

## St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

The School is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. Registered number 8111345.

# 1st Half Autumn Term 2023 - Friday 6th October 2023 Veekly Newsletter



#### <u>Term Dates</u> <u>Academic Year 2023 - 2024</u>

October Half Term 2023:

Break up: Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October Return on: Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct is a non-pupil day

Christmas Holidays 2023-24

Break up: Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Return on: Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January

February Half Term 2024: Break up: Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February Return on: Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Holidays 2024: Break up: Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March

Return on: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday

May Half Term 2024: Break up: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May

Break up: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May Return on: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Summer Holidays 2024:

Break up: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July is a non-pupil day Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July is a non-pupil day

#### Dates - Trips / Events etc.

13<sup>th</sup> October Y4 to Fingringhoe Wick

18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am Tours for prospective families

19th October

School photographs – don't forget your jumpers / cardigans!

20<sup>th</sup> October – FOST non uniform day.



### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am. Food will be served until 8.20am only. Children will be escorted to class at 8.40am.

#### **School Meals**



The menu for the following week will be sent out via the school app and published on the website each Friday.

Remember to check the app and website for useful information, letters Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well.

It was lovely to see some of you at Mass, to celebrate beginning of a new school year and St. Teresa's Feast Day, on Wednesday. I am sure that those of you that were there would agree that it was absolutely lovely and the singing was amazing. Several parishioners commented on how wonderful the children were and I must admit I felt very proud!

Last week Y6 had the most amazing five day residential trip to Aylmerton Field Study Centre in North Norfolk. I have to say I thoroughly enjoyed their company. They were such wonderful ambassadors for the school and their behaviour and attitudes were commented on by many - and always in a positive way. I hope that, like the staff that accompanied them, they have taken away many happy memories from the trip, as well as lots of new knowledge and a greater understanding of coastal erosion. Sadly, it will be my last residential but I have a strange feeling that I might find myself passing Blakeney Point this time next year - and who knows who I might bump in to! I know the parents of Y6 will want to join me in saying thank you to the staff that gave up their time to accompany the children on the trip (although I know that many of you have done so already). Without their kindness and goodwill we wouldn't be able to take children on residential trips, so a huge thank you to Miss Spratt, Mrs Reid and Mr Smith who came along this year.

I am sure that your children will have told you all about Bishop Alan's visit to the school last week. I (along with everyone who was at Aylmerton) was very sorry to miss it but I understand that the Bishop was very impressed with the children who asked and answered questions showing a great knowledge and understanding of our faith. Thank you - and well done to everyone for making such a great impression. Thank you especially to Miss Hilton who took the lead and made all the arrangements.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. I am not sure how much money we raised for this very worthwhile cause but as soon as the money is all counted we will put it on the app. A massive thank you to Mrs Herron who, once again, organised the event and spent the day running around making pots of tea and coffee - ably assisted by her amazing troop of Y5 waiters and waitresses.

Well done to Reception for best attendance this week. We had no merit assembly today due to the Macmillan coffee morning, so 3PR tokens will be rolled over and added to next weeks' total.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Whatever you have planned, enjoy.

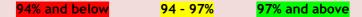
Mrs Kelly

Don't become preoccupied with your child's academic ability, but instead teach them to sit with those sitting alone. Teach them to be kind. Teach them to offer help. Teach them to be a friend to the lonely. Teach them to encourage others. Teach them to think about other people. Teach them to share. Teach them to look for the good.

This is how they will change the world.

### **Attendance Data:**









Well done Reception for highest attendance this week.

### **3PR Parking**



Year Group	% of pupils that collected a token last week	% of pupils that collected a token this week
Rec	75.33	
1	68	Tokens collected this week
2	73.1	will be rolled over and
3	76.77	added to next weeks'
4	74.38	totals.
5	71.25	
6	N/A - Residential Visit	

### Virtues to Live By

Our current virtue is CITIZENSHIP

### Love of Learning:

A citizen is a member of a community. You want to play your part within your school, workplace or neighbourhood. You are committed to finding ways to help your community, seeing each person in your community as your neighbour. You put solidarity into action.

"Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God."

(Hebrews 13:14; 16)

### Rosary Club



Mrs Gill will be running Rosary Club in the Year 4 classroom at 12pm each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in October.

