



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 14th December 2018

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Caritas Christi In Urbe Indoor Athletics

Last Friday morning, a team of Year 4 athletes participated in the first Caritas Christi In Urbe Indoor Athletics event at Birmingham City University. The event was led by first year degree P.E. students from the university. Well done to Victoria, Amrita, Abbie, Kinga, Aden, Ryleigh and Ikjap who represented the school. Thank you to Miss Gibbon for taking the children to this event.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair last Saturday afternoon and helped to raise over £2200 which is divided equally between the school and the parish. Thank you the parishioners, staff, the Year 6 children who volunteered and the parents who ran the stalls and thank you particularly to Mrs Connell who organised the event with Sian Mulligan. The winners of the prizes were:

£100	Gabby Green	Treasure Hunt	Dhiren - Y6
£50	J Doyle	Claire's Hamper (Junior)	Shanice - Y3
Hamper	Minerva Wam	Claire's Hamper (Infant)	Kiki
Bells Whisky	Pat Hennesey	Name the Teddy	Joseph - Rec
Chocolate Biscuits	Liu Do	Sweets in a Jar	Brendan Mulligan
Wine Basket	Sandra Garvey	Length of Tinsel	Malakai - Y6
Shloer Basket	Karm	Weight of Cake	Kerry McKenna
Roses Chocolates	Sandra Garvey	Knitted Crib Raffle	Gabby Green
Biscuit Tin	Grace Ncube		
National Gallery Gift Set	Kiran Hanspaul		
Candle	E Mulrey		
Memo Block	J Doyle		
Crackers	R Blatch		

Mass at School

Thank you to the Faith Ambassadors for leading our School Mass yesterday morning. Thank you also to Hebron and Pavneet for managing the audio-visual unit and thank you to Zofia, Rosa and Ewa; our altar servers.

Football results

Yesterday evening, the Girls' 5-a-side football team competed in the Aston Primary Schools' Indoor tournament. The team played four games; losing 4-0, 1-0, 2-0 and 4-0. I was proud of the efforts of Nikola, Hebron, Charlotte, Tia, Prabjot and Aliya.

Nativity performances

Yesterday afternoon and this morning the Infant classes have performed their Nativity. The children were delightful, confident and composed. Well done to all of the children and a big thank you to the Infant staff for their wonderful efforts in bringing this production together. Thank you also to parents, carers and families who practised the songs, learnt the lines and helped with costumes. The Infant Nativity is a real highlight of the school year; it is something to treasure for the adults, seeing their little ones and an experience that the children will remember for the rest of their lives.

Next week it is the Juniors' turn. All are welcome to the Junior Carol Service at the church on Tuesday 18th December at 7.00 p.m.

In preparation for the Nativity on Tuesday evening the children in the Junior classes will be walking to church, weather permitting, on Monday morning to practice for the following evening's Carol Service.

Caritas Christi In Urbe Advent Liturgy

This afternoon, the School Choir were at the 'Caritas Christi In Urbe' (Love of Christ in the City) Advent Liturgy at St. Chad's Cathedral. The St. Teresa's Choir were joined by children from our family of schools. Thank you to Mrs. Byrne for preparing the children and taking them to this event with Mr. Brooker.

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 grandchild that afternoon. A letter with all of the details was in the Reception class children's bags last Friday. Please contact the school if you require another copy.

School meal payments

Thank you to the parents and carers for bearing with us whilst dinner money system was down recently. Letters are being sent out today with outstanding balances. These balances are to be settled by the end of next week.

Christmas Parties

Next week, the children will have their Christmas parties. The Infant children may come into school wearing their party clothes on Wednesday 20th December. The Junior children may bring their own clothes to school to change into after dinner on Thursday afternoon, 21st December. The school will provide refreshments for the parties.

Toy Day

On Friday 22nd December, the children in Years 1 to 6 may bring in, at their own risk, toys for a 'Toy Day'. These toys are to be games or activities that can be played with one or more other children, not electronic devices which are often single player activities. There are other plans for the children in Reception.

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 3 of the rota.

Faith Ambassadors Raffle

The Faith Ambassadors are managing a raffle to raise funds towards the Grandparents Christmas dinner. Tickets are 20p each.

1st Prize is a £10 voucher from Costa Coffee

2nd Prize - Victoria Biscuits

3rd Prize Chocolate selection tray

Tickets will be sold before and after school and at playtimes. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 18th December.

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 Herman, Kianna, Lewis, Elijah, Mason and Kenyah who joined Miss Goupilliere for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 3 who were the best attending class last week with a 99.4% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week, which was Year 5 with two children late all week.

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

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 - Infant children's 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 - Toy Day for Years 1 to 6.

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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Third Sunday of Advent