



## Feast Day Mass



Dear Parents,

Your children were beautifully behaved and represented the school well at the St Teresa's feast day mass. It was a lovely moment of us all coming together as a school and reminding ourselves, both children and staff, of how we wish to follow in the footsteps of St Therese of Lisieux and make this school a happy, loving and caring place.

Mr Bottjer

### Glasses

Parents, we are finding a rise in the number of children who have been prescribed glasses but are not wearing them to school/leaving them at home. Please, if your child has glasses ensure that they wear them to school as to not do so could have adverse effects on their ability to see the board, books or their own work.

### E-Scooters

Please be advised that students are no longer permitted to take E-scooters to school. A letter is being sent out this week to explain this decision.



**No E-Scooters  
 allowed**

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**Our Lady  
 & All Saints**



### Upcoming Dates:

**17th-18th October:** Parents evening.

**23rd-27th October:** Autumn half term.

**30th October:** Inset (non pupil day)

**1st-3rd November:** Year 6 PGL trip.

**8th November:** Prospective parents invited to view EYFS

**10th November:** Year 2 class assembly.

**15th November:** Prospective parents invited to view EYFS

**24th November:** Year 4 class assembly.

**6th December:** Robin Hood Pantomime at school!

**12th December:** Flu Shots

**12th December:** Ks1 Nativity.

**12th December:** Ks2 Advent Mass

**14th December:** Christmas lunch

**20th December:** Last day of Autumn term. (Half day)

**4th January:** First day of Spring term. (All children back in)

**26th January:** Year 3 class assembly.

**6th February:** Year 4 school trip

**14th February:** Spring term film night fundraiser.

**8th March:** Mid-year reports out to parents.

**22nd March:** Y5 Class Assembly

**Week beginning 25th March:** Easter school events TBC..

**29th March:** Easter Holidays begin

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK AT ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL?

We currently have job openings for the role of **midday assistant** and **teaching assistant** at the school. The details of these roles are being sent out as school letters to parents, in the church newsletter and being advertised on the Essex JobScene website. If you would like to know more about either role and the kind of candidate we might be after please chat to a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the gate or contact the school office. If you have family or friends who may be interested, please let them know!



## Vomiting and Diarrhoea —School policy and NHS Guidance

We have recently had a few cases where parents have queried our policy for staff and children to have to be off-site for a full 48 hours following a bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.

This guidance comes from the NHS (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/#:~:text=can%20spread%20easily-.Important,for%20at%20least%202%20days.>)

As a school we are bound to follow this guidance in order to keep children and staff safe. I understand how vomiting can be caused by something other than a spreadable virus. Sometimes breathing difficulty, eating too quickly, over excitement, heat etc can cause little people to vomit. However, as we are not doctors, we simply must follow this guidance. We have no way of proving or disproving a reason for vomiting.

This counts for both staff and children. We have had to face the struggle of covering staff members because of this rule before and it is not without its difficulty and frustration on our part. Naturally, we want all children in school but the school would be seen as being derelict in its duty and open to being in all kinds of legal trouble if we knowingly let people back into the building soon after vomiting.

I understand that this can cause frustration. As a working parent, I know how hard last minute childcare can be to organise and how this rule can cause parents/grandparents to have to take days off work.

It is simply the NHS guidance that we must follow. I have confirmed this with the Learning Authority and they have told me that there is no wiggle room on this whatsoever. Therefore, it must remain the rule.

**If a child or adult who attends or works at the school has a case of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they will not be permitted to return until 48 hours has passed since their last episode.**

If you have any specific questions about this, please do ask.

Mr Bottjer

## Is your child growing out of their uniform?

Children grow very quickly! If your child is already growing out of their uniform and it is still in a good state of repair, the school office is accepting uniform donations. These can be used to replace lost uniform/ help families who are finding it hard to afford uniform.

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