



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## *Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

Welcome back to school, with the unseasonably warm start we had at the start of this week, to the second half of the Spring Term.

### **Primary Proms**

On Monday afternoon, Year 5 and Year 6 attended the Primary Proms at the Symphony Hall. The children enjoyed live performances from professional musicians, including our own drumming teacher; Mr Palmer. The children had a wonderful experience. Thank you to Miss Gold, Mrs Carbery, Miss Walk and Mrs Lamb for taking the children to this event.

### **Birmingham Royal Ballet**

On Monday afternoon, ballet teachers visited us from the Birmingham Royal Ballet to work with our Year 1 class. This relationship has been in place for a couple years now. The ballet teachers were looking for potential talent in Year 1. We have several children in Year 2 and Year 3 who attend lessons with the Birmingham Royal Ballet. Thank you to Miss Goupilliere for organising this opportunity.

### **PANTS**

On Wednesday, the school nurse; Nurse Lowe, led a parents and carers briefing on 'PANTS - the underwear rule; a safeguarding message for children'. Nurse Lowe then shared these messages with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend I hope that you found the workshop informative and useful. Next week the school nurse will be leading PANTS sessions with Years 3, 4 and 5.

The following was mentioned at the start of Wednesday's workshop and has been reported in the media this week. It may be relevant to parents and carers of children who are online; <https://www.thatsononsense.com/is-the-momo-challenge-real-or-an-online-hoax-fact-check/>

### **Music Evening**



Last night, the school held its Annual Music Evening. This was a very enjoyable and successful event at which a large number of our children showed their musical talents to an appreciative audience. It is remarkable to have such a large number of musical children at what is a relatively small school. Thank you to everyone who was involved; the audience, the staff who supported the evening and especially to the children. Several of the staff shared their talents with an exhibition of their campanology talents! A special thank you to Miss Walk who did a fantastic job in organising, directing and producing the evening.

### **St. David's Day**

Today, the children had the opportunity yesterday to wear red as part of a non-uniform day. This was in recognition of St. David's Day; the patron saint of Wales. A significant day for Miss Gravell, Mrs Byrne and Miss Gibbon, given their heritages. The £1.00 donations will go to School Fund.

### **Second hand book sale**

As the weather at the start of the week was so lovely the second hand book sales we have had in school this week have for most of the week taken place on the Infant playground. Thank you to those who took the time to browse and to purchase a book or books. Thank you to the school councillors; Joshua, Mya, Manpreet, Ikjap, Luca, Hebron and Z'kea for managing the book sales. The money raised will go towards purchasing new school dictionaries.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children may come to school dressed as a character from a book. There is no charge for this non-uniform day. Today, the children have received a voucher for £1.00 off any books they buy.

## The Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues



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 'learned' and 'wise'. The challenge is to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways we use our learning for the common good.

## Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word booklet, covering three weekends' gospels, was given to the Junior children prior to the half term break. Please do make time to consider the themes of 'Action' from this weekend's gospel reading.



## 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 Bilal, Mylee, Luca, Ria, Aliya and Z'kea who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 3, which was the best attending class for the last week before the half term break with 98.7% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class for last week, which was Year 6 with no child late during the week.

## School dinners

The school menu choices are on our school website ([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. Next week is Week 1 of the rota.

## Secondary School Allocation

Please keep the Year 6 children and their families in your prayers as they are being informed of their secondary school allocation from today.

## Dates for the Diary

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Mass at school marking the start of Lent. This includes blessing with ashes, which all receive unless the school is notified otherwise by parents/carers.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day, children may dress as a book character.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Junior children at 'The Big Bang Fair 2019' at the NEC
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 p.m. - First Holy Communion meeting for relevant Year 3 children and parents.
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evenings.
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Year 3 visit to Dudley Zoo.
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 3.20 p.m. - End of Spring Term. Please note this date is different to Birmingham maintained schools' end of Spring term date.
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the Summer Term for children.

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