaving harmful online chats, reporting individuals or refraining from over-sharing personal information. Building this knowledge can set them up for a long future of staying safe online. You can check out Childnet's resource [Have a Conversation](#) for more advice.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day, children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing you in your great costumes. During the day they will take part in lots of exciting book themed activities to celebrate this special day. The children will all be receiving a £1 book token or a digital token which they can use to get a World Book Day Book free or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more.



Swimming in School

Year 3 pupils have swimming lessons every week, this is a requirement stated in the National Curriculum. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit for each valuable lesson. It promotes health and fitness but is also a life-saving skill. By the end of Year 6 all children should be able to swim 25 metres.

School Trips – Spring & Summer Terms

Tuesday 16 th January	Year 5	St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
Thursday 25 th January	Choir	Young Voices, NEC Birmingham
Monday 4 th March	Year 4	National Justice Museum, Nottingham
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 3	Wollaton Hall, Nottingham
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 3	Creswell Craggs, Derbyshire




Admission to Infant/Primary Education - September 2024

For those who have children due to start Foundation class in September 2024, please be reminded that the closing date for applications is 15th January. Please complete your application on-line via the Nottingham City Council's website. Ensure you submit the Supplementary Form and a copy of your child's Baptism certificate directly to the school before the 15th January 2024.

Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.2%**. Thank you for all your support in getting the children to school on time ready for the day ahead. It is important for your child to be on time and prepared for their school day. Please see individual class attendance below.

Class FMM	94.6%	Class FMA	96.9%
Class 1RC	95.7%	Class 1KG	95.8%
Class 2HB	97.2%	Class 2IJ	97.9%
Class 3SB	97.5%	Class 3EB	96.5%
Class 4YU	96.4%	Class 4KM	98.8% 
Class 5HK	97.3%	Class 5SM	96.7%
Class 6KL	97.8%	Class 6SD	97.6%

Winter Weather

As the weather gets colder please ensure your child has a suitable winter coat, scarf, gloves, etc. as learning takes place inside and outside. Should we need to close the school in the event of bad weather, please check the top of the BBC Radio Nottingham page <https://www.facebook.com/BBCRadioNottingham/> BBC Radio Nottingham will also broadcast school closures on weekday snow-days from 0600-1900. However, they cannot guarantee to read every school out. We will also tweet updates on our twitter page @Stteresas_ng8 and messages will be sent to parents through the Arbor parent app.



Inset Day

May we remind you there is an Inset Day on Friday 9th February, the school will be closed to all pupils on this day. The school will therefore close for the half term break on Thursday 8th February and re-open on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely,

A. Glynne-Jones (Mrs)
Headteacher