



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 19th October 2018

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Year 2 visit to Guru Nanak Gurdwara

On Monday morning, Year 2 visited Guru Nanak Gurdwara as part of our programme of visits to places of worship of different faiths. The children had an interesting and informative morning and the reports that I had back noted the exemplary behaviour, respect and reverence. Thank you to Mrs Byrne, Mrs Dignan, Mrs Keogh and Mrs Doyle for taking the children on this visit.

Year 6 visit to the Birmingham Central Mosque

On Tuesday morning, Year 6 visited Birmingham Central Mosque. Once again the children were a credit to the school. Thank you to Miss Walk, Miss Shirley and Mrs Carbery for taking the children on this visit.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evenings, which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week. Of the 212 children in school the parents/carers of 188 of the children attended appointments; an attendance of 88.7%. Well done Year 5 parents and carers with 100% attendance. I hope that you found the appointment(s) informative and useful.

Digital/Video Images Permission Form

Thank you to those parents and carers who have checked, signed and returned their Digital/Video Images Permission Form. If you have not returned the form or not completed it at Parents'/Carers' Evening the form will be forwarded to you. Please make your selections, sign and return the form to the school office as soon as possible.

Wednesday Word

On Wednesday, the children in the Junior classes should have received a copy of the Wednesday Word booklet for the next three weeks. Please do make time to consider the theme of 'Greatness' from this weekend's gospel. We will be reflecting on the Gospel reading in Monday morning's assembly.



Year 4 visit to St. John's Church, Perry Barr

Yesterday, Miss Gibbon, Mrs Roberts and Miss Bennett took Year 4 to visit St. John's C of E Church. As expected, this class also proved to be worthy ambassadors for our school. This including a comment from one of the parishioners about what a credit to the school Year 4 were.

Thank you to Miss Shirley for organising these visits which have helped us to learn more about other faiths. Thank you to the staff that have taken the children to these places of worship. Thank you also to these venues which have been so welcoming to our children.

Year 4 assembly

This morning, we had our first class assembly of the school year. Thank you to Year 4 to entertained and informed us with their wonderful 'Inventors and Inventions' assembly. Well done Year 4!

Rosary Group

Each school day during October children pray together a decade of the Rosary. Thank you to Ria, Rahmin, Gerrard, Hebron, Gabriel, Ruqqaya, Aleiba, Jay, Malakai and Bilal who led the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary this week.

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.

Book Fair

Next week, each day after school there will be a Book Fair in the entrance hall area. If coming to the book fair collect your children as usual at the end of the school day and come to the entrance area by the school office.

This year payment can also be made using a phone payment service using a debit or credit card over a secure payment telephone line.

Breakfast Club

A reminder to parents and carers who use the school's Breakfast Club provision that it is not intended to be a very cheap source of child care prior to the start of the school day. The priority is to offer children a healthy breakfast and it is helpful to parents/carers that the children are being supervised in school. If children persist to come to Breakfast Club but not intending to eat or directed by parents/carers not to have the food provided, the offer will be withdrawn for those parents and children. Children may of course have something at home prior to coming in but the priority is the assurance that those that attend have a selection of breakfast options to start their day, if it helps parents and carers to manage their commitments that is a bonus.

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 Reception. Well done to Eve, Arjun, Jaya, Louisa and Inayah 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 for the second consecutive week. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week which were Year 2 and Year 5, each with no children late all week.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October at 3.30 p.m. - Book Fair after school in the entrance hall.

Thursday 25th October at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are welcome to join us.

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

Friday 26th October at 3.20 p.m. - 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.

Thursday 8th November - Individual /family photograph orders to have been returned to school by this date.

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