



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 14th September 2018

## *Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

On Tuesday afternoon the children from Year 1 to Year 6 gathered in the hall for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament with is housed in a monstrance (please ask your child to explain to you what a monstrance is). This was a time of prayer, reflection and song. This event was a first as it was streamed live and led by the Archbishop of Birmingham Archdiocese; Archbishop Bernard Longley. This event was live across all of the Catholic schools in the archdiocese of Birmingham.

### **Roald Dahl Day**

Yesterday, was 'Roald Dahl Day' which marked what would have been his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. As part of this day the children could dress as a character from a Roald Dahl book. The children looked great with an array of Sophies, Matildas, Dannys, Georges, Charlie Buckets, Mike Teavees, Augustus Gloops, Veruca Salts and Violet Beauregardes in school on that day.

### **Parents' and Carers' Briefings**

Thank you to the parents of Years 4, Year 1 and Year 3 who attended the Parents' Briefings this week. I hope that they have been useful and given you an insight into the year ahead as well as getting to see your child's new classroom. Thank you also to the staff involved in these briefings. The briefings for the other year groups will be in the next few weeks.

### **Reception children in class full time**

Our Reception children will be in school for the whole day starting on Monday. I would ask that parents and carers bringing children to school, and collecting them at the end of the school day, to not wait at the area by the Reception class outdoor area gate as it will prove very difficult for others to pass. Please keep walking onto the Infant playground itself. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

### **Walking to St. Teresa's Church**

Weather permitting, children in Years 2 to 6 will be walking to church next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September for mass at 10.00 a.m. Parents are welcome to come with us. We leave at approximately 9.15 a.m. to walk to church. Please let school know if you are able to help. We should be back at school at about 11.00 a.m.

### **Compassionate and Loving**



This half term the two Virtues that will be a focus for us and the other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are to be Compassionate and Loving. The challenge is to be:

**Compassionate:** *We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.*

**Loving:** *We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.*

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

In two weeks time there will be a Coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer Support at school. All parents, carers and parishioners are welcome. We are asking you to send in cakes and biscuits for the coffee morning. The school will provide the teas and coffees. Please bring in any cakes/biscuits from Monday 24th September onwards.

Children may wear their own clothes on that day; ideally to include something green which is the colour associated

with the MacMillan cancer charity. We are asking that a donation of £1 is made for each child for which they may wear their own clothes, have a cake, or cakes if enough are donated, and a drink. If you are unable to attend you are welcome to make a donation at the school office in support of this worthwhile cause.

#### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure that water bottles contain water. There have been various drinks that children have brought into school this week. The school only allows water to be drunk after break times and in lessons.

#### **Wednesday Word**

On Wednesday, the children in the Junior classes should have received a copy of the Wednesday Word. Please do make time to consider 'Jesus' from this weekend's gospel.



#### **Top Table**

Children are chosen from a year group each week to eat at the Top Table for a range of positive behaviours or work. The children selected to eat at the Top Table this week are from Year 5. Well done to Ethan, Dezaunte, Shaivi, Uyen-Thi, Sam and Sukhsimran who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to Reception who were the best attending class last week with a 98.1% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week which were Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 with no children late all week.

#### **Parish Mission**

Last week you should have received a copy of a letter and further information from Fr. David giving details about the forthcoming parish mission, led by the Sion Catholic Community. The Parish Mission takes place from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, providing opportunities for the community to gather, reflect and refocus. Fr. David's letter gives information about the Family Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30 p.m., with those children participating being at the church thirty minutes beforehand. Children attending may wear their own clothes.

#### **School Fund**

The school is requesting a contribution of £20 from each family for School Fund, also known as the Building Fund. School Fund can be paid in full to the office. Cheques are to be made payable to 'St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School'. If you pay by cash please put it in an envelope labelled as 'School Fund' and the family name. I am aware that some families have already contributed to School Fund and some have given more than the £20 that is requested. Thank you to those families that have already contributed. Many thanks in anticipation of your support. Thank you to the fifteen families who have so far donated School Fund.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30 p.m. - Parish Mission Family Liturgy at St. Teresa's Church

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September for 10.00 a.m. - Children in Year 2 to Year 6 walking to church for mass.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 p.m. - Reception Parents and Carers Briefing in Reception classroom

By Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Elections of School Councillors in Years 2 -5 and on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September - House Captains and vice captains in year 6

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 a.m. - MacMillan Coffee Morning

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