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Dear Parents and Carers,



Firstly, thank you to those parents who were able to support their children by watching the class assemblies this week. Well done to the children in Yr 5 & 6 who did an excellent job explaining their class saints and what we can learn from their lives.

On Friday a group of Yr 6 children went to represent St Teresa's at St George's Cathedral in London. A very special occasion to celebrate the start of the school year.

A very big thank you to Courtney Tulloch, a professional gymnast, who came to share his story with the children. The workshops were thoroughly enjoyed and the children were very impressed by Courtney's skills!

Skip2BFit Slipping Ropes:

It has been lovely to see the children skipping! If we can please advise that this Monday 28th September will be the last day to purchase a Skip2BFit skipping rope from the school office.

Please ensure that your child names their skipping rope clearly, so that any misplaced skipping ropes can be handed back to their owners.

Arbor App and Parents' Evening:

The Arbor App is now live and we shall be slowly rolling this out to its full potential over the academic year, but its first test will be Parents' Evening and bookings for this will go live next week.

Please follow the instructions below to create your own login and view your child's attendance:

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

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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.

One Day Special Menu Thursday 1st October:

The Autumn School Census takes place this Thursday 1st October and we shall be asking all of our children in Year R, 1 and 2 and those entitled to means tested Free School Meals to try a school dinner that day.

A special 'one day' menu is on offer as attached, but jacket potatoes and tomato pasta will still be available as an option.

Don't forget to apply for free school meals at the attached link:

[Apply for free school meals - Kent County Council](#)

Please see the attached competition flyer too from Chartwells.

PTA:

A very big thank you to the PTA who have paid for the wonderful signs outside the school gates. As well as looking fabulous, we hope that they will support the safety of the children. The very small PTA do a wonderful job, not only by raising money but also by bringing the community together. We really do need new members so please pop into the office if you can help. It would be sad if this group disbanded.

School Photos:

Photo proof cards have been sent home with the children today and can be viewed online. Kindly place your order by Sunday 11th October in order to receive free delivery to school.

Hedgehogs First Class Photos:

We have been advised that these will be printed in the Kentish Express in the first full week of November 2026.

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Message for Y2 Parents:

Monday 28th September is 'Proud of Me Monday' ★ 28.9.26'

What are you proud of?

Mrs Pretty has asked if your child can please bring in a medal, trophy, certificate, badge, photo or anything that celebrates something your child has achieved! Show and Tell!

Year 3 Trip :

Unfortunately, we must advise that at the present time, based on payments received, the Year 3 trip cannot go ahead as planned. If you have not yet made a contributory payment towards this trip, we would be very grateful to receive this by Monday so that we can then review the situation.

Year 5 Mass Tuesday:

Just a reminder that the trip is on Tuesday and the class need to be in school at 8.15am. Please be prepared for all weathers and bring a raincoat and hat! Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch and water bottle. If you have ordered a school packed lunch for your child, we would suggest packing an extra snack.

Year 6 Residential Trip:

Just a reminder that the next instalment for the residential trip is due to be paid by this Wednesday 30th September.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Thank you to everyone for working hard with this and getting your child to school on time. It really makes a difference to the school day.

The KCSP have also commented on our excellent start to the school term - keep shining brightly everyone and keep up the good work!

Ashford Borough Council - Why I Love Ashford Competition:

Please find the attached flyer, which will follow under separate cover, for more information.

Secondary School Online Admission Link:

Kent County Council have been in touch to advise that some Parents are experiencing problems with the online link and have asked that Y6 Parents try this link instead:

[Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#)

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Dates for the Diary

Monday 28th September - Y3 Class Assembly at 10.00am - Y3 Parents and Carers are welcome to attend, please just arrive for 9.55am.

Tuesday 29th September - Y1 Class Assembly at 10.00am - Y1 Parents and Carers are welcome to attend, please just arrive for 9.55am. Y5 Mass - Y5 to be in school for 8.15am so that the coach may leave on time.

Thursday 1st October - Census Day - One Day Special Menu. All children in Years R, 1 and 2 and those entitled to a means tested free school meal are invited to try a school meal that day.

Sunday 4th October - Year 6 are invited to read at Parish Mass.

We wish you all a lovely weekend.

Lisa Huotari

Headteacher