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Dear Parents and Carers,



This week, we have been having a real focus on kindness – one of our school values. We have had two wonderful saints' assemblies from Years 2 and 4 and both their saints (St John Bosco & St Anthony) taught us the importance of kindness. We have been thinking about how small random acts of kindness make a big difference to those around us.

Last Sunday, I was very proud of the children who represented St Teresa's at our school parish mass. They read so beautifully.

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Wildwood; the sun shone for them and they had a fun day full of learning.

Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day:

It was lovely to see so many children, members of staff and families supporting this event today! Thank you all for your donations - early indications show that we have raised over £95 for the children's mental health charity 'Young Minds'.



Macmillan Cake Sale:

Thank you to everyone who brought in cakes to sell and to everyone who bought cakes to eat! We are delighted to advise that we raised £230.00 for the amazing charity Macmillan Cancer Support.

We would particularly like to thank Mrs Baars, Mrs Batten, Ms Oliphant, Ms King, Mrs Mummery and staff and children for their donations of cakes to sell.

We have been really putting our faith into action this week by helping charities who need our support. Thank you.

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Parents' Evening:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents' Evenings this week, it was lovely to see you all and we thank you for supporting your child's learning. It really does make all the difference.

Arbor Log In:

Thank you to everyone who has logged in so far and checked their child's details and attendance. If everyone could please sign in to Arbor, it would be very much appreciated as we hope to start using Arbor for payments for extended school clubs and communication very soon.

Here is a reminder of how to log in:

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School is using Arbor and has set up an account for you.

To finish creating your account, you just need to set a password. You can do this by going to login.arbor.sc, entering your email and clicking on 'Forgotten Password?' and following the instructions on screen.

The Arbor app is available to download on IOS and Android devices. If you have more than one child in the same school, you can view each profile in the App by clicking the profile icon and clicking 'Switch student'. In the Portal, click the arrow next to your child's name.

If you have trouble setting up your password or have general questions about the Parent Portal, visit [this Help Centre article](#). For any other queries, please contact the school office.

Afterschool Club Timetable Term 2:

Please find attached a copy of the new club timetable for term 2. Payable clubs can be booked from afterschool on Monday 12th October.

Harvest Festival:

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival this Tuesday 13th October. KS1 parents are welcome to join us for 9.15am.

As in the past, we would like to ask each child in the school to bring in a donation of toiletries or non-perishable food items on the day, which will be displayed in our hall and then distributed to families in need in the St Teresa's School and Church community.

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Items such as the following would be most gratefully received:
Tins of beans, soup, fruit, vegetables, canned fish or packets of dry food such as rice and pasta, cereal and biscuits or toiletries such as soap, shower gel and toothpaste.

Some of these items can be a real luxury in times of hardship and we thank you for your support with this worthwhile event.

'Anything is something when you have nothing'



Flu Immunisations:

Just a reminder that flu immunisations will be taking place in school on Thursday 5th November for those children whose Parents have signed up and consented to this. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation, but have not yet signed up for it, please see the attached letter.

St Teresa's Day - Thursday 15th October:

We shall be celebrating St Teresa's Day on Thursday 15th October - Father Mario will be coming to the school to give mass that day. You are welcome to join us for a 2pm start, please just arrive for 1.55pm so that there are no interruptions.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE PARISH!

Please find attached a message from St Teresa's Church:

*As an experiment, we are proposing to gather together children and youngsters of all ages once a month before the 5.30pm Saturday Mass for a session of prayer and reflection led by Father Mario or Father Nonso. It will include training for those who currently serve at Mass and for those children who, having made their First Holy Communion, would like to join the altar servers' team. The first such session will be at **4pm on Saturday, 17th October** and will lead into the 5.30pm Parish Mass. It is hoped that this will become a monthly fixture during school term time, if sufficient interest is shown in continuing with it. **We warmly encourage parents and carers to lend their support to this initiative**, which is designed, in some cases, to rekindle their children's bonds with the Church and, in other cases, to further strengthen them. Too often do we see children no longer regularly attending Mass after they have made their First Holy Communion.*

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School Photos:

Just a reminder that photos should be ordered online via Portrait Days by Sunday 11th October in order to receive free delivery to the school.

End of Term Friday:

Next Friday 16th October is the last day of term, school and Night Owls will finish at the normal time.

Please ensure that all meals, Breakfast Club and Night Owls accounts are paid for in full by the last day of term.

Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 11th October - Last day to order school photos for free delivery to the school

Tuesday 13th October - Harvest Festival Assembly - donations of non-perishable food and toiletries to support the community would be welcomed on this day. Parents of children in Years R, 1 and 2 are welcome to attend – please just arrive for 9.10am.

Thursday 15th October - St Teresa's Day. KS1 Parents are invited to attend mass at school with Father Mario at school at 2.00pm – please just arrive for 1.55pm as late admittances cannot be guaranteed.

Friday 16th October - Last day of term - school finishes at normal time.

Monday 2nd November - Back to school. Last day to register for flu immunisations. Last day to register for secondary school places for September 2027. New club timetable and year 6 booster groups for pre-invited children to commence.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support,

Lisa Huotari

Headteacher