



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 21st September 2018

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Parish Mission

Thank you to the children and their families who came to the Family Service last Sunday afternoon at the church. We certainly enjoyed some different ways to worship.

Years 3 to 6 walked to church yesterday for mass at 10.00 a.m. This was followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a reflection led by Fr. Pius. Yesterday afternoon, three of the Sion Catholic Community, who are leading the Parish Mission, came to school to lead the Infant classes in a time of praise, dance and singing. Thank you to our visitors; Peter, Violeta and Fr. Pius for leading our worship yesterday.

Year 6 School House Captains, Vice-Captains and School Councillors

This morning, children from Year 6 met the children of Years 2 to 5 from their own house teams. Some of the Year 6 children made speeches to persuade the children in their house team to vote for them as house captain and as vice-captain/school councillors. The children then had the opportunity to vote - an example of democracy in action. The elected representatives are; St. Matthew: Dhiren and Hebron, St. Mark: Jay and Gerrard, St. Luke: Ruqqaya and Hassan and St. John: Prabjot and Luca. School Councillors from Year 2 to Year 5 will soon be announced.



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:

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.*

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 the theme of 'Serving' from this weekend's gospel. We will be reflecting on the Gospel reading in Monday morning's assembly.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Next Friday 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 next Monday onwards.

Children may wear their own clothes next Friday; 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.

School dinners

The menu choices for the school dinners are on the school website. Go to www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk, click on 'Parents and Carers Information' then click on 'School Dinners' and scroll down the page. The meals are on a four week rota. Next week is Week 3 of the rota.

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 4. Well done to Ksawier, Laiba, Thanh, Kinga, Carlisle and Karamvir who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 4 who were the best attending class last week with a 99.0% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week which was Reception with one child late all week.

School attendance for 2017-2018

The class attendance percentages for last academic year were:

- 1st - Year 4 - 97.0%
2nd - Year 6 - 96.8%
3rd - Year 3 - 95.7%
4th - Reception - 95.6%
5th - Year 2 - 95.2%
6th - Year 1 - 95.0%
7th - Year 5 - 94.9%



Please note these attendances are for last year's classes: The overall average attendance for last academic year was 95.7%

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. Many thanks in anticipation of your support. Thank you to the families who have so far donated School Fund.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 21st September to Monday 24th September - Residential Visit to Kingswood Centre for a small group of Year 4 children.

Monday 24th September - Twenty four Year 5 children training as Playleaders at Billesley Tennis Centre.

Monday 24th September from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - Football matches v St. Clement's and St. Vincent's Schools.

Wednesday 26th September - Year 6 visit to the Black Country Museum.

Wednesday 26th September from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Handwashing workshop for Reception class parents and carers with the Reception children.

Wednesday 26th September at 3.30 p.m. - Year 5 Parents and Carers Briefing in Year 5 classroom

Thursday 27th September at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are invited to join us.

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Friday 28th September at 9.00 a.m. – MacMillan Coffee Morning, including non-uniform day.

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