



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 26th October 2018

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Black History Month

On Wednesday; United Nations Day, children wore their own clothes which included colours reflecting their families' origins to mark Black History Month. The school was awash with bright colours and some lovely national costumes.

Wednesday Word

Last week, the children in the Junior classes received a copy of the Wednesday Word booklet for three weeks. Please do make time to consider the next two weekends' gospels. We will be reflecting on the Gospel readings when we return to school after the half term break.



Mass at School

Thank you to Year 4 for leading our School 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

Handwashing sessions

On Thursday afternoon, the school nurse led Handwashing session with Year 3. Hopefully, the children have put what they were taught into action.

Football results

On Tuesday, a Year 4 football squad competed in the Nelson Mandela League at the Hamstead Hall School Games. Well done to Ameria, Ikjap, Tatyana, Rafael, Oliver, Aden, Lydia and Madison who were exemplary ambassadors for the school. The team lost five games; 2 - 6, 2 - 8, 3 - 5, 0 - 7, 2 - 5 but won their last game 4 - 0. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for taking the children to this event.

On Thursday, a Year 3 boys' football team played in the Aston Schools' 6-a-side tournament at Aston Villa Academy. Well done to Sebastian, Kaiden, Deshon, Joshua, Sam, Arjun and Sukhjeevan. The team played six league matches; winning 2 - 0, drawing 0 - 0 and losing 0 - 3, 0 - 2, 0 - 4 and 1 - 2. In the semi-final, the team lost 5 - 1.

Genie Tuition

Today, your child should have received a flyer informing you about Genie Tuition. Please be aware that the school do not endorse any individual or company that provide tuition.

Rosary Group

Each school day during October children pray together a decade of the Rosary. Thank you to Tajah, Jakub, Diego, Teneve, Hannah, Charlotte, Harry, Aliya, Niamh, Pavneet, Ibrahim and Prabjot who led the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary this week. Thank you to all the children of Year 6 who led this opportunity for prayer throughout October.



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. The first week of next half term is Week 1 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 6. Well done to Jay, Rahmin, Hannah, Harry, Ibrahim and Ruqqaya who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 5 who were the best attending class last week with a 99.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week which was also Year 5, with one child late all week.

Secondary School Applications

Parents/Carers of Year 6 children who have not made their application for places at secondary schools for September 2019 need to do so urgently as this is to be done by 31st October. Please contact school if you require any support with this process.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies should be on sale for the first week of next half term. Children who wish to buy a poppy are asked to donate 20p. After school each day, weather permitting, poppies and other items to raise funds will be on sale in the Infant playground. The money raised will be forwarded to the Royal British Legion.

November; the month of the dead

During November, the Church community gives special thought and prayers to loved ones who have died. This is echoed within the school. There will a box in the entrance hall for children to place the names of loved ones that they wish to have remembered in our prayers.

Children in Need

Friday, 16th November is Children In Need day. The School Councillors have the following message:

As School Councillors, we would like to arrange a non-uniform day. The theme is spotty clothes and there is a donation of £1.00 to go Children In Need.

Dates for the Diary

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.

Tuesday 6th November from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. - Aston Primary Schools' Boys' 5-a-side football tournament.

Wednesday 7th November - during the morning Year 3 to visit St. Mary's Convent, Handsworth.

Wednesday 7th November from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. - School Nurse to lead a briefing for Year 5 and Year 6 parents/carers about Mental Health.

Wednesday 7th November in the afternoon - Nasal Flu vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 5.

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

Thursday 8th November - School Nurses measuring height and weight of Year 6 children.

Tuesday 13th November - Year 4 to visit Rock Up Indoor Climbing Centre.

Thursday 15th November at 9.00 a.m. - Mass in school led by Year 5.

Friday 16th November at 9.00 a.m. - Year 3 Class Assembly.

Friday 16th November - a 'Spotacular' non-uniform day for Children In Need. Children may wear their own clothes, ideally with a spotty theme, for a £1 donation.

Monday 19th November - Year 5 and Year 6 visit to Safeside.

Tuesday 20th November from 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. and Wednesday 21st November 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. - Open sessions for parents and carers considering applying for a place for their child in the Reception class of September 2019.

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