



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the Christmas break. Across the school, children are working hard to recap key learning and re-establish strong routines. We are placing a strong emphasis on reading, handwriting, spelling, and key maths skills to ensure every child has a secure foundation to build on as the term progresses.

Our Ofsted report has been shared with families via Class Dojo alongside this week's newsletter. Ofsted have changed the way they inspect and report on schools. There is no longer a single one-word judgement. Instead, schools are judged across several areas, including safeguarding, attendance and behaviour, inclusion, leadership, personal development, achievement, curriculum and teaching, and early years. Each area is graded from Exceptional through to Urgent Improvement.

The inspectors agreed with my evaluation of the school. We were judged to be at Expected Standard or above in all areas, apart from achievement, curriculum and teaching, and early years. In these areas, inspectors recognised that some pupils have gaps in their knowledge due to weaknesses in the past. However, the report clearly acknowledges the rapid improvement made over the last year, noting that leaders have acted swiftly and effectively and that pupils' achievement is improving.

The report also contains many very positive comments, including:

"Pupils are joyful about being in school."

"Pupils feel safe and are proud to attend this warm and caring school."

Attendance, reading at home and completing homework all make a real difference to children's success, and your continued support is vital as we build on this strong progress.

I am incredibly proud of our children, staff, governors and wider community. Together, we will continue to make our school the very best it can be for our children.

Mr Kay

Social Media

We have seen an increase in issues involving children using social media, particularly Snapchat. The minimum age for Snapchat is 13, and primary-aged children should not be using social media. Children do not yet have the maturity to use social media safely, and unkind messages are causing issues in school.

Parents and carers are responsible for knowing exactly what their children are doing on their devices. When incidents are brought to our attention, parents and carers will be advised to contact the police. We will continue to educate children on how to be respectful, responsible, and safe online and offline.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance over the last two weeks

Our attendance has dipped recently, and while we fully understand that illness does occur, we also want to continue promoting resilience and good habits when children are well enough to be in school. A reminder that school begins promptly at 8.40am. To support a calm and punctual start, we kindly ask that children arrive from 8.30am so they are ready to begin their day.

| | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-------------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Attendance | 85% | 94% | 89% | 88% | 93% | 91% | 96% |
| Punctuality | 4 lates | 3 lates | 11 lates | 10 lates | 18 lates | 19 lates | 4 lates |

Sports News

Well done to our Year 3/4 multi skills team who came 3rd in the recent multi-skills competition!



Key Dates

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Tuesday 10 th February | 2.00pm | Poetry Competition in the hall |
| Thursday 12 th February | Evening | Young Voices Choir at the Co-op Arena |
| Friday 13 th February | 3.10pm | School closes for half-term for one week. |
| Monday 23 rd February | CLOSED | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 24 th February | 8.40am | School Re-opens |
| Wednesday 25 th March | 3.15pm-6.00pm | Parents Evening |