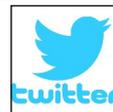


The Little Way

Monday 14th January 2019

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'Shine in Little Ways'

Happy New Year

Welcome back to all our children, staff, parents and family members.

We hope you've all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

On Tuesday, children took part in our Epiphany Liturgy where we prayed for God to bless our school for the new year ahead.

We hope you all have a wonderful and blessed new year in 2019!

Elmer

This week sees the launch of our work based around the book Elmer.

The school will be part of the St. Oswald's Hospice Elmer's Great North Parade. Children were part of an assembly on Friday, learning about the work of the hospice and the Elmer Great North Parade.

As well as being a fantastic opportunity to raise vital funds for a local charity, the school will also be working on various important themes that the book can inspire, including acceptance and diversity.

Children have been working on various subjects based around the many Elmer books in the series. Parents can view our Twitter and website for an insight in to some of the children's work.

Each class is also taking responsibility for redesigning our school library... keep your eyes peeled for the big reveal soon!

For more information on Elmer's Great North Parade, please visit: <https://www.stoswaldsuk.org/elmer/>

Achievements

Well done to Molly S in Year 4 in achieving her level 1 and 2 diving awards and her stage 9 swimming badge and certificate! Obviously a girl who enjoys the water! Well done Molly!

Well done to Finley in Year 3 for achieving his Stage 5 swimming badge and certificate recently –excellent effort!

Important dates

Wednesday 16th January, 6.30pm - Year 4 First Reconciliation Service in church.

Friday 1st February, 9.15am - Candlemass Mass in church.

Saturday 2nd February, 10am-12pm - Sacramental Preparation session.

Sunday 3rd February, 11am - Mass.

Thursday 14th February, 3.30pm - meeting for parents of Year 5 children going to Dukeshouse Wood Residential.

Friday 15th February, 9.15am - Year 2 leading school Mass in church.

Friday 15th February, 3.30pm - school breaks up for half-term holiday. All children back on Monday 25th February.

Staff Training Day

All staff and some of our governors spent the training day together revisiting our school curriculum.

Since the introduction of the new National Curriculum in 2014, some schools have narrowed their curriculum.

At St. Teresa's we are proud of all the opportunities that we offer our children, as we feel it is their right to access a full, broad and balanced curriculum.

We have continued to offer the full National Curriculum requirements and have not lost sight of the foundation subjects. Hopefully, by visiting our Twitter page and website parents/visitors will be able to observe this for yourselves.

Last academic year, we asked parents and children what they wanted from the curriculum we offer at our school.

Our staff training day was a good opportunity for us to revisit our curriculum to ensure it is the best that we can offer to our children. Over the course of the rest of this academic year, we will be continuing to refine our curriculum content and offer so it continues to offer our children exciting and stimulating learning experiences.

As we continue to progress on our journey in refining our curriculum intent, implementation and impact, we will share this will all parents/family members in order to fully engage with all the most important partners in our children's learning.

Schools' funding crisis

As many of you may have seen in the news recently, funding for schools has been talked about a great deal. The amount of money given to schools, per child, has not changed from 2011 -2017.

Head Teachers have been raising their concerns but we need your help now to make the difference.

As funding has become tighter, some schools have had to cut back on:

- Teaching and non-teaching staff
- Support for more vulnerable pupils
- Small group work for children who are not thriving in school
- Teaching resources (parents being asked to pay for books and materials)

Please follow the link below and spend five minutes of your time.

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