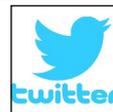


# The Little Way

Monday 15th October 2018  
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## Lunchtime Supervisor Assistant Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant (7.5 hours per week, term time only) to join a friendly team of staff providing support/care to children during the midday break. The school is strongly committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

The successful applicants will be required to obtain an enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the DBS and a range of other recruitment checks. An application pack is available from school/school website and returnable to the school by 12 noon on **Thursday 25th October, interviews Friday 26th October**. For an electronic copy, please request by emailing: [admin@stteresas.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stteresas.newcastle.sch.uk).

## Sacramental Preparation

Children in our Year 4 class began their sacramental preparation this weekend.

On Saturday the children took part in the 'Belonging' and 'Baptism' units of work.

At Sunday Mass, the children were part of the offertory; showing the work that they had completed the day before.

It is great to see the enthusiasm and community spirit that we have at these occasions.

A big thank you must go to our Catechists at the weekend, Mrs Allen-Baker and Mrs Hall-Murray, and also to Mike Potts from church for his support.

Our next sacramental themed Mass will be on Sunday 11th November –we hope that all children can attend.

Sunday Mass is on every week at St. Teresa's at 11am.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day/Harvest Collection

Thank you to all families for your support in our recent fundraising efforts. In total we raised £200 that we will be sending to CAFOD on our behalf.

## St. Teresa's Harvest Parish Fair

The Parish Fair that the school recently supported raised £916. The children from Year 5 raised a further £112 for the People's Kitchen and the left over 'prizes' from the harvest tombola are going to the local food bank.

Thank you to all of those that supported this event.

## School photographs

Just a reminder that we will be having our individual school photographs on **Friday 26th October** –the last day before our half-term holidays.

We know many parents like to know this date in advance, so hair appointments can be booked/scheduled!

## Reception 2019 open morning

The deadline for Reception 2019 applications must be made before January 15th 2019.

If you or your friends or family are thinking of applying for St. Teresa's, please do book an appointment to have a look around the school.

## Reception class spaces

We currently only have a few spaces left in our current Reception class. If you know of anyone who might have moved into the area recently and has a child of Reception age, they can apply for a place through Newcastle Local Authority.

## PTA

The Parents' Teachers' Association (PTA) held their first meeting of the academic year last week.

It was a very positive meeting between parents and a number of staff from school.

Plans are now underway to spend some of the money raised by the PTA on new Smart TVs (to replace Interactive Whiteboards) in classrooms, a new sound system for the school hall (to support teaching/learning and future events) and we are looking into sourcing a defibrillator machine.

Thank you to those of you who shared your ideas via our online survey.

Plans were discussed to raise further funds this year, these include:

Halloween Disco on Wednesday 24th October, 5pm-6.30pm.

Quiz Night on Friday 23rd November, 7.30pm onwards (more details to follow soon).

Christmas Fair on Thursday 20th December, 2pm-4.30pm.

We hope as many of you can support this year's fundraising efforts as possible –thank you.

## Attendance

Our school attendance has fallen over the past three years, with 3% absence rate in 2015/16 to 3.5% absence rate in 2017/18.

We fully appreciate that our children are ill at times and that absence from school can't be helped –or even encouraged during these bouts of illness.

However, to ensure that we stay above our school target of 97% attendance for all our children we do encourage parents not to book holidays in term time. Studies have shown that poor attendance can be closely linked with reduced academic progress.

Please think about this in future when booking holidays and non-urgent medical/dental appointments. Thank you.

## Achievements

Well done to Edie on Year 5 who has won a cricket medal recently. She was also presented with the Summer Reading Challenge certificate for her efforts over the summer holidays!