



ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term

6th December 2019

Attendance - week ending 06.12.19

Nursery – 74%
Reception – 91%
Year 1 – 86.4%
Year 2 – 91.4%
Year 3 – 94%
Year 4 – 97.2%
Year 5 – 90%
Year 6 – 94%

Our school target is to achieve at least 95%

Key dates

09.12.19	Coffee Morning at St. Therese's 8.30 – 10.30 am
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 Foundation Phase trip to feed the reindeer in Margam Park
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 6th
Monday July 20th

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 school Christmas Fayre took place on Thursday 5th December. Many thanks for your continued support of such events, especially to those parents and staff who helped out on the day and the weeks leading up to it. Such events help us to purchase valuable equipment for your children. The Christmas Fayre raised £873 for the school which will now be put towards purchasing specialist equipment for pupils with additional learning needs.

Parking

Would all parents please refrain from parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates. This is very dangerous for our pupils who are trying to cross the road at this point.

Christmas Concert ticket sales

General tickets are now on sale. 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.

9.12.18 Infant Concert 1.30 pm (Last few tickets remaining)
9.12.18 Infant Concert 5.30 pm (Last few tickets remaining)
10.12.18 Infant Concert 1.30 pm (Last few tickets remaining)
11.12.18 Junior Concert 5.30 pm (**Now SOLD OUT**)
12.12.18 Junior Concert 1.30 pm (Last few tickets remaining)
12.12.18 Junior Concert 5.30 pm (Last few tickets remaining)

Health and safety – Christmas Concerts

Would all parents and family members attending the evening Christmas concerts please use the pedestrian access into the school and NOT walk on the school drive. This is for your own safety.

Colour Raffle

We will draw the colour raffle on the last day of term Friday 20th December. All winners will be informed by text. The children are asked to bring in an item for the Colour Raffle. Only the children who bring in an item will be given a free raffle ticket. Further tickets can be purchased at a cost of £1 each only by those who have brought in an item. Only children from the designated class will have a chance of winning their class colour raffle prize. Last day to receipt of these items is Monday 16th December. The colours for each class are as follows:

Nursery PM & AM - Silver	Reception – Blue
Class 1 -Orange	Class 2 -Black
Class 3 -Green	Class 4 -Purple
Class 5 -Red	Class 6 -Gold

Data Collection Sheets

Would you please return to school the completed Data sheets containing the information about your children. These are very important for us to be able to contact you in an emergency. Many thanks to those of you who have already returned these sheets.

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.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Fran Sartori (Acting Head teacher)