



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 10th May 2019

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Year 3 recyclers

In last Friday's assembly Year 3 explained to the rest of the school about how they are going to recycle old pens. They have made a box (recycled naturally) for each class to put in any pens that no longer work. When the boxes are full, they will be taken to a special recycling plant. Year 3 decided to do this after watching the Blue Planet Live lesson. Year 3 have taken this action as they really concerned about the number of sea creatures being hurt or even killed by the amount of plastic in the seas.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done Year 6 who were the best attending class last week with a 98.0% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week, which were Year 1 and Year 6, with no children late during the week.

Ramadan

This week marks the start of Ramadan; a month of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for Muslims. Please keep our Muslim children and their families in your prayers. If any of the children are fasting during daylight hours please inform the school so that we can monitor and ensure their well-being. Ramadan Mubarak to all of our Muslim families.

Wednesday Word



The Wednesday Word sheet was given to the Junior children earlier this week. Please do make time to consider the theme of 'Life' from this weekend's gospel. We will be sharing this gospel reading at Monday morning's assembly.

Mass at School

Thank you to Year 5 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, and to Ben and Umayer who were ushers and all who contributed to the Mass.

The Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues

This half term the two Virtues that are to be a focus for us and the other Catholic schools in the archdiocese of Birmingham are to be 'curious' and 'active'.

Curious: exploring God's creation and asking questions to find out more.

Everything around us was created by God. Being curious about these things - from tiny insects to enormous planets, from the languages of the Earth to the patterns made by numbers - brings us closer to God.

Active: working to make things better where we can.

As we use our curiosity to explore, we find things that could be better: a friend is unhappy; a neighbour is lonely; there is litter in the playground; the whiteboard needs wiping. Some of these problems we can fix. By being active we take responsibility for these tasks and look after God's creation.



Lenten Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraising throughout Lent. We have received £179.29 through the Good Shepherd boxes. The Year 6 Lenten activities raised £594.65 for the Fr. Hudson's Society Good Shepherd Appeal and CAFOD.

This latter amount will be split equally, with £297.33 being donated to CAFOD and £297.32 and the £179.29 in the boxes, a total of £476.61, being donated to the Fr. Hudson's Society Good Shepherd Appeal. A cheque for this total

will be presented by Year 6 at the Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral on 21st May.

Thank you for your generosity for raising a total of £773.94 during Lent.

Spring Term Reading Challenge

Well done to the Junior children who completed the Spring Reading Challenge. Any Junior children who are interested will be offered the Summer Reading Challenge.

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 Sebastian, Ummay, Ethan, Daya, Jamie and Victoria who joined Mrs Allport for lunch today.

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.

SATs

Next week, Year 6 will undertake the Key Stage 2 SATs tests. On Thursday and during the following week the children in Year 2 will undertake the Key Stage 1 SATs. Please keep these children, their parents and the staff working with them in your prayers.

School Closure

Please be aware that if the European Elections go ahead on Thursday 23rd May St. Teresa's School will be closed, as the school is being used as a polling station.

Dates for the Diary

- 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 Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.
- Tuesday 21st May at 9.00 a.m. - Year 1 Class Assembly
- Tuesday 21st May - Reception Class visit to Umberslade Park Farm
- Tuesday 21st May - Year 6 to St. Chad's Cathedral for the Good Shepherd Mass.
- 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.
- Wednesday 12th June at 2.00 p.m. - Talent Show.
- Thursday 13th June - Year 2 visit to Hatton Farm.
- Monday 17th June - Year 1 visit to the Butterfly Farm, Stratford-upon-Avon.
- Wednesday 19th June - Year group photographs.
- Thursday 27th June - Year 4 visit to Cadbury World.
- Friday 28th June at 9.00 a.m. - Reception Class Assembly.
- Tuesday 2nd July at 1.15 p.m. - Junior Sports Day.
- Wednesday 3rd July - Year 3 visit to the Botanical Gardens.
- Wednesday 3rd July at 1.30 p.m. - Infant Sports Day.
- 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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