



22nd July 2019

To All Parents/Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another very busy year at our school I wanted to write to you all to reflect on some of our achievements and remind you about some changes for September 2019.

We have continued to make changes to our curriculum this year to motivate and engage the children and all our classrooms are now immersed each term through a project. Our work on REAL projects has been a great success and lots of you have seen some end of project celebrations throughout the year, including our fantastic Year 6 performance of 'The Boy Who Wanted More' last week. Year 1 have published a book of their artwork and Year 4 have revamped our lunch time experience for all pupils with changes around healthy eating, a return to plates instead of trays to eat from, to name but a few examples of the legacy work from our projects. You will have the opportunity to come in and take part in our REAL project work next term.

Our changes to the way we teach maths is continuing to show real progress for our pupils. Children in Reception to Year 5 will be taught with our new Mathematics Mastery approach from September. We continue to invest in our outdoor spaces and the feedback from the children is very positive about the changes we've made on their behalf. Our girls' football team won the KMC Cup and the boys' football team had a great season as well. Congratulations to everyone involved!

We say 'goodbye' at the end of term to Mrs Ward (Early Years) who has taught at St. Teresa's for 4 years. She will be moving back to Northern Ireland and she takes with her all our very best wishes for her future career. Also leaving this term is Mr Speedie, our maths teacher, who is moving on to pastures new. We wish him well for his future career as well in his new teaching post. Both members of staff have been exemplary and given a lot to our pupils, as I'm sure you will all agree.

In September we welcome three new teachers; Miss McCartan, Miss Jones and Mr Gilroy. Miss McCartan joins our Early Years team as we are moving to three form entry (3 classes

in reception). Miss Jones is our new maths teacher and will be working in key stage 2. Mr Gilroy will replace Mrs Ward as the Early Years Phase Leader. They have all been in school to meet pupils and parents already and to get to know as many children as possible. I am sure you will wish our new teachers all the very best as they start working at our school.

Our newsletters are always online on our school website and they are accessible through the new Parent App. The Parent App is our key way of keeping you informed of developments in school and it is a source of information for parents, including term dates and reporting pupil absence. Also, don't forget to follow our school on Twitter @teresaoflisieux. We have year group Twitter accounts as well so sign up.

All of the children now know who their teacher will be in September. Here is a reminder of class teacher arrangements from September 2019. Each class will be known by a tree name. Please see the list below for information:

| Year Group | Class Tree | Teacher |
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| Reception - RM | Oak | Miss McCartan |
| Reception - RG | Elm | Mr Gilroy |
| Reception - RW | Ash | Miss Whitby |
| Year 1 - 1G | Pine | Mrs Grice |
| Year 1 - 1H | Holly | Mrs Howson |
| Year 2 - 2R | Fir | Mrs Roche |
| Year 2 - 2D | Yew | Miss Donaghy |
| Year 3 - 3MS | Willow | Mrs Mawdsley/Mr Seddon |
| Year 3 - 3C | Beech | Miss Cussons |
| Year 4 - 4T | Maple | Miss Torley |
| Year 4 - 4W | Birch | Mrs Whitehead |
| Year 5 - 5B | Hazel | Miss Barker |
| Year 5 - 5L | Elder | Miss Leslie |
| Year 6 - 6BE | Hawthorn | Mrs Bernstein |
| Year 6 - 6BA | Sycamore | Mrs Baskerville |

Finally, on behalf of the governors, pupils and teachers I wish you all a lovely summer holiday. Enjoy the break! I will see you all on Wednesday 4th September at 8.45am.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. A. Tremarco
Headteacher

PS We will have ice pops for all children on Wednesday 24th July, our last day. Please make every effort to attend school!