



OUR LADY & ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 13TH SEPTEMBER 2019

We celebrated mass this week as a school community which was lovely. Our Year 6 children led us in the readings and prayers and they did so beautifully – thank you Mr Walsh and Year 6. We were joined by parents and members of our wider parish community which was lovely and everyone is always welcome at our masses. Everyone is always welcome at our Friday celebration assemblies too whether your child is receiving an award or not – could I just ask that parents try to not to leave our assembly half way through as it can be very disruptive. Finally I would just like to remind parents/carers that if they have any issues regarding the behaviour of other children within school we would ask that they come into school to allow us to deal with this rather than approaching other parents on the playground. Class teachers should be your first port of call for any issues at all. Along with the newsletter this week there are key dates for the term ahead. Please keep these safe and check the newsletter each week for any changes of dates.

Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Wilson* - Head Teacher

Thrive School

We are thrilled to announce that we are now a Thrive School with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Troup fully licensed practitioners. Thrive helps us to understand the needs of children who have been emotionally thrown off-track by something, either temporarily or more long-term and allows us to work with them to help them re-engage.

Let's help every child



Dates for the Diary

- 10/09 - 3.30-4.40 – Sewing Club
- 3.30-4.30 – Dodgeball
- 11/09 - 3.30-4.30 – Football
- 3.30-4.30 – Lego
- 13/09 - 3.30-4.30 – Hockey
- 3.30-4.30 – Cookery
- 14/09 - 9.15 - Celebration Assembly

Letters Home This Week

C Walsh Welcome letter
Breadforlife – Y2
Key dates

Attendance

Our attendance target is **96%**

This week:	Reception	98.8%
	Y1	94.4%
	Y2	95.7%
	Y3	92.2%
	Y4	93.3%
	Y5	92.9%
	Y6	98.3%
	Whole school	94.9%

Whole school since September
94.9%

Attendance

Regular attendance is absolutely vital to ensure that children can do well and progress at school. Please see the attached information regarding unauthorised absence and the actions the school may take.

Confirmation 2020

If your child is a baptised catholic in Y6 and they would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year then there is a parent information meeting at 5pm on Thursday September 19th in school.

Uniform & Hairstyles

Our children have come back into school looking incredibly smart and ready for the year ahead and we thank all parents for this. Some children do not yet have the correct footwear – trainers are not allowed – could we please ask this is sorted as quickly as possible. Also we have lots of dyed hair at the moment – this is not part of school policy and we would ask you ensure this is washed out of your child's hair. Thank you.

Key Stage 2 Events and Performances

Over the past few years as our Key Stage 2 classes have grown it has become more difficult to accommodate some of our traditional events in our school hall due to fire regulations on the capacity of our hall. This has affected the amount of tickets we can allocate to events per family and I know some families have struggled with this. We are always listening to the feedback we get from our families and trying to come up with solutions to any issues raised. As such this year we will be doing things slightly differently for our performances and celebrations in Key Stage 2. Our Christmas Carol Service will be led by Y3 and Year 4 only rather than all of Key Stage 2 - Year 5 and Year 6 will lead our end of year Christmas Mass. We will also be having a Year 5 and Year 6 end of year play rather than a Key Stage 2 end of year play.

Inspire Week

This week our school has been inundated with visitors as Inspire Week has taken over. We have had actors, sports people, engineers, dancers, accountants, religious leaders, police officers, radio presenters and more who have all come into school to talk to our children about what they do, about how they have reached their goals and about the kind of dedication and perseverance it has taken. We want all of our children to reach for the stars and aspire to be the very best they can be and so we hope they have been truly inspired to want to achieve amazing things in their futures. I would like to personally thank each and every visitor who has given their time to come and inspire our wonderful children. Thank you!



*Beautiful minds
inspire others*



This is our values tree which contains the pairs of virtues and values that we work towards in each half term. These values underpin all that we try to be here in school, both pupils and staff, and they work alongside our mission statement to guide us. This half term we are trying to be more grateful and generous.

Our school mission statement which guides us is –

**Aspire,
Achieve, Learn
and Love as
One Family in
Christ.**