



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

*Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

## NSPCC

On Monday morning, we were visited by speakers from the NSPCC who lead an assembly for the Infant children reminding them to speak to a trusted adult if there are any issues that worry them. The speakers then led an assembly for the Junior children telling the children about the different types of abuse and to share any worries with a trusted adult. The children listened well. The children were reminded of the Childline telephone number; 0800 1111.

## Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word sheet was given to the Junior children earlier this week. Please do make time to consider the theme of 'Encouragement' from this weekend's gospel.



## Big Bang Fair at the NEC

Yesterday, the Junior children were at the NEC for the Big Bang Fair; a celebration of Science and Technology which marks British Science Week. The children had a wonderful experience learning about the world we live in. Thank you to all of the staff who took the children on this visit. Thank you to Mrs Allport for organising this visit.

## Year 2 Class Assembly

Thank you to Year 2 for this morning's assembly; a celebration of all things Irish in recognition of St. Patrick's Day this Sunday.

## Scholastic Book Club

Last week, the children received a leaflet for the Scholastic Book Club. 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.

## 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 4. Well done to Nataniel, Tatyana, Cindy, Diya, Aden and Jake who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 1, which was the best attending class last week with 99.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class for last week, which was Year 5 with one child late during the week.

## 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.



### **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 3 of the rota.

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

Your child has received a 'Father Hudson's Care-Good Shepherd Appeal' moneybox last week. Please send the moneyboxes back into school in the last week of term.

### **Lenten Fundraising Activities**

Throughout Lent, the Year 6 children will be leading fund raising activities at playtime. Next week there will be a 'Guess the Celebrity' game led by Aleiba, Aliya, Teneve, Charlotte and Tajah. The fundraising 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. This week and next week, 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 the donations already received at school.

### **Parents' Evening Letters**

Last week, you should have received the letter to request a Parents' Evening appointment on Tuesday 26th or Wednesday 27th March. Reply slips must be returned by next Tuesday, 19th March. Please contact school if you require another copy of the letter.

### **Prayers in the Hall**

All children, parents and members of the school and parish community are welcome to join us for a few minutes on Friday afternoon at 3.00 p.m. each week during Lent for Prayers in the Hall, which starts next Friday.

### **Birth announcement**

Congratulations to Sukhsimran, Sukhjeevan and their family on the birth of their brother on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The boys are very proud of their new brother.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March - NSPCC workshops for Year 5 and then Year 6
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening appointment request slips to be returned to school by this date.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. - Ruth Lowe (School Nurse) leading a Drugs and Alcohol workshop for Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers. Followed by workshops with Year 6 and Year 5.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 p.m. - First Holy Communion meeting for relevant Year 3 children and parents
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are welcome
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3.00 p.m. - Prayers in the Hall. All are welcome.
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evenings. Due to the Parents' Evening on 26<sup>th</sup> March the after school football session that evening is cancelled
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Closing date for Scholastic Book Club orders
- 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 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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