



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 12th October 2018

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Year 3 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue

On Monday morning Year 3 visited Singers Hill Synagogue as part of our programme of visits to places of worship of different faiths. The children had an interesting and informative morning. The host was so impressed by the children an email was forwarded to the school, an extract of which is below:

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed conducting this morning's tour of Singers Hill Synagogue by your pupils. The pupils and the accompanying staff were a credit to the head, the school and all associated with it. The children were well behaved, attentive and asked interesting questions.....I look forward to welcoming your school in future years.

Football results

On Tuesday afternoon, the Girls' 5-a-side football team played in the Caritas Christi In Urbe tournament at St. Paul's Girls' Secondary School. Teams representing St. Chad's, St. Edmund's, St. Patrick's, St. Vincent's, the Oratory and our school were competing. The team won one game; 2 - 0, drew two games; 0 - 0 and 1 - 1, and lost two games 1 - 0 and 1 - 0. The team qualified for the third and fourth place play-off losing that match 1 - 0. The team were a credit to the school. Well done Ria, Prabjot, Aliya, Tia and Nikola.

Yesterday, the School 7-a-side team played St. Chad's School. The team won the match 5 - 2. Well done to Harry, Jay, Bilal, Gabriel, Malakai, Sarvan, Luca, Prabjot, Diego and Sukhsimran.

Handwashing sessions

On Wednesday morning, the school nurse led Handwashing session with Year 1 and Year 2. Hopefully, the children have put what they were taught into action.

Year 5 visit to the National Space Centre

On Wednesday, Year 5 visited the National Space Centre in Leicester. The children had a very informative and educational day. The behaviour was, as one would expect, exemplary. Thank you to Miss Gold, Mrs Carbery and Mr Brooker for taking the children on this visit. Apologies to any parents inconvenienced by the later than expected return to school due to traffic, following an accident on the motorway.

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



First Holy Communion Meeting

Thank you to parents and carers of the Year 3 children preparing to receive the sacraments of Confession and First Holy Communion who attended the meeting after school on Wednesday. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to Year 3 for leading our Harvest Mass yesterday morning. Thank you also to Ria and Pavneet for managing the audio-visual unit and thank you to Gabriel, Zofia, Rosa and Ewa; our altar servers. The items that you generously donated are to be shared with Fr. David for the needy and a food bank for those in need.

Rosary Group

Each school day during October children pray together a decade of the Rosary. Thank you to Z'kea, Mylee, Luca, Rayna, Abhijay, Dhiren, Hassan, Jay and Malakai who led the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary this week.

Parents' and Carers' Evening letters

Yesterday, you should have received the reply slip informing you of your Parents' Evening appointments on Tuesday 16th or Wednesday 17th October. If you have not yet returned your appointments slip please do so on Monday. Please contact school if you require another copy of the appointment letter. Due to the Parents' Evening there will not be a Zumba and Fitness After School session on Wednesday next week.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined Miss Shirley for this morning's Coffee Morning. Thank you for your contribution at this morning's discussions.

Parking

Below is an extract of an email which I have received from a local resident. Please be considerate of those who live close to the school:

As you are aware, Wood Lane is a narrow slip road with no footpath except driveways allowing access for residents. It's frustrating when parents/carers from your school are causing a nuisance by parking dangerously posing a safety risk to those pupils and parents/carers that do walk along the stretch. Moreover, it is annoying when vehicles are parked inconsistently, restricting residents from accessing and exiting their own drive. Furthermore, we have a small grass verge on the corner which has been totally destroyed by them parking their vehicles. I understand it's a small minority of them parking without any thought for local residents.

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 2 of the rota.

Black History Month

Last year, a parent suggested that children could wear clothes with their national colours in recognition of Black History Month. This was done and we will be repeated this year. Therefore, on the Wednesday 24th October; United Nations Day, children may come to school wearing their own clothes, ideally including colours reflecting their family's origins, for example for me that would be green, white and gold; for our Polish children, white and red, for our children with Jamaican origins it would be green, black and yellow. Children whose families come from two or more countries can choose a selection of their colours. Children are also welcome to come in their national dress if they wish.

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 1. Well done to Kimran, Chiziterem, Pavneet, Keaton, Dawid and Amaan who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 3 who were the best attending class last week with a perfect 100% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week which were Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5, each with two children late all week.

Digital/Video images Permission form

Your child should have recently received a Digital/Video Images Permission Form. Please read, complete the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you to those parents and carers who have returned their forms.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 15th October - Year 2 visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara.

Tuesday 16th October - Year 6 visit to Birmingham Central Mosque

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th October - Parents'/ Carers' Evenings.

Thursday 18th October - Year 4 visit to St. John's Church, Perry Barr

Wednesday 24th October - Black History Month non-uniform day wearing own national colours. No charge for this event.

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October at 3.30 p.m. - Book Fair in the entrance hall. Brochures given to the children today

Friday 26th October - End of the first half of the Autumn Term.

Wednesday 31st October - Applications for secondary schools for current Year 6 children to be completed at

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

Monday 5th November - Start of the second half of the Autumn term.

Wednesday 7th November- Year 3 Holy Communion Retreat to St. Mary's Convent.

Wednesday 7th November - Nasal Flu Immunisations for Reception to Year 5 children.

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