

# ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## CHRISTMAS 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy term and I would like to say a huge thank you to our staff, children and you as parents for your help in supporting our wonderful children. I am so pleased with the progress the children have made during this term.



### Christmas Masses at St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Church



Sunday 24th December – 4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
Sunday 24th December – 12:00am Midnight Mass  
Monday 25th December – 9.30am Christmas Day Mass



### Induction Mass for Father Simon

On Friday 8th December at 7pm, Father Simon is being inducted as our new Parish Priest at St Teresa's. All families are welcome to join in this celebration. Thank you.



### Clubs

A letter has gone home with the Clubs for the Spring term 2024. All clubs will start the **first** week back after the Christmas break (week beginning 8th January).

### Christmas Party Lunch

Our Christmas party lunch will be on Thursday 21st December. I would like to say a big thank you in advance to all of our kitchen and lunchtime staff for preparing a fantastic Christmas party lunch for our children. The menu has been sent out on School Jotter. Our Christmas jumper day will also be on the same day.



### Operation Christmas Child—Shoe box appeal

Thank you to everybody who returned a shoe box for our Operation Christmas Child appeal. We were able to send off 40 boxes in support of the charity.

### RE Inspection

The school underwent an RE Inspection from the Diocese last week. The inspectors looked closely at the RE, Collective Worship and Catholic Life of the school. We were very pleased with the outcome and will share the report with parents as soon as it is made available. Thank you for your support and to those parents who contributed to the parent survey.

### Sports Hall Athletics

Congratulations to our children who represented St Teresa's at the recent Sports Hall Athletics event at Fenton Manor. They competed in a number of events and finished in a fantastic 1st place overall. Well done children.

### Songbirds

Congratulations to our Songbirds children who represented the school at the recent concert at the Victoria Hall. The children sang beautifully and were a real credit to the school.



### Fundraising

We will be hosting a Christmas Raffle during the week commencing 11th December. Tickets will be sold on the playground after school. Thank you.

### Parenting app - EasyPeasy

EasyPeasy is a parenting app that is now live and free to download and use for families in Stoke-on-Trent. Families can enjoy two years of free access where they can receive helpful tips and support on aspects of parenting, early language and the home learning environment. The app has many big name collaborators, including Lego, NCT and Save the Children and is being promoted by the Stoke-on-Trent Family Hubs.

Use the QR code to download the app.



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### Important Dates for December

**Monday 11th December—RSHE Week**

**Thursday 14th December—Santa's Grotto and EYFS Christmas Activity day**

**Tuesday 19th Dec—KS1 Concert (2.15pm) (School Hall) -**

**Wednesday 20th December—KS2 Carol Concert in Church (10:00am) Mince pies in the School Hall beforehand**

**Wednesday 20th December—KS1 Concert (6.30pm)**

**Wednesday 20th December—Nursery/Reception Nativity 2:30pm (School Hall)**

**Thursday 21st December—Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**

**Friday 22nd December—School closes**

**No tickets required for performances. Please try and keep to a limit of 2 guests per child per performance. Brothers and sisters will have seen the performance in school.**

**Monday 8th January—School reopens**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, staff and parents at St. Teresa's for your continued support. Wishing you a very happy and Holy Christmas. Best Wishes for the New Year.

Mr N Price  
Headteacher

