



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

*Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

## Parents' and Carers' Briefings

Thank you to the parents and carers of Years 3, 1 and Reception who attended the Parents' and Carers' briefings this week. I hope that the briefing was useful and gave you an insight into the year ahead as well as getting to see your child's new classroom. Thank you also to the staff involved in these briefings.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Next Friday, there will be a Coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer Support at school. All parents, carers and parishioners are welcome. We are asking you to send in cakes and biscuits for the Coffee Morning. The school will provide the teas and coffees. Please bring in any cakes/biscuits from Monday 25th September onwards.

Children may wear their own clothes on Friday; ideally to include something green which is the colour associated with the MacMillan cancer charity. However, as Year 2 and Year 4 will be out of school for visits to places of worship on Friday the children in those classes may wear their own clothes on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

We are asking that a donation of £1 is made for each child. The children may then wear their own clothes, have a cake, or cakes if enough are donated, and a drink. If you are unable to attend you are welcome to make a donation at the school office in support of this worthwhile cause.

## School Uniform

Please check that your child's uniform has his or her name in. There have been a number of pieces of uniform which have not had a name in and cannot be returned to the owner. Children will need to have coats, with their names in, if they have not already been bringing them into school.

## Water Bottles

Please ensure that water bottles contain water. There have been various drinks that children have brought into school this term. Juice and other flavoured drinks are not permitted.

## Year 6 School House Captains, Vice-Captains and School Councillors

On Wednesday, children from Year 6 met the children of Years 2 to 5 from their own house teams. Some of the Year 6 children made speeches to persuade the children in their house team to vote for them as house captain/vice-captain and school councillors. The children then had the opportunity to vote - an example of democracy in action. The elected representatives are; St. Matthew: Milen and Ben, St. Mark: Katherine and Esemme, St. Luke: Anna and Think and St. John: Aaron and Aryan.

Well done to these children who had to demonstrate their eloquence and hopefully their truthfulness, which are this half term's Virtues! School Councillors from other classes from Year 2 to Year 5 will soon be announced.

## School attendance for 2016-2017

The class attendance percentages for last academic year were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Year 5 - 97.1%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 3 - 96.9%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 2 - 96.7%
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 - 96.4%
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 - 95.6%
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Reception and Year 4 - 95.5%



Last academic year, when they were in Year 5, the children now in Year 6 were the leading class for attendance. The overall attendance for the whole school in 2016-2017 was 96.2%. This was an increase on the attendance of the previous academic year, which was 95.65%. We need to improve our attendance again this year!

#### **School dinners**

The menu choices for the school dinners are on the school website. Go to [www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk), click on 'Parents and Carers Information' then click on 'School Dinners' and scroll down the page. The meals are on a four week rota. Next week is Week 3 of that rota.

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to Year 2 who were the best attending class last week with a 98.7% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week which was Year 4.

#### **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 Jay, Hannah, Sharla, Sarjan, Harry and Tajah who joined me for lunch today.

#### **Baby Khari**

Congratulations to Remy and her family on the birth of Khari last Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Remy is very proud of her baby brother.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Donations of cakes and biscuits welcome for Friday's MacMillan Coffee Morning

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 visit to the Sea Life Centre.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Twelve Year 5 children training as Playleaders at Billesley Tennis Centre.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 p.m. - Year 2 Parents' and Carers' briefing in Year 2 classroom.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Non uniform day for Year 2 and Year 4

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 visit to Shri Venkateswara Hindu temple.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 visit to Birmingham Central Mosque.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Year 3 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - MacMillan Coffee Morning. Non uniform day for Reception, Yr 1, Yr 3, Yr 5 and Yr 6.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Year 4 visit to St. John's C of E Church, Perry Barr.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Year 2 visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 6 visit to the Black Country Museum.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Children in Year 5 and Year 6 making the sacrament of Confirmation later this school year are to visit St. Chad's Cathedral.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evenings.

Best wishes,



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