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Issue #01

Welcome back!

A note from Mrs Lewis...

Welcome back to all those old faces and a very warm welcome to the new faces that have joined our St Therese's family! We are very glad to have you. Our well-being fortnight has given us a chance to settle into our new classes and build relationships with staff and peers. We have had a whole school team building day supported by the PTA and have also had an orienteering system installed to improve our outdoor learning provisions.

Our learning Improvement plans for this year are;

1. Improve spelling and handwriting skills across all progression steps through RWI.
2. Deepen mathematical skills other than number.
3. Learners to develop confidence in presenting their work in a variety of ways
4. Continue the development of the R.E scheme of work

Please join me in a prayer for the new year...

Oh Lord,

As we begin this new school year,
we place before You all our hopes and concerns.

Bless our minds with wisdom, our hearts with
kindness,

and our words with truth and compassion.
Grant our teachers patience and joy in guiding

us,

our classmates respect and friendship,
and our families the support we need to grow in
faith and knowledge.

May this year be filled with curiosity for
learning,
strength in challenges, and gratitude in
successes.

Help us to remember that all our gifts come
from You,
and to treat others with respect, kindness and
love.

Amen.



Friendly Reminder



Attendance remains a high priority for the Local Authority and as last year, our education welfare officer will work closely with us to monitor concerning attendance and offer support to those who need it. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please speak to staff at school who will be ready to help you. Team work, makes the dream work!

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Stay & Play

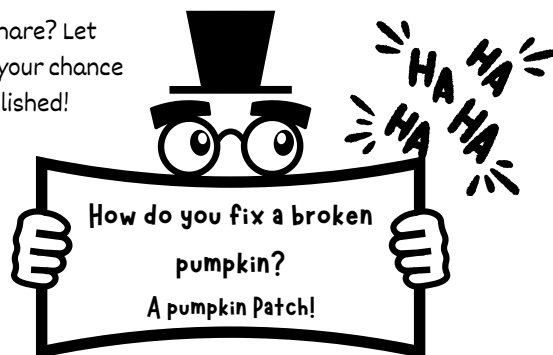


Every Friday, we have a 'Stay & Play' session for adults and children under 5 years old. It's a wonderful opportunity to develop relationships with staff and children before they transition into Nursery and to just have a cuppa and a chat with other parents or grandparents etc. Open from 9am until 10:45 with snack, refreshments, fun activities and song/rhyme time. All welcome!

Homework Missions



Got a joke to share? Let Teresa know for your chance to get it published!



We have listened to your feedback both through the parent survey which you kindly completed last year and through our Meet the Teacher sessions.

Beginning in October, we will now have 'Missions' set up for different progression steps;
Progression Step 1 - Nursery and Reception class
Progression step 2 - Years 1, 2 & 3
Progression step 3 - Years 4, 5 & 6



We hope that this will tailor the activities more closely to your child's individual learning pace and they will cover all six of the areas of learning experience.

The missions will be intended for families to engage in learning with their children and aim to support families to create thriving learning environments at home. For more information or tips on creating a successful home learning environment, please pop and see Teresa who will be happy to give you hints and tips - it's really not as scary as it sounds!

Each month, individual classes will include a 'Routine for 15' element which will focus on key learning areas which they are focusing on. These will include aspects such as handwriting, reading, times tables, spelling and anything else which supports your child's academic successes. We hope that you find that 15 minutes each day of short activities will be manageable in busy households where time is precious, and also responds directly to the overwhelming requests of academic themed homework.

