



# ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term

29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Attendance - week ending 29.11.19

Nursery – 81%  
Reception – 90%  
Year 1 – 88%  
Year 2 – 90%  
Year 3 – 89.4%  
Year 4 – 92%  
Year 5 – 90.4%  
Year 6 – 96%

**Our school target is to achieve at least 95%**

### Key dates

25.11.19	Coffee Morning at St. Therese's 8.30 – 10.30 am
02.12.19	Fr Paul assembly - Advent <b>General Christmas Concert Tickets go on sale</b> – no limit to the number you can buy from this date onwards until they are all sold.
05.12.19	Christmas Fayre – 3pm start
09.12.19	Foundation Phase Christmas Concert at 1.30 pm and 5.30 pm
10.12.19	Foundation Phase Christmas Concert at 1.30 pm
11.12.19	Juniors Christmas Concert at 5.30 pm
12.12.19	Juniors Christmas Concert at 1.30 pm and 5.30 pm
17.12.19	Morning Nursery Christmas Concert at 9.30 pm
19.12.19	Christmas School Dinner for pupils
20.12.19	Last day of term
22.12.19	Open carol service for the children in St. Therese's Church at 5 pm – all welcome.
24.12.19 (5.00 pm)	Christmas Eve Children's Mass in St. Therese's Church- All welcome
06.01.20	INSET DAY – school closed for staff training
07.01.20	First day of spring term – pupils back to school

### Inset Days

We have 3 remaining Inset Days left where school will be closed for pupils. They will be:

Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Plus 1 other day (TBC) to be imposed on us in the summer term by the Welsh Assembly Government regarding the New Curriculum for Wales**

### Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 3.00 pm. If you wish to have a stall at this event, please see Mrs. Perry or Miss Ryan in the office. Thank you for your support with this. Events such as these help us to purchase valuable equipment for your children. We pride ourselves with being one of the best resourced schools in Neath Port Talbot.

The Christmas Fayre will pose changes for the end of the school day routine. Please note that we expect all pupils to be collected in person by an adult at the end of the school day in order to ensure the safety of all your children during the Christmas Fayre. If your child is in the Upper Juniors and will not be attending the Christmas Fayre but usually walks home, we still need your agreement for this. Please let your child's class teacher know your arrangements via Class Dojo in the Junior classes. Infant pupils are to be collected as normal. Thank you

### Christmas Concert ticket sales

General ticket sale will be from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. You can buy as many tickets as you like. First come first served. Due to health and safety reasons we are limited to the number of tickets we can sell, so please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment on the day.

### Manor Park Residential Year 6

Welcome back to all the Year 6 pupils who attended the Manor Park residential today. The school was certainly quieter without them here and they were greatly missed! There are many benefits to school residential trips, and outdoor learning is known to have a very positive impact on a child's well-being and growth. Residential weeks provide a real opportunity for children to experience the outdoors, immerse themselves in lots of new activities and build a genuine sense of independence. The children were actively encouraged to work out of their comfort zone, overcoming any insecurities that they may have and to take on new challenges and adventures. This will have given them the chance to develop essential social skills in preparation for comprehensive school and adult life. Well done Year 6!

### Attendance

Please note – an initiative to raise attendance across the Local Authority means that any pupils with an attendance below 90% will automatically be receiving a letter of concern in this area. Future failure to improve attendance then could mean that you will be receiving a visit from the Education Welfare Officer

### Monday Coffee Mornings

Every Monday morning for the foreseeable future, St. Therese's will be holding a coffee morning between 8.30 and 10.30 am. The aim of this is for you as parents to discover and access free support within the community to help you with the following parenting issues: Positive strategies to tackle behavior, routines, understanding how your teenagers/children are feeling, taking control, baby massage, nurture programmes, time for yourself, fun play ideas for your family. Please pop in for some free advice and support with Claire and Jade from the Children and Families Team.

### Reading Promotion

We continue offer an incentive to increase reading at home and in school. For every ten occasions that children read at home or are listened to by an adult in school, we give children a reading stamp. Once they have five stamps, they can visit Miss Sartori with their book and collect a reading reward prize.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

*Fran Sartori (Acting Head teacher)*