



# **St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

## ***Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God***

### **Year 5 visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery**

On Monday, Year 5 visited the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The children had a very informative and educational day. Thank you to Miss Gold, Mrs Carbery and Mr Brooker for taking the children on this visit.

### **Year 1 Class Assembly**

Thank you to Year 1 for Tuesday morning's assembly. The children told us that we can all do something when we try. Well done to the children as there were a number of children absent on the day.

### **Reception Visit to Umberslade Farm**

On Tuesday, the Reception class visited Umberslade Farm and had a lovely day. Thank you to Miss Gravell, Mrs Jones, Mrs Gogna, Mrs Dawson and Mrs Guest for taking the children on this visit.

### **Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral**

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 6 represented the school at the Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral. The children presented a cheque for the £476.61 collected by the school community during Lent. Thank you to Mrs Lamb and Mrs Carbery for taking the children with me to this event.

### **Football Results**

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 3 and Year 4 Girls' 6-a-side football team played in the Aston Schools' tournament. The team played three matches; drawing 1-1, losing 3-0 and winning 2-0. The team finished third in their group. The girls; Victoria, Madison, Tatyana, Ameria, Cindy, Esele and Lydia were a credit to the school.

### **Mass at School.**

Congratulations to the fifteen children from Year 3 who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday at St. Teresa's Church. Well done Lacey, Gianna, Sam, Ethan, Gabriel, Sebastian, Joshua, Oskar, Deshon, Esele, Shanice, James, Imani, Sofia, Tarli-Monae. On Wednesday, the children were dressed in their First Holy Communion clothes to lead the readings at our school mass. The children also received their First Holy Communion certificates.

Thank you to Ria and Pavneet for managing the technical systems, to Rosa, Gabriel, Ewa and Zofia for serving, to Ben and Umayer who were ushers and all who contributed to the Mass.

### **Key Stage 1 SATs**

This week, from Monday to Wednesday, Year 2 children have been taking the Key Stage 1 SATs tests. The children, and the staff working with them, have coped admirably with a challenging week. Thank you to the staff and parents who have worked in support of these children.

### **'Growing Up' Programme**

Thank you to the Year 5 and Year 6 parents who attending the meeting on Wednesday to preview the forthcoming 'Growing Up' programme. If any parents/carers of Year 5 and Year 6 children require a copy of the programme please contact 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 all of Year 2 in recognition of their efforts with their tests this week. These children joined Miss Gold for lunch today.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done Year 5 and Year 6 who were the best attending classes last week, each with a perfect 100% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week; Year 2 and Year 6, each with one child late during the week.

## 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. Some of these problems we can fix. By being active we take responsibility for these tasks and look after God's creation.



## Caritas Christi In Urbe Athletics

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, the children of the Junior classes, Years 3 to 6, will participate in an Athletics event for our local Catholic primary schools that are part of the Caritas Christi In Urbe family of schools. This event will take place at the Alexander Stadium. The children are to come into school wearing their outdoor P.E. kit. The children will leave school and be taken to the stadium by bus. Parents/carers of the Junior children should have received a letter last week with further information including the menu choices for a school packed lunch.

### Talent Show

This year's Talent Show will be on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June. A donation of £1.00 per child is asked for. Parents may also join us for the Talent Show, again for £1.00. This donation will be payable on the day.

### ParentPay

Today, you should receive, with this newsletter, information about ParentPay; a method of making online payments to school in a convenient manner. It is intended that the school launches ParentPay from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

### Dates for the Diary

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3.20 p.m. - End of the first half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Start of the second half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June - All Junior children at Alexander Stadium for Caritas Christi In Urbe Athletics event.
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 children.
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00 p.m. - Talent Show.
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 visit to Hatton Farm.
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 visit to the Butterfly Farm, Stratford-upon-Avon.
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - throughout the morning - Reception class children for September 2019 and their parents/carers in school.
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - ParentPay launch.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Year group photographs.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30 p.m. - Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 5 and Year 4 parents/carers.
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are welcome.
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 visit to Cadbury World.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 a.m. - Reception Class Assembly.
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1.15 p.m. - Junior Sports Day.
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Transition Day at their secondary schools for most of Year 6.
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 3 visit to the Botanical Gardens.
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30 p.m. - Infant Sports Day.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - School closed for Caritas Christi In Urbe schools' staff training day.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 3.20 p.m. - End of the academic year.

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