



Update on Mrs. Strachan

As I am sure, you are all aware Mrs. Strachan was involved in a serious car accident at the end of September. She is getting better but is still far from fully recovered. She has asked me to sincerely thank you all for your good wishes and prayers. In preparation for her absence next half term, I am having to cover my teaching commitments. In order to facilitate this we have a teacher coming to work alongside Mrs Craven. Mrs. Craven will then teach the year six children in her groups and Mr Trueman (an ex head teacher) will teach the year five children from Mrs. Craven's class. This will mean high quality teaching will continue and interventions and booster groups can also still occur.

I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs. Strachan a speedy recovery and that we continue to keep her in our prayers.

Mrs Lindsay, Deputy Head Teacher

Happy Birthday to Us! The Diamond Years

Thank you to all who helped us to celebrate our 60th school anniversary on St. Teresa's Feast Day, on the 1st October. Some comments from our 'The Voice of Parents' book were:

'Thank you so much for inviting me to share in your special celebration. What a lovely Mass. Fantastic singing, beautiful prayers. Lovely children. Congratulations.'

'I was a proud ex Head Teacher attending such a lovely service.'

The children did indeed do us proud and it was so lovely to see so many people from the St. Teresa's glorious history in attendance.

Thank you

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Harvest Festival Appeal and recent CAFOD fund raising. The Mini Vinnies, led by Mrs. Sutton, did a grand job in organising the events.

Firthmoor Food bank were delighted by the staggering amount of parcels that we handed over to them and CAFOD have received a cheque for £285 towards their 'Brighten up' Appeal which helps young people around the world who will miss out on food, clean water and going to school.

Earlier in the term, we raised £111 for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity through the after Mass coffee morning.

Fundraising next half term:-

Children in Need - Friday 16th November

The theme this year is: 'Do Your Thing'

Children can come to school dressed in non-school uniform or whatever is 'their thing' e.g. Brownie uniform, football strip, karate outfit, dance costume, etc. Please though remember - sensible shoes!

'Do Your Thing' Day for Children in Need - £1

Juice and biscuits also available - 25p

Wrist bands will also be on sale -£1



Sports News from Mr. Parker

The amount of our pupils engaged in sport this half term has been fantastic. Currently, we have nearly 100 of our pupils regularly attending our after school sports clubs. Thank you for your support with this. Congratulations to our cross country team and tag rugby team who competed recently at these respective festivals. Every pupil who represented our school showed great levels of determination and the correct attitude towards competition. Two of our cross country runners (Jessica Hewitt and Rosa Spence) were selected for Darlington's team and competed in the Tees Valley festival - a magnificent achievement. **Well done to all.**

Our Victorian trip to Beamish

Friday 14th September 2018



By Class 10

Dressed as Victorians, Class 10 arrived at Beamish! During our trip, we did many amazing things: went in a Victorian house (Pockerely Hall) with vile dead birds hanging from the roof; got on a train; got on a tram; and went into an early 1900s themed dentists. Did you know? People actually paid to get their teeth ripped out with tweezers! While we were in the house, we learnt more about the Victorian's lifestyle, we got to experience what it was like and to see inside a Victorian house.

Before having a Victorian lesson, we all wore a hard hat so we could go into a real coalmine. At 2:00pm, we went into a Victorian school. When we went into the classroom, we learnt about their mathematics, money and handwriting. By the end of the lesson, our hands were covered in chalk and ink! All in all, it was an amazing experience; we would highly recommend it and would definitely go back again!

PARKING/ROAD SAFETY



We thank all of St. Teresa's parents, carers and family members who park with consideration and care and with the safety of all our children in mind.

Please can I ask that everyone follows these good examples and pay due respect to our school neighbours.



Class 9 Visit Eden Camp in North Yorkshire

Class 9 have enjoyed a trip to Eden Camp, where we learned a lot about our history topic of World War 2. Although the journey was long, we had an interesting day looking around this old prisoner of war camp. In groups, we looked around the huts - our favourite by far was the Blitz hut. It was very realistic: the wailing of the air raid siren, screaming people hanging out of windows and collapsed buildings. We found it very shocking. Later in the day, we went to a puppet show; were squirted with water; and sang, 'We'll meet again.' Overall, we had a brilliant day and we'd love to go again.

Friends of St. Teresa's

The Friends of St. Teresa's have reformed and organised a successful Halloween Disco last night. We look forward to future events.



BOOK SWAP

The School Council are holding a book swap on Friday 9th November.



We would like to encourage all children to bring in a book from home which they would like to swap for something new to read. This needs to be a book that your child is happy to part with. When a child brings a book in, they will be given a voucher which they can then use on the day to choose another book. Children are welcome to bring in books from Monday 22nd October. The books will be collected on a break time from classrooms. Thank you. The School Council

DIARY DATES



Thursday 25th October 3:15pm - School Closes for half term

Monday 5th November - School re-opens

Tuesday 6th November 3:30pm to 6pm - Open Night

Wednesday 7th November 3:30pm to 6pm - Open Night

Thursday 8th November 9:30am - Lower Key Stage Two Remembrance Mass led by Class 7

Friday 9th November - Book Swap

Week Beginning: 12th November - Anti-Bullying Week - School Council to lead the way

Friday 16th November - Children in Need - 'Do your Thing' Non-school uniform day

Week Beginning: Monday 19th November - Mission Week - Unbroken Love

Monday 19th November 9:00am Class 6 Liturgy - All welcome school hall

Tuesday 20th November - EYFS prayer walk - Parents invited (details to follow)

UKS2 prayer stations taking place in class

Wednesday 21st November - 9:00am Praying the Rosary - All welcome school hall

Thursday 22nd November 9:30am - Whole School Mass - St. Teresa's Church - All welcome followed by refreshments in the school hall

Friday 23rd November - Some year four children to participate in a partnership liturgy at Holy Family School

Monday 10th December 2pm - KS1 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 11th December 9:30am - KS1 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 11th December 2:15pm - EYFS Christmas Performance

Wednesday 12th December 9:30am EYFS Christmas Performance

Wednesday 12th December 2pm - Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Performance

Thursday 13th December 9:30am - Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Performance

Tuesday 18th December - pm - KS1 theatre trip to see Aladdin, Darlington Hippodrome

Thursday 20th December 9:15am - Carols led by UKS2 - Whole School Mass followed by mince pies and refreshments in the school hall

Please note that for our Christmas performances each child will be allowed two tickets per performance.