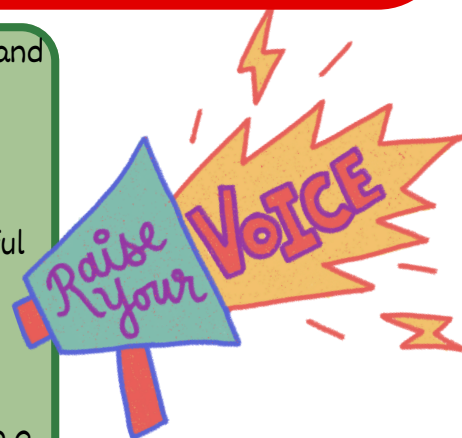
Pupil Action Groups



Research shows that parent involvement at home can improve standards by a whopping 29% compared with those who have little to no involvement (Professor Charles DesForges). Help us to help them!

Our P.A.G sessions have started this year for learners in year 3 and up. All children had a choice of groups they were interested in joining and have been allocated a group based on their choices. Please chat with your child to find out what they are in and ask them what their group is planning for the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our learners to make their voices heard and to make a real impact on their day to day in school and in their community.

Watch this space for a Parent Action Group coming soon to a school near you!



parent Action Groups Coming soon!



Dates for Your Diary



September

- Thursday 18th - Year 4 Meet the Teacher and Family Engagement event 1pm
- Monday 22nd - Cooking Together After School Club 3.10pm (Please book via Teresa)
- Thursday 25th - Intergenerational Board Games Group run by Team Community - feel free to pop along and share some skills and have fun. Open to the whole community! 2pm-3pm
- Friday 26th - MacMillan Coffee Morning organised by Mini Vinnies from 9am
- Monday 29th - Understanding Challenging Behaviour Session in collaboration with CFS. Pop along and share any concerns or just listen to others so we can support you with what really matters to you. 1pm - 3pm.
- Monday 29th - Cooking Together After School Club 3.10pm bookable in advance via Teresa
- Tuesday 30th - Year 3 Family Engagement Event 1.30pm

October

- Wednesday 1st - Feast of St Therese Mass. 10am in our Church. All welcome. Children may bring a single rose to be blessed.
- Wednesday 1st - Year 5 Family Engagement Event 1.30pm
- Thursday 2nd - Year 2 Family Engagement Event 1.30pm
- Monday 6th - Year 6 Family Engagement Event 1.30pm
- Cooking Together After School Club 3.10pm bookable via Teresa
- Thursday 9th - Intergenerational Board Games Group run by Team Community - feel free to pop along and share some skills and have fun. Open to the whole community! 2pm-3pm
- Thursday 9th - St Josephs Open Evening for pupils and families in years 5 & 6
- Friday 10th - World Mental Health day
- Monday 13th - Year 5 begin a 2 week swimming block
- Wednesday 15th - Sh'wmae Day! Pupils can wear red, white and/or green on this day.
- Tuesday 21st - PTA Autumn Disco - Nursery-Year 2 am and Year 3-6 pm. Tickets £2, will include a treat bag. Available from Monday in the school office. CASH ONLY!!!!
- Wednesday 22nd - Year 6 Residential Trip to Morfa Bay, Family Mass at School - Year 5 will lead. All welcome.
- Friday 24th - Last day of term!

November

- Monday 3rd - INSET School closed to all pupils
- Tuesday 4th - School reopens to all
- Thursday 13th - School Photo Day! Dress to Impress!
- Monday 24th - Dewi Sant Parent Meetings (all week between 11.25am - 12pm bookable via dojo)
- Tuesday 25th - Years 1-6 Parents Evening bookable via class dojo nearer the time

December

- Monday 1st - PTA Christmas Shopping Market 3-7pm. Leave the children home and shop for those tricky gifts from a selection of local traders
- Tuesday 2nd - Tea with Santa 3.15-5pm. Ticket release date TBC £5 per child Nurs-Year2
- Wednesday 3rd - Tea with The Grinch 3.15-5pm. Tickets £5 Yr 3-6
- Thursday 4th - Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
- Monday 8th - Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 9th - Dewi Sant Concert 9.15am, KS2 Concert 2pm & 6pm in our Church
- Thursday 11th - Years 1&2 2pm & 6pm in our School Hall
- Friday 19th - Last day of term. Carol Service held in Church at 1pm