



Our Lady and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter – 21st December 2018

Our Key Stage 2 children dazzled us all on Tuesday evening with a truly beautiful performance of their carol service. We had stunning solos from Lucinda, Daniel and Jasmine, wonderful readings and fantastic singing. Well done children it was a wonderful way to remind us all of the real Christmas story and help us to focus on preparing once again to celebrate the birth of Christ. I would like to thank all of the teachers who worked so hard on putting together such a lovely service. On behalf of all of the staff here at school I would like to wish all of our families a very happy and holy Christmas. I hope the festive break is filled with love and laughter for all of our children and families.

Have a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year. *Mrs Suzie Wilson* - Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary

7.1.19 – School Closed – Teacher Training Day

- 8.1.19 – School re-opens for all pupils
- 11.1.19 – 9.15am Celebration Assembly Parents Welcome
- 13.1.19 – 10am First Holy Communion Commitment Mass at Our Lady's Church, Lillington
- 11.2.19 – 2.45pm Parents Forum
- 13.2.19 – Y2 Indian Afternoon
- 15.2.19 – Reports Home
- 15.2.19 – 3.30pm school closes for half term
- 25.2.19 – 9am school re-opens for all pupils
- 27.2.19 – 5pm – 7pm Parents' Evening
- 28.2.19 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parents' evening

Attendance

Please can we remind parents that good attendance at school is absolutely vital and as a parent you are legally responsible for ensuring your child attends school. Good attendance is classed as 95% and above and we aim for all of our children to have an attendance of 96% or better. Missing school causes severe disruption to the education children receive and can have far-reaching effects for a child and their life chances.

Can You Help Us?

We currently have vacancies at school for midday supervisors Monday-Friday 12.00-1.15pm and for a cleaner Monday-Friday 3.30pm-5.30pm. Please share if you know someone who may be suitable for either of these posts or ask in the office for further details.

Parking

We are once again receiving complaints about how some of our parents are parking outside school. Please ensure you do not park on the zig zag lines, you do not block driveways and you do not park up on the pavement. The social club are happy for our parents to use their car park so please park in there rather than cause obstructions or dangers for others.

PTA

I would like to thank the PTA for all of the support they have given to our school this term supporting our events at school and putting on so many fabulous fundraising events for our children. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team – thank you PTA!

School Hours

Can we once again remind parents that our school doors open at 9am and close at 3.30pm and children should not be dropped off before 9am or collected later than 3.30pm. Of course there can be emergencies and unforeseen circumstances which we completely understand but we should not be having children regularly dropped off before school begins or collected late. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

After School Clubs

Information has gone home regarding the after school clubs we have on offer during spring half term. In order to secure a place for your child at any club you will need to go on to School Gateway and pay the fee for the half term – this is the only way to secure a place for your child in one of our clubs. If we do not have sufficient take-up for our team-based sports clubs then the club will not be able to run and will be cancelled.

Celebration Assemblies

We are aware that there may be some confusion around who is welcome at our Friday morning celebration assemblies which we would like to clarify. All parents/carers are welcome to attend any of our Friday celebration assemblies regardless of whether their child is receiving an award. We do try and send text messages out to the parents of those receiving awards so that they are aware but we would just like to say that all are welcome at the assemblies each week.

Christmas Services

There are a range of Christmas services on at our own parish church, Our Lady's, and the other Catholic churches in Leamington for you to celebrate the birth of Christ together.

Christmas Eve – December 24th

3.30pm – St Peter's 5.30pm – St Joseph's
9pm – St Joseph's 10pm – St Peter's
Midnight – Our Lady's (carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day – December 25th

8am – St Peter's 9am – St Joseph's
10am – Our Lady's 11am – St Peter's

Thank You From Us

On behalf of all the staff here at school we would like to say thank you for all of the very lovely cards and gifts that have been given to staff. This is incredibly kind and thoughtful and we really appreciate that children and their families have taken the time and effort. Thank you!