All KS2 children are welcome and if they want to, can bring along their own Rosary beads.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6 PUPILS

Please see the information below from Essex County Council regarding secondary school applications:

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

### The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Applications can be made online via <a href="https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions">www.essex.gov.uk/admissions</a>. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.



### **Individual School Photographs**

Please note that the photographer will be in school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photographs of the children. Please can you ensure that your child has their jumper / cardigan in school on that day.

Siblings will be photographed together during the day as a matter of course. If you have older / younger siblings not at St. Teresa's and you would like them included in a photograph with your child, the photographer will be available from 8.00am in the Music and Media room.

Please note that it is not possible to photograph cousins / friends etc. together due to time constraints.

### **Harvest Festival**

Year 1 are collecting donations for the foodbank. As you know, many families are struggling at the moment and many more families are visiting the foodbank. As part of our Harvest Festival, we would like to collect donations so that we can do what we can to help. If you would like to donate, please come to the main office and put your donations in the boxes under our 'Harvest Display'. Please see the attached poster for suggested items to donate.

You are, of course, most welcome to donate no matter what class your child is in. Please leave items in the boxes outside the office.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



### SumDog East of England competition

The SumDog East of England maths competition is fast approaching! From Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, the children need to log on to SumDog and answer as many <u>correct</u> answers as they can by themselves when playing the SumDog games. There will be a total of 1000 questions to answer! The questions are tailored to your child's level and academic year group.



Each child then enters a leadership board and the class (out of all the classes entered) with the most amount of correct answers, wins a prize! There are also certificates for the children in the top ten out of all of the individual children.

So, are you ready? Let's get practising our mathematical fluency on those SumDog games and begin the competition next Friday! Miss Spratt



## Football success

Yesterday, the Girls Football Team took part in the Colchester and Blackmater Tournament. They battled valiantly, drawing 3 matches and winning 3. Overall, we came 5th out of 16 teams and myself and Miss Souter couldn't have been prouder. I'm sure we have some future lionesses on our hands! Thank you to all those who helped!













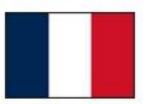


# EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

in Year 1 and Year 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

# Singing in French



We practiced some greetings in French including Bonjour, Salut, Au revoir. We then located France and Paris on the map. We watched a video of a song Frere Jacques in French. We explored the meaning of the words and phrases using words and actions. We practised singing each line and then sang altogether. We then acted out and sang Frere Jacques using instruments.



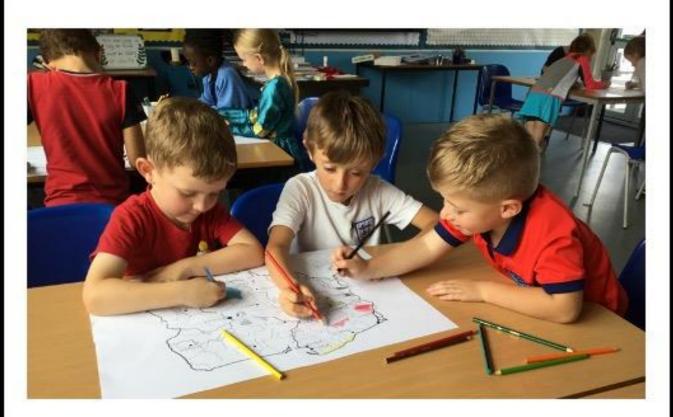


# Exploring Polish



We made Polish flags (tearing red tissue paper), we also learned where Poland is on a map and the neighbouring countries. We played a game called 'Stary niedzwiedź mocno śpi (the old bear had deep sleeps) an active game similar to 'Duck, Duck, Goose'.





# Counting and painting in Dutch

We explored numbers in Dutch and also learned that a very famous artist called Vincent Van Gogh was Dutch. We looked at real sunflowers and then painted our own. Did you know that zonnebloemen means sunflowers in Dutch?

