



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 15th February 2019

Be ready for our annual Music Evening on Thursday 28th February!

Year 1 postmen and postwomen

On Monday morning, I was fortunate enough to accompany Year 1 on their walk to the post box on Handsworth Wood Road to post some very important cards to their loved ones. Thank you to Mrs Gogna, Miss Foster and Miss Liaqat for taking the children out for this opportunity.

Wednesday Word



The Wednesday Word booklet, covering three weekends gospels, was given to the Junior children this week. Please do make time to consider the themes of 'Trust', 'Kindness' and 'Action' from these gospel readings.

Mass at School

Well done to Year 6 who led the readings at the school mass yesterday morning. Thank you to Ria and Pavneet for managing the technical systems, to Rosa, Ewa and Zofia for serving, to Ben and Gabriel who were ushers and all who contributed to the Mass.

St. Chad's Sanctuary

On Thursday, six of the Year 6 Faith Ambassadors visited St. Chad's Sanctuary, which supports asylum seekers and refugees who have been placed in Birmingham. Firstly, the children visited the food store, where tins of food were sorted and stacked. In a large basement clothes were sorted in age groups ready for distribution. The children were a real credit to school asking probing questions and showing real concern for the community. As we left the Sanctuary we passed by an image of Mary and Joseph carrying the infant Jesus with the wording: "We too were asylum seekers." It was a very moving and powerful afternoon. We were reminded not to feel guilty for the things we have in our lives, but to be truly grateful.

The Faith Ambassadors have identified a number of ways they can support the Sanctuary and throughout Lent they will be asking for your help in supporting fund raising events and food and clothing collections. Further information about fund raising will be included in the newsletters throughout Lent.

Miss Shirley

Thank you to Pavneet, Gabriel, Diego, Ria, Ben and Hien for representing the school. Thank you also to Miss Shirley for taking the children on this visit.

Football results

On Tuesday morning, Aden and Kymani were chosen to represent the school at a football event at Aston Villa Academy. Well done to both boys. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for taking the children to this event.

On Thursday afternoon, the Year 3 boys' football team played in the Aston Schools' 6-a-side tournament at Aston Villa Academy. Well done to Sebastian, Kaiden, Deshon, Joshua, Sam, Sukhjjevan and Tomasz. The team played four matches; winning 3-2, drawing 2-2 and losing 2-1 and 3-1.

Below is an invitation from Academy De Skillz (ADS):

Academy De Skillz (ADS) would like to invite boys from in Year 1 to Year 5 to participate in an open football trial, we have partnered up with West Bromwich Albion FC in a Grass Roots Partnership to nurture and develop local talent. The aim is to provide the opportunity for talented children to learn and play the game of football within a structured environment. Our coaches hold pre-requisite valid FA, DBS and Child Safeguarding Qualifications. This is an open invitation for your son to attend the event and is free of charge; it will take place at the West Bromwich Albion Academy (Dome), Halfords Lane, West Bromwich, B71 4LG on the 20th February 2019. (Year Group and Time: Year 1 & Year 2 17:15 PM - 18:15PM Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 18:30PM - 19:30PM)

We look forward to welcoming your son to the open trials, please wear appropriate football clothing, including football boots and shinpads. The program will take place on a 3G Astro turf pitch. You will need to also provide your own drinks to the session. Please confirm your attendance by texting the name, age and school year of your child to Naj on (07949-640026). Alternatively, to register email 'TRIAL' to academydeskillz1@outlook.com

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 Aman, Haaris, Thomas, Zakee, Zuzanna and Daisy who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

The Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues

This half term the two Virtues that are to be a focus for us and the other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are to be 'eloquent' and 'truthful'.

Eloquent: the ability to speak or write fluently, persuasively and appropriately. We are eloquent when we use language to express our ideas or opinions clearly and with conviction. When we choose our words, we should do so carefully so they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others. Eloquence isn't limited to speaking and writing. We can express ourselves in other ways like music, drama, painting or dance. We should use our creative gifts to say things in a way that is interesting, truthful, memorable and faithful.

Truthful: God wants us to be truthful in all we do. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', so being honest and truthful means we are following in his footsteps and living life the way God wants us to. Being truthful is being faithful to ourselves and to Jesus. We should stand up for the truth.



Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 2 and Year 5 which were the best attending classes last week with perfect 100% attendances. Congratulations to the most punctual class for last week, which was Year 2 with one child late during the week.

School dinners

The school menu choices are on our school website (www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk), click on 'Parents and Carers Information' then click on 'School Dinners' and scroll down the page. After half term, it is Week 4 of the rota.

Year 5 Assembly

Thank you to Year 5 for their amazing Ancient Greece themed assembly this morning. Well done Year 5!

Second hand children's book sale

Each day after school on the first week back there will be a second hand children's book sale in the entrance hall. School Councillors are managing this and the money raised will go to our School Fund.

Non-uniform day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 1st March, which is St. David's Day. The children may wear red, to signify Wales. We are asking for a £1.00 donation which will be for School Fund.

Welcome

Welcome to Miss Liaqat and Mrs Siddique who will be working with Year 1 and Year 2 respectively this term. Welcome also to Eesa who joined the school this week.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 25th February at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the second half of the Spring Term.
- Monday 25th February - Year 5 and Year 6 to the Primary Proms at Symphony Hall.
- Monday 25th February - Birmingham Royal Ballet working with Year 1.
- Monday 25th February to Friday 1st March at 3.30 p.m. - Second hand book sales, in the entrance hall.
- Wednesday 27th February from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. the School Nurse will lead a parents/carers briefing on 'PANTS - the underwear rule; a safeguarding message for children', followed by workshops with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- Thursday 28th February at 7.00 p.m. - Music Evening
- Friday 1st March - Non-uniform day for St. David's Day for a £1.00 donation to School Fund
- Monday 4th to Friday 8th March - Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey
- Wednesday 6th March at 9.00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Mass
- Wednesday 6th March in the afternoon the School Nurse will be leading workshops on 'PANTS - the underwear rule; a safeguarding message for children' workshops with Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Today marks the end of this half term. Have a restful, enjoyable and safe half term until school re-opens on Monday 25th February. Be ready for our annual Music Evening on Thursday 28th February!

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