



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Maundy Thursday 18th April 2019

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God



Holy Week

Lenten Roadshow

On Tuesday morning, children from St. Teresa's Catholic School, The Oratory Catholic School and St. Patrick's Catholic School, which are three of the fifteen schools within the Caritas Christi In Urbe family of schools, toured their schools and led a liturgy about the events of Holy Week. Lydia, Kinga and Ikjap represented St. Teresa's School wonderfully. Thank you to Miss Shirley for preparing the children and taking them to this event. Other groups of schools within the Caritas Christi In Urbe group held similar Lenten Roadshows.

St Chad's Sanctuary

The Faith Ambassadors sent out a letter at the start of this half-term asking for your support in collecting suitcases/bags, food and clothing during Lent. On Tuesday afternoon, Hien and Ben, two of our Faith Ambassadors, went with Miss Shirley and Mrs Connell to deliver the donated items to St. Chad's Sanctuary. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

The Way of the Cross

On Tuesday evening, Z'kea, Bilal, Hebron, Jay, Prabjot, Malakai, Dhiren, Niamh, Tajah, Adam, Gabriel, Aleiba, Pavneet, Harry, Diego, Teneve and staff of the school led each other, parents, and other families within the school community, around the school to reflect the journey Jesus took to his death for the 'Way of the Cross'. Thank you to all who helped to prepare and lead their aspect of this journey and to all that attended helping to create a thought provoking and prayerful experience for children and adults alike.



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word booklet for five weeks was given to the Junior children earlier last week. Please do make time to consider the theme of 'Easter' from this weekend's gospel reflecting Easter Sunday.

Easter Bonnets and Eggs

Well done to the children, and the adults who supported them, in taking the time and making the effort to create wonderful bonnets for the Infant children and Egg based creations for the Juniors, which were brought into school yesterday and brought smiles to lots of faces. The range and creativity were 'egg-cellent'!

Courtesy Card and Smart Card

Courtesy Cards are given to the children throughout the term for good manners or being helpful. Smart Cards are awarded for being neat and tidy and wearing the correct school uniform. During this morning's assembly the draw was made for this term's Courtesy Card and Smart Card winners. The £20 gift card for the Courtesy Card went to Uyen-Thi and the £20 gift card for the Smart Card went to Tiana.

Lenten Fundraising Activities

Throughout Lent, the Year 6 children will be leading fund raising activities at playtime. Last week Bilal, Gabriel, Malakai, Diego, Dhiren and Luca raised £88.17. Year 6 have raised a wonderful total of £594.65 which will be divided between two charities: Father Hudson's Care Good Shepherd Appeal and CAFOD.

Father Hudson's Care- Good Shepherd Appeal

Please remember to return the Good Shepherd boxes that you received at the start of Lent. Thank you to those families who have already returned their boxes. Please donate any coins that you can spare. The boxes are to be returned by Friday 3rd May.

Rosary Group

Each day during Lent children pray a decade of the Rosary. Thank you to Z'kea, Ria, Luca, Rayna, Dhiren, Ruqqaya, Gabriel and Aleiba who led the Rosary group this week focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 1, which was the best attending class last week with 98.7% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week which were Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 each with only one child late.

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. The week we return to school is Week 1 of the rota.

Spring Reading Challenge

Junior children who are aiming to complete the Spring Reading Challenge are to give it to Mrs Byrne by Friday 3rd May. Any Junior children who are interested will be offered the Summer Reading Challenge.

Mrs Charly Cooper

Mrs Cooper leaves St. Teresa's School today. Thank you to Mrs Cooper (aka Charly) for her work in support of the children in Year 3 at St. Teresa's School for the last four years. Good luck Charly you will be missed.

Holy Week at St. Teresa's Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (18th April) - 8.00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY (19th April) - 3.00 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. 8.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY (20th April) - 8.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

EASTER SUNDAY (21st April) - 10.00 a.m. Mass. 12.00 noon Mass.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 29th April at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the Summer Term for children
- Wednesday 1st May at 3.30 p.m. - First Holy Communion meeting for relevant Year 3 children and parents
- Friday 3rd May - Non-uniform day in memory of Mary Baines; Chair of Governors of several schools including, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School (a Caritas Christi In Urbe school), a and former head teacher of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Primary School. Children may wear own clothes for a £1.00 donation. This non-uniform day is across the Caritas Christi In Urbe family of schools. The money raised will be donated to HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) which funds visits to Lourdes for children.
- Friday 3rd May - Good Shepherd boxes to be returned to school.
- Friday 3rd May - Completed Spring Term Reading challenges to be returned to Mrs Byrne.
- Friday 3rd May, and following Fridays in the Summer Term - Year 2 and Year 4 Swimming lessons.
- Monday 6th May - School Closed for Bank Holiday.
- Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May - Key Stage 2 SATs tests for Year 6 children.
- Thursday 16th May and Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd May - Key Stage 1 SATs tests for Year 2 children.
- Saturday 18th May at 12.00 noon - First Holy Communions at St. Teresa's Church.
- Thursday 23rd May - The school will be closed to children as it will be a polling station if the U.K. is participating in the European Elections on this date. There will be further updates on this matter when there is clarification of the European Elections going ahead.
- Friday 24th May at 3.20 p.m. - End of the first half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 10th June - Start of the second half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 10th to Thursday 13th June - Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 children.
- Friday 12th July - School closed for Caritas Christi In Urbe schools' staff training day.
- Friday 19th July at 3.20 p.m. - End of the academic year.

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