



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 13th October 2017

*Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

## Football Results

On Monday evening, the school football team played two matches. The team played St. Edmund's School, winning 2 - 0. The team also beat St. Patrick's School 4 - 0. Well done Thinh, Aaron, Daejon, Malakai, Chad, Luca, Diego and Ben.



The team have finished second of the six teams competing in the Aston Small Schools' Autumn League with four wins and one defeat in their five matches.

## Rosary Group

As October is the month of the Rosary, there is an opportunity to pray a decade of the Rosary at the end of each lunchtime. All of the children are invited to come for prayer. The Rosary Group is led by children from Year 6 working in pairs starting from Monday lunchtime. Thank you to Dinari, Lee, Ben, Aaron, Shaina, Honey, Mekhi, Kallum, Esemme and Sam who led the Rosary groups this week.

## Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evenings, which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week. Of the 212 children in school the parents/carers of 192 of the children attended appointments for their children; an attendance of 90.6%. Well done Reception and Year 5 parents and carers each with 100% attendance. I hope that you found the appointment(s) informative and useful.

Thank you to those parent's and carers' who checked, signed and returned their Data Checking Sheet. If you did not attend or did not receive the data checking sheet it has been forwarded to you via your child. Please check, make any alterations, sign and return to the school office as soon as possible.

## School Council

Earlier in the term house captains and vice captains from Year 6 were elected. These children; Katherine, Esemme, Milen, Ben, Anna, Thinh, Aaron and Aryan, also sit on the School Council alongside the elected school councillors from these classes; Year 2 - Imani and Sukhjjevan, Year 3 - Aden and Abbie, Year 4 - Tea and Sam A, Year 5 - Teneve and Bilal. All of these children have been elected by their peers and we wish them every success for their term of office.

## School dinners

To see the school menu choices go to our school website ([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. Next week is Week 1 of the rota.

## Photograph orders

The school photographs of our beautiful children were taken this morning. The proofs will soon be in school and orders for the photographs of the children are then to be returned to school or placed online.

## Harvest Festival



The Harvest Mass will be on Thursday 19th October at 9.00 a.m. to which all are invited. We are asking for donations of packets and tins of foods which can be brought into school next week. Thank you to those people who have already donated food. When you are shopping you may put an extra packet or tin in your trolley in readiness for this collection. The items donated will be forwarded to a food bank for distribution to those in need.

## Diwali

Happy Diwali on Thursday 19th October to our Sikh and Hindu families, friends and members of the school community.

### Year 6 assembly

All are welcome to the first class assembly of the academic year; Year 6's assembly is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 a.m.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 who were the best attending classes last week with a 98.7% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week which was, once again, Reception.

### Eloquent and Truthful



A reminder that this half term the two Virtues that are a focus for us and the other Catholic schools in the archdiocese of Birmingham are to be eloquent and truthful. The challenge is to be:

*Truthful in what we say of ourselves, our relations with other people, and the world.  
Eloquent in what we say - we are skilful, fluent, express ourselves clearly. We speak out.*

### Poppy Appeal

On our return to school after the half term break, poppies should be on sale from the start of November. Children who wish to buy a poppy are asked to donate 20p. The money raised will be forwarded to the Royal British Legion. Please be aware that the children will receive a plastic poppy and, if they wish, a pin to keep it in place. The stem of the poppy can be pushed into the stitching on school jumpers but cannot be readily attached to shirts, blouses, dresses or sweatshirts without a pin. You may wish your child to have a poppy but not to take a pin.

### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. - Open days for parents and carers of children considering applying for a place in the Reception class of September 2018.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 p.m. - Handsworth Fire Service visit to Year 4 in school.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 a.m. - Harvest Mass at school. Please donate goods for those in need.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 a.m. - Year 6 Class Assembly.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30 p.m. - End of the first half of the Autumn Term.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Start of the second half of the Autumn term.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Applications for secondary schools for current Year 6 children to be completed at <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 9.00 a.m. - Solemnity of All Saints' Mass at school. All are welcome.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.30 p.m. - Phonics briefings for Year 1 parents and carers.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Flu nasal vaccinations for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. - Drop-in sessions for parents and carers at the John Bosco Room, St. Teresa's Church hosted by Jenny Ranson; our family support worker.

Best wishes,

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