



# ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## February 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,

Welcome to our February newsletter.

### Attendance

Our attendance for this academic year so far is **96.7%**. 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	96.8%
Class 1RC	95.8%	Class 1KG	96.2%
Class 2HB	96.8%	Class 2IJ	97.3%
Class 3SB	97.4%	Class 3EB	96.4%
Class 4YU	96.5%	Class 4KM	97.9% ★
Class 5HK	96.9%	Class 5SM	96.6%
Class 6KL	97.9% ★	Class 6SD	97%

Please DO NOT book holidays in term time as this has a detrimental effect on your child's education. Children miss out on essential work, they find it hard to catch up and it can also affect their friendships. School Policy is that holidays will not be authorised and parents may be fined. School is closed for 13 weeks during the year when family holidays can be taken.

### Catholic Life

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, we will celebrate our Lent Mass, prepared by Year 4, at 9.30am in school, all welcome. All classes will then share in our Lenten Retreat day based around the theme of Encounter and the Year of Prayer. We think about traditional and innovative prayer and the opportunities we have to pray together.



Year 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this term to prepare their hearts and minds for Holy Week. In the final week of the term, all the children will visit St Teresa's Church and complete the Stations of the Cross as we finish our Lenten Journey in school.

### We are supporting Cafod's Big Lent Walk!

During Lent, our school community will join thousands of others walking to raise awareness of inequality across the world.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Year 3, 4 and 5 will be completing a pilgrimage to St Hugh of Lincoln Church, Bilborough, to stand in solidarity with Cafod. The money raised by taking part in the Big Lent Walk will enable Cafod to continue fighting global poverty and working through expert local partners to bring real life change to communities overseas.



Alongside our pilgrimage walk, all year groups will be fundraising for Cafod through their own sponsored events. See timetable below:

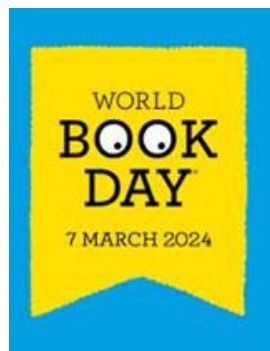
Year group	Fundraising event	Date
EYFS	Bike-a-thon	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1	Key stage tea towel	Throughout Lent
Year 2	Key stage tea towel Scoot-a-thon	Throughout Lent Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3	Swim-a-thon	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 4	Guess the amount in the jar	Throughout Lent
Year 5	FUN-draising Fridays	Every Friday throughout Lent
Year 6	Prize draw	Throughout Lent

### Liturgical prayer parent workshop

Thank you for your support in attending our liturgical prayer workshops which have taken place so far this year. We would like to remind you of the following dates for you to see your child and their class planning and leading collective worship.

EYFS	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30pm
Year 1	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm
Year 2	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm

### World Book Day



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day once again on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and, as you already know, we have 2 authors visiting for the day - don't forget to pre-order your copy of the books to be signed on the day, this can be done in the School Shop on Arbor. All the children will also bring home a book token on the day.

To encourage the children's enjoyment with reading, we will be taking part in a 'Book Swap'. Each child can bring in at least one used book from home, which they no longer read, to swap with another member of the school community. More information will follow.

### Parents Evening

This is scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm – 6.00pm by appointment only. If you have not already done so, please book your appointment on the Arbor parent app. Please speak to the school office if you need any assistance.

### School Trips – Spring & Summer Terms

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4	National Justice Museum, Nottingham
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3	Wollaton Hall, Nottingham
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS	Manor Farm, Leicestershire
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5	Civil War Museum, Newark
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1	Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	Creswell Craggs, Derbyshire
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2	National Tramway Museum, Crich, Derbyshire

## **Choral Speaking**

We teach choral Speaking to improve confidence, vocabulary, speaking skills and to develop a love of literature. To share the work that the children do we would like to invite you to Our Choral Speaking events which will be held on the dates below in school.

<b>Year 6</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am
<b>EYFS &amp; Year 1</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am
<b>Year 2 &amp; Year 3</b>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am
<b>Year 4 &amp; Year 5</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am

## **PE Update**

### **School Competitions**

Groups of children will take part in festivals and competitions at Harvey Hadden Sports Centre.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 10 Year 2 children will take part in a cricket festival. This will involve the children taking part in a range of cricket-based skills stations and fun games with the emphasis on having fun and being active. All of the activities will be delivered by staff from Notts County Cricket Club.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> February a mix of boys and girls from Year 4 will take in the Sportshall Athletics tournament using their athletic skills taught in school.

On 26<sup>th</sup> March 8 girls from Year 4 will take part in This Girl Can festival where the emphasis will be on fun and enjoyment, and for the girls to just 'have a go'. They will use skills from different sports and activities featuring Dodgeball, Relay Races and Team Challenges, and Street dance.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March a mix of boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 will take part in a series of field events which include; javelin, chest push, standing long jump, vertical jump, chest push and target throw as part of the Inclusive Sportshall Athletics competition.

School will close for the Easter holidays on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. All pupils back to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher