



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2019

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Caritas Christi In Urbe Cross Country Running

Last Friday afternoon, eight children from the school took part in the Caritas Cross Country event. They took part in a Girls' and Boys' race, which involved running a couple of laps around the Wood Lane Fields. Well done to all involved; Prabjot, Teneve, Aliya, Aleiba, Luca, Malakai, Sam and Ryleigh. Congratulations to Ryleigh (2nd) and Sam (3rd) in the Boys' Race, helping the school come joint second overall.

Caritas Christi In Urbe Football tournament

On Monday afternoon, the Boys' 5-a-side football team participated in the Caritas Christi In Urbe Football tournament at St. Clare's School. The team won four matches; 1-0, 2-1, 3-1 and 2-0, drew 0-0 and lost 2-1. The team finished third in the event. Well done to Jay, Gabriel, Luca, Adam, Diego, Sarvan and Sukhsimran.

NSPCC visit

On Monday morning, the NSPCC were in school to lead workshops for Year 5 and Year 6. The children responded superbly and worked on the message 'Speak Out. Stay Safe'

Drug and Alcohol workshop

A few Year 5 and Year 6 parents attended the Drug and Alcohol workshop led by the school nurse on Wednesday morning. I hope that it was informative for those parents. The school nurse led the workshop for Year 6 but did not get the opportunity to work with Year 5. That session will be rearranged for later in the school year.

Sacramental preparation meeting

Thank you to the parents and carers of those Year 3 children preparing for the sacraments of Confession and First Holy Communion who came to Wednesday afternoon's meeting. The focus of the meeting was 'Lent'. Thank you to those children, with the support of their parents and carers who worked on a display for the Year 3 classroom and prepared the hall for yesterday morning's Mass.

Wednesday Word

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



Parents' Evening Appointments

From Wednesday, you should have received the appointment time(s) from the requests for a Parents' Evening appointment that were returned to school. The Parents' Evenings will be on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March. Please contact school if you require another copy of the letter, but please be aware that choices in appointment times are now extremely limited.

Mass at School

Well done to Year 3 who led the readings at the school mass yesterday morning. Thank you to Ria and Pavneet for managing the technical systems, to Rosa, Gabriel Ewa and Zofia for serving, to Ben and Diego who were ushers and all who contributed to the Mass.

Football Results

Yesterday, the Year 5 Boys' 6-a-side football team competed in the Aston Primary Schools' tournament. The team played four group matches; drawing 2-2 and 0-0 and losing 2-1 and 2-0 thereby finishing fourth in the group. It was a good effort by Ruben, Noah, Sam, O'Shae, Sukhsimran, Adan and Sarvan.

Scholastic Book Club

The children recently received a leaflet for the Scholastic Book Club. The closing date for the Scholastic book orders is next 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 3. Well done to Ruth, Daya, Tiana, Shanice, Sukhjjevan and Oskar who joined Miss Gold for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 5, which was the best attending class last week with 99.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class for last week, which was also Year 5 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. Next week is Week 3 of the rota.

Lenten Fundraising Activities

Throughout Lent, the Year 6 children will be leading fund raising activities at playtime. Last week Ria, Prabjot, Z'kea, Hebron raised £151.59. This week's fundraising led by Aleiba, Aliya, Teneve, Charlotte and Tajah has raised £132.04. Very impressive amounts from both teams. The fundraising will continue at morning break times next week with Ruqqaya, Mylee, Gerrard, Hassan, Hannah and Rahmin leading 'Cup Shuffle' and 'Guess the Cartoon'. 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 recently sent out a letter asking for your support in collecting suitcases/bags, food and clothing during Lent. Next week and the week after, the Faith Ambassadors are asking for donations of tinned and packet food. 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.

Dinner money

From Monday 1st April, school meals will increase by 5p from £2.30 to £2.35 per day (£11.75 per week) for Junior children. Earlier this week a letter with further details was sent out to the parents and carers of the Junior children.

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 today.

Marjorie Henebry

Please keep Mrs Henebry in your prayers as she passed away last Thursday. She was a teacher at St. Teresa's School when it opened in 1964. Her husband, Tom, who died several years ago, was the first head teacher of the school.

Dates for the Diary

- Saturday 23rd March at 6.00 p.m. - St. Teresa's Swimming Team competing at the Birmingham Catholic Primary Schools' Swimming Gala.
- Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March - Parents' Evenings. Due to the Parents' Evening on 26th March the after school football session that evening is cancelled.
- Thursday 28th March at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are welcome.
- Thursday 28th March - Closing date for Scholastic Book Club orders.
- Friday 29th March - Year 3 and Year 5 at St. Chad's Cathedral for Choral Outreach performance.
- Friday 29th March at 3.00 p.m. - Prayers in the Hall.
- Tuesday 2nd April - Year 3 visit to Dudley Zoo.
- Wednesday 3rd April at 4.00 p.m. - First Confessions for relevant Year 3 children at St. Teresa's Church.
- Tuesday 16th April at 7.00 p.m. - 'Way of the Cross' at school. A reflection on the events of Holy Week led by children in Year 6. All are welcome.
- Thursday 18th 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 29th April at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the Summer Term for children

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