



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 8th March 2019

*Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

## Ash Wednesday Mass at school

Thank you to Year 5 who led the readings at the Ash Wednesday Mass at school, marking the start of Lent. Thank you to Zofia and Rosa for serving, to Prince and Hien for managing the audio-visual system and to all who contributed to the Mass. Thank you in particular to those of other faiths and no faith tradition, both children and adults, who received ashes thereby acknowledging their part in the community of St. Teresa's Catholic School.

## PANTS

On Wednesday afternoon, the school nurse; Nurse Lowe, led workshops on 'PANTS - the underwear rule; a safeguarding message for children' with Years 3, 4 and 5. I hope that these sessions were useful and informative.

## World Book Day

The children and staff looked fabulous dressed as characters from books for World Book Day, which we celebrated in school yesterday. Your child should have received a voucher last week entitling them to £1.00 off a book purchased at retailers.

## Scholastic Book Club

The children will have received a leaflet for the Scholastic Book Club today. The closing date for the Scholastic book orders is Thursday 28th March. Please order online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-teresas-b20> or alternatively world book day vouchers can be used as part payment against any orders placed through the school office.

## Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey

Twenty four children from Year 6, Miss Walk, Mrs Lamb and Mr Corkery are to return from the Outward Bound Centre in Aberdovey this afternoon. From the updates and photographs on the school website it looks as if the group have had a great week. Thank you to the children who have been a credit to the school. Thank you, on behalf of the children and their parents, to the three members of staff who have taken the children on this visit. There have been daily reports posted on the Year 6 class page of the school website showing the adventures the children have had. Please feel free to have a look—it may be your child's turn before you know it!

## 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 sheet was given to the Junior children earlier this week. Please do make time to consider the theme of Fasting and Prayer from this weekend's gospel.



### **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 5. Well done to Umayer, Sukhsimran, Mohan, Ben, Nikola and Zofia who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to Year 5, which was the best attending class last week with a perfect 100% attendance. 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](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 2 of the rota.

### **Father Hudson's Care- Good Shepherd Appeal**

Your child has received a 'Father Hudson's Care-Good Shepherd Appeal' moneybox in their bag today. Please send the moneyboxes back into school in the last week of term. The collection will be presented during a Mass at St.Chad's Cathedral in May.

### **Lenten Fundraising Activities**

Throughout Lent, the Year 6 children will be leading fund raising activities at playtime. Next week there will be a 'Cup Shuffle' and a stall selling biscuits and drinks. The Cup Shuffle will cost 50p for one go and £1 for three goes. If your child correctly points to the cup with a ball under it, they will win a prize in the lucky dip. Drinks will be sold for 50p and biscuits, 25p for one biscuit, 50p for three. The activities will take place at morning break all next week. All money raised during Lent will be divided between two charities: Father Hudson's Care Good Shepherd Appeal and CAFOD.

### **St Chad's Sanctuary**

The Faith Ambassadors have written a letter asking for your support in collecting suitcases/bags, food and clothing during Lent. For the next two weeks, they will be collecting rucksacks, gym bags, suitcases and bags. If you have any of these items at home please send them into school and the Faith Ambassadors will arrange for them to be sent to the Sanctuary. Thank you for your help.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - NSPCC assemblies for the Infants and then the Juniors
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Junior children at 'The Big Bang Fair 2019' at the NEC
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 a.m. Year 2's Class Assembly
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - NSPCC workshops for Year 5 and then Year 6
- 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.
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 4.00 p.m. - First Confessions for relevant Year 3 children at St. Teresa's Church
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Life Education Caravan at school
- 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