How to Count in Dutch				
0	zero nul	een	1	
2	two twee	three drie	3	
4	four vier	five vijf	5	
6	six Zes	seven zeven	7	
8	eight acht	nine negen	9	







# Playing games from different countries in Europe



We played different games from around Europe. These included:

- Zlatá Brána Otevrená (The Golden Gate is Open) similar to London Bridge
- Cukr, Káva, Limonáda (Sugar, Coffee, Lemonade) similar to Red Light, Green Light
- Day Night from Croatia
- Fútbol Cazado Spanish Dodgeball







We have been asked to share the following information:



### **Squash Stars**

Squash Stars - a fun, new sports programme to introduce kids to the exciting game of squash - returns in February. This six-week programme created by <a href="England Squash">England Squash</a>, enables kids aged 5-9 the chance to pick up a racket and begin a lifelong love of the game. Sports clubs in the area are delivering the programme and you can book your child onto the February intake now.

Your child will be taught the skills to play squash, develop handeye coordination, be fit and healthy and make friends. All sessions include match play through action-packed fun games and drills and delivered by specially trained leaders.

Sessions are taking place right on your doorstep and you can book a place at www.squashstars.co.uk.



## The Gilberd School



## **Open Evening**

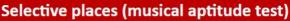
## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Doors open at 6.15pm. Event ends 9.00pm.

Tours: 6.30pm - 8.45pm



This will be an opportunity to tour the school and for parents/carers to meet our staff and students.



We are now accepting applications for 32 selective places in the 2024 intake via a musical aptitude test for students who reside within Colchester Borough.

To apply under this criteria, please complete the supplementary information form when booking a place.

Please note, the musical aptitude test will take place after school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Admissions, The Gilberd School, Brinkley Lane, Colchester, CO4 9PU

**2**: 01206 842 211

■: www.gilberd.com
■: admissions@gilberd.com











## October 2023

## Newsletter

## LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Wednesday 18th Oct 18:30 - 19:30

FREE



## FREE SESSION

Family Meetings: Why and How

Monday 2nd Oct

18:30 - 20:30 £24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Why teens think, feel and behave differently from adults

Monday 23rd Oct

18:30 - 20:30 £24



## **Understanding Anger**

Yours and theirs - what is anger, why do we feel it and how can we manage it?

Thursday 26th Oct

18:30 - 20:30

E24

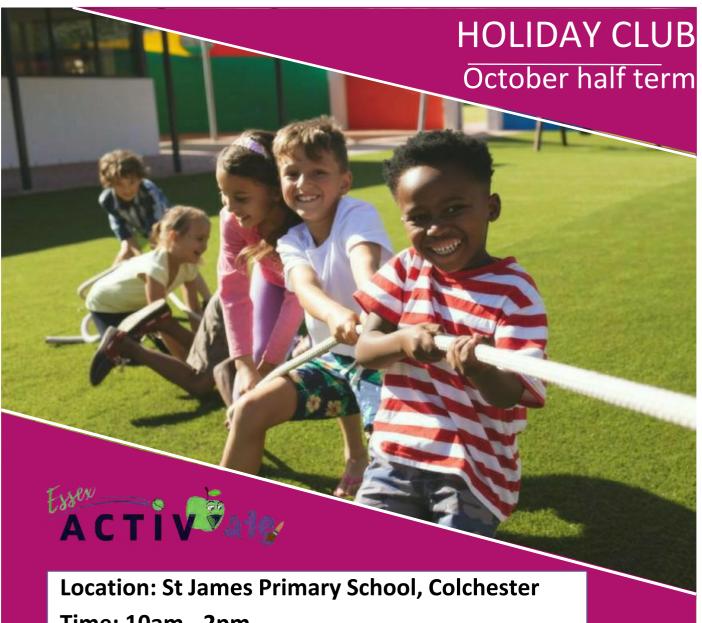


## Supporting a Child with ADHD

interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk.

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Time: 10am - 2pm

FREE for qualifying families running 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, for ages 4 -11.

\*Spaces\* also available for low income families or families that would benefit from this additional support. For more details or to BOOK NOW: https://ymca-essex-holidayclubs.pembee.app/

















# BOOK ONTO A FREE HALF TERM CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!



Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

## IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years), who are eligible for benefit based free school meals, or from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

## WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

## WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!

## HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

To book your child/ren onto one of our half term clubs, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher from your school, and you will need to book on through the Essex ActivAte website. Simply select your area, find what clubs are available and book your child on through the link provided. Depending on the club, you may need to book through our website, or contact them directly.

