



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

*Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

## Mass of Enrolment

Thank you to the children and their families who were at the 12.00 noon mass at St. Teresa's Church last Sunday. Children from Year 3, who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confession and Communion, and children from Year 5 and Year 6 are be preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation in March; were invited to attend last Sunday's mass by Fr. David. The children were introduced to the parish. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

## Book Fair

There was an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school on Tuesday afternoon to peruse the Book Fair books. Thank you to Mrs Connell and Mrs Guest for managing this event.

## Explore Learning

On Wednesday afternoon, four Year 6 children participated in the regional finals of the National Young Mathematicians competition at Explore Learning in Harborne. Our school was represented very well by Aaron, Shiloh, Naomi and Think. Thank you to Mrs Carbery for taking the children to this event. I believe the team were a credit to the school; both in terms of mathematical ability and behaviour. We have not yet been informed if the team will go on to the next round of this competition.

## Wednesday Word



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word sheet was given to the Junior children earlier this week. Please do make time to consider the theme of Advent from this weekend's gospel marking the first week of the Church's year.

## Football results

Yesterday evening, the Boys' 5-a-side football team competed in the Aston Primary Schools' tournament. The team played three games losing 2-0 and winning 2-0 and 3-1. The team finished second in the group so did not qualify for the semi-finals. It was a very good team effort by Think, Ben, Chad, Mekhi, Aaron and Kallum.

## 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.

## The Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues

This half term the two Virtues that will be a focus for us and the other Catholic schools in the archdiocese of Birmingham are to be 'learned' and 'wise'. The challenge is to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways we use our learning for the common good.

## Christmas Fair

Today is 'Bottle Day'. Children could wear their own clothes if they brought in a full, unopened bottle. Thank you for your generous donations.

All children, their families and parishioners are welcome to attend the Christmas Fair, from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m., which gathers us together as a community to spend time and money together. The Fair raises much needed funds for the parish and for the school.

**St Teresa's Catholic Primary School**  
**Christmas Fayre**  
**Saturday 2nd December 2017**  
**12.00pm - 2.00pm**  
**Lots of Fun & Games For All**

◆ Santa's Grotto	◆ Chocolate Tombola	◆ Raffle
◆ Bottle Tombola	◆ Teddy Tombola	◆ Toys
◆ Tea & Mince Pies	◆ Games	◆ Prizes
◆ Irish Coffees	◆ Cakes & Sweets	◆ Gifts

**All Are Welcome**  
Admission  
Adults £1.00 Children Free

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School  
Butlers Road, Handsworth Wood B20 2NY

### **Nativity performances**

As we are in the season of Advent, practices for the rapidly approaching school nativities have begun. There will be no charge for those attending the Infant Nativity performances. Please respond to the letter sent to you and return your reply slips to the school office. There will be a mince pie and tea or coffee available after the performances for donations.

There is also no charge for those attending the Junior children's Carol Service at the church on Tuesday 19th December at 7.00 pm.

### **Top Table**

The children selected to eat at the Top Table this week are from Year 5. Well done to Rayna, Charlotte, Ruqqaya, Adam, Gerrard and Z'kea who were chosen this week and joined Mrs Higgins for dinner.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to Year 4 who were the best attending class last week with a 99.0% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week which was Year 5.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m. - School and Parish Christmas Fair at school.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 visit to Jewellery Quarter Museum and Soho House.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 visit to Aston House.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - from 9.20 a.m. to 10.20 a.m. Healthy Eating and Energy Drinks workshop for Year 3 class parents and carers with their Year 3 children.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are welcome.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 p.m. and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15 a.m. - Infant classes' Nativity in school.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30 p.m. - Meeting at school with Fr. David for Confirmation children and parents/carers.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. - Grandparents of Reception class children invited to Christmas dinner at school.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. - Junior Carol Service at St. Teresa's Church.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December- from 9.20 a.m. to 10.20 a.m. Healthy Eating and Energy Drinks workshop for Year 2 class parents and carers with their Year 2 children.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Infant children's Christmas parties in the afternoon. Infant children may wear their own clothes all day.

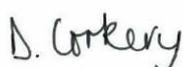
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are welcome.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Junior children's Christmas parties in the afternoon.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Autumn Term.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 8.50 a.m.- Children return to school.

Best wishes,



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