



OUR LADY & ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 6TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Our school is once again abuzz with the sound of laughter and learning just as it should be. School is always far too quiet in the summer holidays and it is so nice to have all of the children back to bring our school to life once more. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer holiday break, I have certainly enjoyed hearing about the various adventures the children got up to during the six weeks. We have welcomed the first of our new reception children into school this week and today they have completed their first full day – I suspect there may be some very tired little ones collected at 3.30pm today!

We have also welcomed Miss Moore as our Year 3 class teacher and Miss Hobson as our Year 4 class teacher – we are thrilled they are part of our team.

Over the summer we had lots of building work completed to ensure our new boiler was in place so when the winter comes we will be toasty and warm in school.

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

Inspire Week

Next week in school is inspire week and we will have lots of visitors into school to talk about their lives and their careers to try and help inspire our children to reach for the stars and really think about what they aspire to be. Which again links to our school mission statement.

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

Attendance

Our attendance target is **96%**

This week:	Reception	100%
	Y1	93.8%
	Y2	91.8%
	Y3	94.6%
	Y4	97.7%
	Y5	89.8%
	Y6	99.5%
	Whole school	94.8%

Whole school since September
94.8%

Letters Home This Week

No letters this week

Term Time Holidays

Please can I remind everyone that term time holidays will not be authorised and that permission will be given for term time absence only in exceptional circumstances – which a holiday is not. If you do need to apply for a term time absence please complete a form and ensure it is handed in at least two weeks before the planned absence.

Please remember that absences are incredibly disruptive for the children and can cause gaps in their learning.

Uniform

Please can we remind everyone of the importance of labelling ALL items of school uniform for your children including PE kit, shoes, coats and forest school gear. Please try to ensure everything your child wears and brings into school in September is labelled ready. Please ensure all children have their PE kit in school every day so that they are ready for sports. Thank you.

Mission Week

This week our children have been re-familiarising themselves with our school mission statement which is 'Aspire, achieve, love and Learn as one family in Christ.' Our mission statement is displayed all around our school, it is on our letterhead and our website but it is fairly pointless if it doesn't mean anything to our school community. Our mission statement guides us all, as a school it gives us a goal to strive towards, as a staff we know the kind of school and the kind of children we are trying to mould and for our children it reminds them to always reach higher and push for a little more. We want our children to be the best they possibly can be and achieve in all the areas of their lives and our mission statement helps to guide them in this and remind them they are not alone – they are part of their family, our school family, the family of our wider community and parish and Christ's family.

I'd like to thank those parents who completed our survey on our mission statement and we have taken on board the fact that we need to do more work to ensure all of our parents are familiar with our mission statement and why we think it is important. Your comments were incredibly helpful in focusing future communications around this area with our families.

This week we didn't want to only re-familiarise our children with our mission but also to get them to reflect on what it actually looks like when it is active in their lives. What does it really mean for them to aspire and achieve, for them to be one with Christ. We mixed up all of our classes and the children set to work unpicking our mission statement and designing artwork which reflected what a particular part of the mission statement meant to them. The children created stunning artwork which will be shared in assembly this morning and these will be displayed in our hall to help us all to live out our mission statement.



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.**