



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 3rd May 2019

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Spring Term House point results

From the House point competition for last term, the results are:

1st St. Matthew - 43

2nd St. Luke - 36

3rd St. John - 30

4th St. Mark - 28

Congratulations to St. Matthew; the Spring Term 2019 house point champions!



Attendance for the Autumn and Spring terms.

The attendances for this academic year, up to the end of the Spring term are:

1st - Year 5 - 97.9%

2nd - Year 3 - 96.8%

3rd - Reception - 96.6%

4th - Year 2 - 96.4%

5th - Year 4 - 95.8%

6th - Year 1 - 95.4%

7th - Year 6 - 94.4%.



Well done Year 5. You are the class to beat, as you were at the end of the Autumn term! Which class will have the best attendance by the end of the Summer term 2019? The average attendance for the school since September is 96.2%. Let's aim to improve on this attendance throughout the remainder of the academic year.

100% attendees and persistent absentees

Since the start of the academic year there are two children in Reception, three from Year 1, seven from Year 2, two from Year 3, three from Year 4, nine from Year 5 and none from Year 6 with 100% attendance. Well done to all twenty six of these children.

However, there are twelve children in the school whose attendance, being less than 90%, classes them as 'persistent absentees'. This is made up of one child in Reception, three from Year 1, one from Year 2, none from Year 3, three from Year 4, none from Year 5 and four from Year 6. Some of these children's absences are for reasonable, usually medical reasons, but this degree of absence equates to at least a day out of school every two school weeks!

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done Year 5 who were the best attending class for the last week of the Spring Term with a 97.1% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes for that week which was Year 6, with one late child all week.

Emergency First Aid

On Wednesday morning, the school nurse; Nurse Lowe, led workshops on Emergency First Aid with Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Please do discuss with your child what they learnt from the session.

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. Please keep Lacey, Gianna, Sam, Ethan, Gabriel, Sebastian, Joshua, Oskar, Deshon, Esele, Shanice, James, Imani, Sofia, Tarli-Monae and their families in your prayers.

Rosary Group

During Lent and this week children prayed a daily decade of the Rosary. Thank you to Ria, Rahmin, Hebron, Gerrard, Pavneet, Aliya, Prabjot, Ibrahim, Adam and Bilal who led the Rosary this week, focusing on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.



Caritas Christi In Urbe Non-uniform Day

Yesterday, for Year 4, and today for the other classes, we had a 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), and a former head teacher of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Primary School. Children could wear their own clothes for a £1.00 donation. This non-uniform day is across the Caritas Christi In Urbe family of schools. The £158.45 raised by our school will be donated to HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) which funds visits to Lourdes for children.

Good Shepherd boxes

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 were to be returned by today but this has been extended to a final deadline of Wednesday 8th May. A cheque for the money raised for this cause will be presented by Year 6 at the Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral on 21st May.

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 2 of the rota.

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 Rohan, Sukhsimran, Nyle, Ewa, Tia and Ella who joined Mrs Allport for lunch today.

Spring Reading Challenge

Junior children who are aiming to complete the Spring Reading Challenge were to give it to Mrs Byrne by today but this has been extended to Wednesday 8th May. Any Junior children who are interested will be offered the Summer Reading Challenge.

School Closures

Please be aware that next week the school is closed on Monday 6th May for the bank holiday. If the European Elections go ahead on Thursday 23rd May we will be closed, as the school is being used as a polling station.

Goodbye

Earlier this week we said goodbye to Amrita and Eesha. We wish them every success as they move to their new school.

Baby Moses

Congratulations to Divine and her family on the birth of Moses last week. Divine is very proud of her baby brother and earlier in the week was telling me about the family's new addition.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 6th May - School Closed for Bank Holiday.
- Thursday 9th May at 9.00 a.m. - Mass in School led by Year 5
- 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
- Monday 20th May -Year 5 visit to BMAG..
- Tuesday 21st May at 9.00 a.m. - Year 1 Class Assembly
- Tuesday 21st May - Reception Class visit to Umberslade Park Farm
- 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.
- 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 28th June at 9.00 a.m. - Reception Class Assembly
- Friday 12th July - School closed for Caritas Christi In Urbe schools' staff training day.

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