



Spring has sprung!

I write this newsletter as the sun finally begins to shine and the first blossoms are appearing on the trees outside. We are now half way through this academic year. It has been a successful year so far for both our school and students.

We have recently had two visits, provided by our trust. One was looking into safeguarding procedures and another, the provision for SEN students at St Teresa's and both have come back with very positive message about the work that we do here. I congratulate the staff for their hard work and dedication and I thank the students for representing us beautifully.

We now enter Lent: a time of reflection, reconciliation and prayer. Let us focus on how fortunate we are to be blessed with such a community and strive to continue working together in peaceful partnership for our children as we prepare for the coming of Easter.

Have a restful half term all, and I look forward to seeing you when we return.

God Bless,

Mr J Bottjer (head)

A potential new fundraising group for St Teresa's!

Financial pressures facing schools across the country have become increasingly burdensome. The rising cost of living, coupled with tightening budgets present unprecedented challenges that cannot be overlooked.

In light of this reality, we are exploring the creation of a community group that we believe can make a profound difference in securing the resources and support necessary to sustain and enhance the educational journey of our children. We are excited to introduce to you the proposed group: **Friends of St. Teresa's**, or FOST for short. (Those of you who have been long term members of this community may recognise this title from a former group that existed some 20-30 years ago!)

This proposed group would serve as a collective of parents, parishioners, locals, and staff who share a common goal: to uplift and strengthen the income to our school. Through fundraising initiatives and community engagement, it would aim to bridge the gap between our aspirations and the financial realities we face.

Do you have skills that could be utilized? Time that you could generously give? Contacts in businesses and wider industries who may be willing to sponsor events or donate to our fundraising drives, such as fetes, bazaars, quiz nights, and sales?

Over the next two weeks, we are asking staff, parents, parishioners and locals who are interested or believe that they can offer some kind of support, time or expertise to this group to email the school office (office@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk) with the subject: "FOST". The leadership team will consider offers, suggestions and applications in order to make a decision about the viability of such a group.

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**Our Lady
& All Saints**



Upcoming Dates:

26th February: Back from half term.

7th March: World book day, dress up! (See separate letter for details.)

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

15th March: School nurse height and weight check Y6.

22nd March: Y5 Class Assembly

22nd March: Reconciliation service Y3-6 pm

28th March: Year 3/4 Present the stations of the cross at St Basil's Church (am)

29th March: Easter Holidays begin

15th April: First day back after Easter holidays.

10th May: Year 1 Class Assembly

24th May: The May Procession

25th May: Summer half term begins.

3rd June: Inset (non-pupil) day

4th June: Children back in school

21st June: EYFS Class Assembly

12th July: End of year reports out.

19th July: Children's last day of school. Summer holidays begin.

3rd September: Children back in. Start of the new school year.

Staying Safe: Railways

It is important to teach our children about safety on the Railways. Schools and parents play a vital role in keeping our children safe.

Below are 15 minute safety videos to show children at home. Over 19 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of trespass incidents in their area.

Remember 15 minutes can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people.

Primary school version: Suitable for KS1

<https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Primary school version: Suitable for KS2

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>



+ CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION +

Inspired by a story before Christmas, when our students donated toys to those that needed them, we have begun a new newsletter item. "Catholic Life and Mission" will document some of the stories of our children and school community going the extra mile to help others and live out the Gospel values.

Year 5 Students Visit Abbeyfield Retirement Home

Some of our students have recently visited Abbeyfield retirement home. During this visit we spoke with residents about their lives, shared our work and hobbies and got to know one another. Your children represented the school beautifully and we have been invited back to meet with the residents again soon.



Bonnie and Laurel are donating their hair to charity!

Two of our students are donating a large chunk of their hair to help make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment.

Bonnie and Laurel are being extremely brave and making a sacrifice to improve the lives of others.

You can donate to their "just giving" page below. Proceeds will go towards helping sick children get wigs.

Well done girls!

www.justgiving.com/page/bonnieseymour-littleprincesstrust

Little Princess Trust
Providing real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss

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