



## Our Lady and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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*Aspire, Achieve, Learn and Love as one family in Christ*

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Our school has been focused on the needs of others and the ways in which we can all be of service this week as we have reflected on the life of our patron Saint Therese. It has been delightful seeing our children out in the community trying to do something for those around them. We can all get so caught up in our own lives that taking some time to put the needs of others before our own is vital and reminds us of that message from God – we are called to serve. October is the month of the rosary. The rosary focuses on the key events in the life of Jesus through his mother, Mary's, eyes. It is also an important devotion that honours Mary and in praying to her in this way we can feel closer to God. During this month our children will be learning the prayers of the rosary and reflecting on the mysteries in Jesus' life which for the focus for the rosary – perhaps you can ask the children about this later in the month and pray some of the rosary together at home.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Suzie Wilson* - Head Teacher



### Little Way Week

This week we have embraced the spirit of our patron saint St. Therese of Lisieux and we have all tried to find little ways in which we can make a difference to others. St Therese believed that each person could show their love and dedication to God through very simple little ways in their everyday life. We have tried to live this out at school this week and we decided we wanted to make a difference in our own local community. Each class has found little ways to get out into the community and help in some little way. We have been cleaning the church, planting bulbs, litter picking and looking after children in nursery. Our children have showed the most wonderful spirit and commitment to helping others – it has been truly wonderful to witness.



### Diary Dates

#### Key Dates

**Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>** –  
Open afternoon in school to  
meet teachers 1.30 – 4pm  
**Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>** – school  
closed – inset day

#### Mass Dates

**12.10.17** – 10am led by KS1  
**19.10.17** – 10am Whole  
School led by Y6 at school to  
celebrate Harvest

#### Assembly Dates

Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> – First  
Celebration Assembly for  
parents

### Secondary School Admissions

Parents of children in year 6 the deadline for secondary school applications is October 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. You can apply for a secondary school place online

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>

Our partner secondary school Trinity have already held their open mornings and evenings but if you would still like to see the school you can call them to arrange this – visits are warmly welcomed.

### Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday afternoon we are opening our doors to welcome parents/carers in to school to meet with their child's new class teacher and see how their child has settled into the new school year. If you would like to discuss anything in more depth please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher after school.

## Attendance

Our attendance target is 96%

Reception – 93.5%

Yr1 – 96.8%

Yr2 – 95.3%

Yr3 – 92.5%

Yr4 – 91.4%

Yr5 – 96.3%

Yr6 – 95%

Whole school – 94.4%

Whole school since September – 96.4%



## Head Teacher's Award Winners



Y1 – Imogen Donelan & Julian Baker-Jones

Y2 – Evie Riman & Kiara Bernard

Y3 – Enrico Salazar & Layla Hudson

Y4 – Sophia Pajak & David Spencer-Cruz

Y5 – Brian Stokes & Rosie Brown

Y6 – Riley Ward & Adam Holcroft

## SchoolComms

We are a cashless school – please ensure you have signed up to schoolcomms so that you can pay for dinners, trips, music lessons, after school clubs etc. If you need any help signing up for the system the school office can help you.

## Primary Admissions

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 01.09.2013 and 31.08.2014 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2018. Apply online at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>

Closing date for applications is 15th January 2018. Please note the Admissions Policy and how the places are allocated.

Priority is given to baptised Catholics as we are a Catholic school.



We also invite prospective parents/carers into our school to meet our staff and see our fabulous children in action on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> between 2pm & 3pm. Our outstanding Y6 children will take you on a tour of our school and give you an idea of who we are and why our school is such a wonderful place to be.

## Harvest

As we head into October we will be celebrating the harvest season and we would like to think of those who are not as fortunate as us. We would like to ask for donations of food –tins and packets only please - nothing fresh or perishable. We will hold a mass in school on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> to give thanks to God for all that we have and we will then be donating the collected food items to the Leamington and Warwick food bank just before the half term holiday.



## End of Day & Permissions Forms

Please please get these forms back into us if you have not already. Those children missing end of day arrangements forms are causing confusion at the end of the day and where we are missing permissions forms your child may miss elements of the curriculum as we do not have permission to take them on local walks or allow them to use the internet. We will be chasing these permissions with phone calls.

