

Tales from St Teresa's

April 2025



Easter Blessings to you all...

As we approach the end of our spring term I would like to take a moment to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter. The children have had many opportunities to reflect on the journey of the cross during our Lenten preparations. Many thanks to those of you who joined us for our end of term Mass on Wednesday. I always love sharing Mass with our school family, the children lead us so well in this special time. I do hope that you have a wonderful Easter break and that the weather continues to be kind to us all. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school at 8:45am on Monday 28th April.



A warm weather reminder

As always, as the weather gets warmer, we ask that all children have a sun hat in school each and everyday. As the children are well aware, no hat means no play. We would also request that all children have sunscreen applied on a morning and if necessary they bring a labelled bottle to school to enable them to apply more at lunch. An even better idea is using the 'once a day' sunscreen that should then last all day!

MNDA fundraising



Wow, wow, wow! We were absolutely speechless to realise that we have raised over £4,000 for this worthy cause. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored the children on their different challenges, and a particular shout out to our fantastic team of staff who ran a marathon within 35 minutes!!! A great cause in memory of a great Head Teacher!

Assessment weeks

This term sees a lot of the children completing national assessments. It is crucial that children are in school during these times.

Year 6, SAT's week starts on Monday 12th May, children have assessments to complete on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. It is very important that children are all in school for 8:45am and that they have had a good nights sleep!

Year 4 children have a multiplication assessment to complete from Tuesday 3rd June. This assessment window is open for 2 weeks.

Year 1 children and some year 2 children have their phonics screening assessment in the week beginning Monday 9th June.

Outstanding payments

Please ensure that you are up to date with any payments for nursery sessions, school meals or after school club. I am sure you are aware that schools are running incredibly tight budgets and we simply cannot afford to have unpaid sessions. I have instructed our office staff that if debt becomes too high, we will withdraw the option for your child to attend sessions or have a school lunch until the debt is cleared. If you feel that your child may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the office and they will discreetly provide you with the information that you need. Similarly, if you are struggling with finances, please ask to speak to myself or Mrs Lindsay and we will direct you to the right places to seek support.

Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Back to school	Monday 28th April at 8:45am
Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 5th May
SAT's Week	Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May.
Class 5 visit to Durham Cathedral	Monday 19th May
Classes 8,9,10 visit to Eden Camp	Thursday 22nd May
Break up for half term	Friday 23rd May at 3:15pm
Back to school	Tuesday 3rd June at 8:45am
Class 8 trip to Sunderland University	Tuesday 10th June
Class 3 to Quad Kids	Monday 16th June
Class 8 to Quad Kids	Friday 20th June
Class 3 to Hopetown	Tuesday 24th June
Key Stage 2 Sports Day	Monday 30th June at 9:15am
Class 2 to Hopetown	Tuesday 1st July
Class 7 Community Games	Wednesday 2nd July
Key Stage 1 Sports Day	Wednesday 2nd July 9:15am
EYFS Sports Day	Friday 4th July at 9:15am
Year 6 Primary 2 Uni Graduation event	Tuesday 8th July - Time TBC
Class 1 to Hopetown	Wednesday 9th July
Reports home to parents	Wednesday 9th July
Leavers' Mass	Tuesday 15th July at 9:30am

The children and staff have worked very hard this term, wishing you all a very well deserved rest!