



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 9th November 2018

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Secondary School Applications

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

Football results

On Tuesday evening, the Boys' 5-a-side football team competed in the Aston Schools' tournament. The team played four games losing 6-1, 4-2, 3-2 and winning 5-1. The team finished second in the group so did not qualify for the semi-finals. It was a very good team effort by Jay, Bilal, Diego, Luca, Dhiren, Sarvan and Sukhsimran. Thank you to Miss Gibbon and the parents for their support. Thank you also to Mr Whittington of St. Clare's School for transporting our team to and from the event.

Mental Health briefing

Thank you to the Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers who come to the briefing led by Nurse Lowe on Wednesday morning. Following the briefing the Year 6 class and then the Year 5 class had a lesson about Mental Health. It is evident that this aspect of health is important to all; children and adults.

Nasal Flu vaccinations

On Wednesday afternoon, a different team of nurses were at school to administer the nasal flu vaccinations for the children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 for whom consent forms were received.

Year 3 visit to St. Mary's Convent, Handsworth

On Wednesday morning, Year 3 went to St. Mary's Convent for a retreat. The children were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mr Bryan for driving the minibus and Mrs Connell for transporting a group. Thank you to Mrs Allport, Mrs Dawson for taking the children on this visit.

National Young Mathematicians Award

On Wednesday afternoon, four Year 6 children participated in the National Young Mathematicians competition at Explore Learning on the Soho Road. Three schools were competing. Our school was represented very well by Ria, Prabjot, Harry and Jay. Thank you to Mrs Carbery for being with the children at this event.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all who bought poppies this week. Thank you also to the Year 6 house captains who sold the poppies at break times. After school each day poppies and other items to raise funds were on sale in the Infant playground. Thank you to Z'kea, Bilal, Luca, Uyen-Thi, Mya, Ikjap, Manpreet and Ava of the School Council who managed the 'shop'. The money raised will be forwarded to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

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.

Christmas Fair

The school and parish Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 8th December 12pm - 2pm. There will be a brief meeting on Thursday 15th November at 3.30 p.m. for any parents and carers who would wish to help with the organisation of the Christmas Fair.

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.*

Parking outside of the school

There are a number of parents/carers who park on the yellow zig-zag lines in the morning and the afternoon. Please do park responsibly mainly to ensure the safety of our children but also to maintain good relationships with our neighbours.

Faith-filled and Hopeful

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 Faith-filled and Hopeful.



Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful: We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope - that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.

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 Ewa, Uyen-Thi, Shaivi, Mohan, Michael and Adan who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

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

Diwali

A belated Happy Diwali on to our Sikh and Hindu families, friends and members of the school community.

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.

Dates for the Diary

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.

Thursday 15th November at 3.30 p.m. - A meeting for any parents and carers who would wish to help with the organisation of the Christmas Fair.

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 the Safeside Centre.

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.

Saturday 8th December from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m. - School and Parish Christmas Fair at school. All are welcome.

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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

*An extract from 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon,
published in the Times newspaper on 21st September 1914.*

