



## 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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I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who have supported our school community lately with joining us for our advent activity afternoon, volunteering to accompany school trips, attending mass, supporting PTA events, supporting other fundraising events we run and many more. We really appreciate the time given. Our Year 6 children have come home with a letter this week asking them to represent our school at St Mary's civic service in Cubbington alongside Cubbington Primary. It is a lovely Christmas event and so nice for our two village schools to work together.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Suzie Wilson* - Head Teacher

### Dates for the Diary

- 8.12.18 – 1pm – 3pm PTA Christmas Cracker
- 10.12.18 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Sewing club KS2
- 10.12.18 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Netball after school club KS2
- 11.12.18 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Play On Drama after school club – Y1 – Y6
- 11.12.18 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Tag Rugby after school club KS2
- 12.12.18 – 2pm KS1 Nativity
- 12.12.18 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm GoGo Makers YR-Y6
- 13.12.18 – 9.30am KS1 Nativity
- 13.12.18 – 2pm YR and Nursery Nativity
- 13.12.18 – PTA Adult Craft Evening
- 13.12.18 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Multi-Sports after school club FS/KS1
- 13.12.18 – 7.00pm Year 6 singing at St Mary's Church, Cubbington
- 14.11.18 – 9.15am Celebration Assembly
- 14.12.18 – 9.30am – YR and Nursery Nativity
- 14.12.18 – Christmas Jumper Day – raising funds for Myton Hospice
  
- 18.12.18 – 6pm KS2 Carol Service at School
- 21.12.18 – 2pm Christmas Mass at school
- 7.1.19 – School Closed – Teacher Training Day**
- 8.1.19 – School re-opens for all pupils
- 13.1.19 – 10am First Holy Communion Commitment Mass at Our Lady's Church, Lillington

### 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.

**Thank you to our PTA for the donation of our Christmas tree in the hall! Special thanks to Lola and Darcy's dad for bringing it in and setting it up for us.**

### New Staff

From January 2019 we are very happy to announce that Mr Kalnins will be joining our school as our Deputy Headteacher. Mr Kalnins is an experienced teacher and senior leader who is joining us from another school in Warwickshire. Mr Kalnins will be working primarily with Year 5 and Year 6 for the remainder of this academic year.

I am sure that you will all join me in welcoming Mr Kalnins to our school community and hopefully through celebration assemblies, parents evenings and whole school events you will all have the chance to meet Mr Kalnins during the spring term.

## PTA CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The Christmas Craft Morning has been cancelled and replaced with a Christmas Cracker afternoon, 8<sup>th</sup> December 1-3pm. The Adult Craft and Stollen evening 13<sup>th</sup> December, still has some tickets left and tickets for both events are on sale online

[www.pta-events.co.uk/olstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/olstpta)

or via the school playground every Friday morning and afternoon we will have PTA members selling the tickets leading up to the events.

Our PTA Christmas Bingo last week was a huge success and school would like to thank all of the families who came along and took part and supported school. Once again we must thank those PTA members who gave up so much of their time to organise the event. Our PTA and the events they run really is a huge part of what makes our school such a wonderful place so thank you PTA!



## Primary Admissions

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 01.09.2014 and 31.08.2015 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2019. Apply online at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool> Closing date for applications is 15th January 2019. Please note the Admissions Policy and how the places are allocated.



## Payment of Dinner Money

Please remember that your school gateway account must be in credit in order for your child to order school meals as all meals must be paid for in advance. If your account is in deficit at any time we will ask you to provide packed lunches for your child until the outstanding debit is cleared. Thank you.

## Advent

We had a wonderful advent assembly on Monday morning during which our tree was decorated by the children and our advent wreaths were given out to each class. The children had worked with volunteers to make their own class wreaths and these will be used each day during advent for prayer. Each class will be building their own Jesse tree this advent and learning all about the ancestors who came before Jesus to prepare the way for Him. We explored why we use advent wreaths and the meaning behind both the word advent and the first candle on our wreaths. It was a really beautiful start to the week.

## Uniform

Please can we try and ensure that all children are in full school uniform. This means no trainers but appropriate black school shoes should be worn. The only jewellery permitted at school is a watch and one pair of plain stud earrings which children must be able to remove themselves. We thank you for your support in ensuring that our children continue to look smart.

## Medical Appointments

Where possible, medical appointments should be made either before or after school. If your child has an appointment at the doctors/dentist/hospital during the school day, please bring the letter or appointment card to the school office to be photocopied and recorded. This will save the inclusion team making unnecessary telephone calls to find out why your child is absent from school and ensure a school meal is ordered if applicable. Thank you.



*Second Week of Advent:  
Waiting for Christ*