



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 7th December 2018

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Mental Health briefing

Thank you to the Year 3 and Year 4 parents and carers who come to the briefing led by Nurse Lowe on Wednesday morning. Following the briefing, the Year 3 class and then the Year 4 class had a lesson about Mental Health. It is evident that this aspect of health is important to all; children and adults.

Sacramental preparation meeting

Thank you to the parents and carers of those Year 3 children preparing for the sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion who came to Wednesday afternoon's meeting. It is thanks to those who attended the meeting that we have our school's Nativity scene set up in the entrance hall and a Nativity scene dating back to 1964, the year the school opened, in the Year 3 classroom.

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 'Preparation' from this weekend's gospel, marking the second Sunday in Advent. We will be reflecting on the Gospel reading in Monday morning's assembly.



National Young Mathematicians

On Thursday afternoon, four Year 6 children participated in the regional finals of the National Young Mathematicians competition at Explore Learning in Harborne. Our school was represented very well by Jay, Prabjot, Harry and Ria. Thank you to Mrs Carbery for taking the children to this event. I believe the team were a credit to the school; both in terms of mathematical ability and behaviour. We have not yet been informed if the team will go on to the next round of this competition.

Football results

Yesterday evening, the Boys' 5-a-side football team competed in the Aston Primary Schools' Indoor tournament. The team played four games; winning 2-0, 1-0, 3-1 and losing 3-0. The team finished second in the group so have qualified for the semi-finals in January. It was a very good team effort by Harry, Bilal, Adam, Diego, Malakai, Gabriel and Luca.

Christmas Fair

Today is 'Bottle Day'. Children could wear their own clothes if they brought in a full, unopened bottle. Thank you for your generous donations. All children, their families and parishioners are welcome to attend the Christmas Fair tomorrow, from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m., which gathers us together as a community to spend time and money together. The Fair raises much needed funds for the parish and for the school.

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 dinners

Christmas Dinner at school will be on Tuesday 18th December. If your child is in the Juniors and does not usually have a school dinner but would like a Christmas dinner it will cost £2.30 the same as any school meal, payable on Monday 17th December. Infant children will be provided with a Christmas dinner without any charge, as is usual for school dinners for these classes. Junior children who have a school dinner are to pay the usual payment and will then automatically have a Christmas meal on that day.

Grandparents of the Reception class children are invited to dine with their grandchildren that afternoon. A letter with all of the details is in the Reception class children's bags today.

Autumn Reading Challenge

A reminder to all of the Junior children who completing the Autumn Reading Challenge; all completed Challenges are to be returned to Mrs Byrne by Wednesday 9th January.

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 1. Well done to Reyman, Baajveer, Motunrayo, Aydin, Mia and Andrea who joined Miss Goupilliere for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 5 who were the best attending class last week with a perfect 99.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week, which was Year 2 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.

Reception places for September 2019

Parents/carers who have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 need to make an application for their child to start a Reception class in September 2019 by no later than Tuesday, 15th January 2019. This is done by an application at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Dates for the Diary

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

Thursday 13th December at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are welcome.

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

Friday 14th December from 1.30 p.m. - Caritas Christi In Urbe Advent Liturgy at St. Chad's Cathedral, involving a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Tuesday 18th December at 1.30 p.m. - Grandparents of Reception class children invited to Christmas dinner at school.

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

Wednesday 19th December - Infants' Christmas parties in the afternoon. Infant children may wear their own clothes all day.

Thursday 20th December - Junior children's Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children may wear their own clothes all day.

Friday 21st December at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Autumn Term.

Tuesday 8th January at 8.50 a.m. - Children return to school.

Wednesday 9th January - Completed Autumn Reading Challenges to be returned to school.

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