



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

*Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

## **Football result**

Last Friday afternoon, the football team played in the Catholic Cup; a 9-a-side competition, against St. Francis School. The game was quite close with ten minutes left but St. Francis went on to win 8 - 1. What particularly impressed me about the St. Teresa's team is that they were a team to the end; there was no blaming each other and the team stuck together. Well done Bilal, Jay, Malakai, Prabjot, Adam, Sukhsimran, Nyle, Noah and Ethan.

## **Gymnastics**

On Monday morning, the Year 3 and Year 4 Gymnastics team competed in the Hamstead Hall School Games event at Cherry Orchard School. The team: Ameria, Tatyana, Shanice, Tiana and Tarli-Monae were a credit to the school. Thank you to Miss Gibbon for coaching the team and taking them to this event.

## **Year 2 visit to Legoland Discovery Centre**

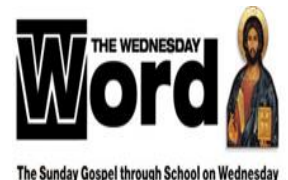
On Wednesday, Year 2 visited the Legoland Discovery Centre in the city centre. The children had an imaginative and informative visit and were very good ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Mrs Byrne, Mrs Dignan, Mrs Keogh and Mrs Doyle for taking the children on this visit.

## **Handsworth Fire Service 'Spark's visit to Year 4**

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 4 were visited by Handsworth Fire Service for information about the 'Sparks' programme. The session was informative and the children took on the serious messages well.

## **Wednesday Word**

On Wednesday, the children in the Junior classes should have received a copy of the Wednesday Word sheet. Please do make time to consider the theme of 'Hope' from this weekend's gospel, marking the first Sunday in Advent. We will be reflecting on the Gospel reading in Monday morning's assembly.



## **Mass at School**

Thank you to Year 6 for leading our School Mass yesterday morning focusing on remembering and praying for our deceased loved ones. 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.

## **Christmas Fair**

Thank you for the donations of Jazzy Jars brought into school today. Next Friday is 'Bottle Day'. Children could wear their own clothes if they bring in a full unopened bottle.

All children, their families and parishioners are welcome to attend the Christmas Fair which gathers us together as a community to spend time and money together. The Fair raises funds for the parish and for the school. Raffle tickets for the Christmas Draw were given to the children last week. Please return any monies and ticket stubs or unsold tickets as soon as possible.

## **School dinners**

The menu choices for the school dinners are on the school website. Go to [www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk](http://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 1 of the rota.

## 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 is a box in the entrance hall for children to place the names of loved ones that the children wish to have remembered in our prayers.

### 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 2. Well done to Fatima, Nikhil, Amrit, Soyini, Maya and Chikwere who joined Miss Shirley for lunch today.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 5 who were the best attending class last week with a perfect 100% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week, which was Year 6 with one child late all week.

### Nativity performances

As we are in the season of Advent, practices for the rapidly approaching school nativities have begun. The Infant Nativities will non-ticket performances but please reply to the seat request letter sent to parents/carers of Infant children yesterday and return it to the school office. There will be mince pies, teas and coffees available in the hall after the performances. Donations for these will be very welcome.

The Junior Nativity is at the church on Tuesday 18th December at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

### Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. - School Nurse to lead a briefing for Year 3 and Year 4 parents/carers about Mental Health.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30 p.m. - Meeting for parents and carers of Year 3 children preparing to receive the sacraments for Holy Communion and First Confession.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Non-uniform day (for donations of full unopened bottles) for the Christmas Fair.

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

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are welcome.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 p.m. and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15 a.m. - Infant classes' Nativity in school.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. - Junior Carol Service at St. Teresa's Church.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Autumn Term.

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