



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st December 2018

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped at, or came to, the recent Christmas Fair and helped to raise £2,282.94, which has been shared 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, in particular to Mrs Connell who organised the event with Sian Mulligan.



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word booklet for last week and the next three weeks was given to the Junior children last week. Please do make time to consider the themes of Visitors, Wisdom and Guidance from the next three weekends' gospels.

Christmas Dinner

The children had their Christmas dinners on Tuesday. During the afternoon, the school hosted elderly parishioners who had a Christmas dinner. In addition, the Reception children had their grandparents join them for Christmas dinner. After our guests had eaten, the Junior children performed a selection of songs from our Junior Carol Service. Thank you also to Dhiren, Ruqqaya, Prabjot, Hebron, Gerrard, Hassan and Luca; our house captains and vice-captains, who waited upon our visitors.

Faith Ambassadors Raffle

The Faith Ambassadors, supported by Miss Shirley have held a raffle, to raise funds towards the Grandparents Christmas dinner, which was drawn at their meal.

1st Prize; a £10 voucher from Costa Coffee was won by Hassan

2nd Prize ; a box of Victoria Biscuits was won by Z'kea

3rd Prize; a Chocolate selection tray was won by Ava

Thank you to the Faith Ambassadors who raised £41.22 for the Grandparents' meal.

Junior Nativity

On Tuesday evening, the children of the Junior classes and their families were at church for our Carol Service. The children were wonderful as readers, actors and a choir. Thank you to the children and the Junior staff for their hard work which led to such a memorable performance. Thank you also to the parents and carers of the children who attended for bringing them to our carol service.

Christmas Parties

On Wednesday afternoon, the Infant classes had a party where they were visited by Father Christmas, which caused a lot of excitement. (Thank you for visiting us Father Christmas). Yesterday afternoon, it was the Junior classes turn for their parties. Thank you to the staff for organising the parties.

Toy Day

Please check that you child has brought home all parts of any toys that they have brought into school today. Please also check that all items; lunch boxes, P.E. kits, drinking bottles, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and school uniform have been taken home.

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 the Spring term is Week 2 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 Hebron, Aleiba, Charlotte, Diego, Adam and Gabriel who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Reception who were the best attending class last week with a 99.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week, which was Year 1 with no 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 to be done by an application on www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Courtesy Card and Smart Card

This morning the draw was made for this term's Courtesy Card and Smart Card winners. The £20 gift card for the Courtesy Card went to Kimran and the £20 gift card for the Smart Card went to Arvin.

Christmas Masses at St. Teresa's Church

The times of the masses at St. Teresa's Church for the Christmas period are:

Christmas Eve (Monday 24th December) at 4.00 p.m. - Vigil Mass.

7.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve: Singing of Christmas Carols followed at 8.00 p.m. by Vigil Mass.

Christmas Day - 10.00 a.m. Mass.

Christmas wishes and thanks

Thank you to those parents and carers who, with their children, have taken the time to send cards and gifts to the staff. Your thoughts and generosity are much appreciated. Thank you to the children whose hard work and contribution to the school have made this a successful first term of this school year.

Thank you to the staff for their hard work and dedication. The staff always give so much to the children, but currently the school is facing very challenging financial times and the staff are going out of their way and beyond what is expected of them to help manage the situation. Thank you!

At this time we think about those from our school community and our loved ones who are ill, there are a number of children and adults who come to mind. Please keep them in your prayers at this time.

On behalf of the staff and governors of St. Teresa's may I wish you and yours a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Dates for the Diary

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.

Monday 21st January - Visiting theatre group performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' at school for all children. Children to pay £2.00 for performance and may dress as fairy tale characters for the day!

Wednesday 30th January - Year 4 visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

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