



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Caritas Christi In Urbe Cross Country event

Last Friday afternoon, a Girls' team and a Boys' team competed in the first Caritas Christi In Urbe cross country running event at Wood Lane playing fields. Six schools competed; St. Edmund's, St. Clare's, St. Francis', St. Patrick's, St. Vincent's and St. Teresa's. The event was marshalled by students from St. Paul's Girls' Catholic Secondary School and a group of our Year 5 children.

The girls competing were; Beneice, Naomi, Eva, Alicja and Prabjot. The boys competing were; Kallum, Luca, Aaron, Mekhi and Harry. The Girls' team finished second in their event, with Beneice as the overall Girls' winner. The Boys' team also finished second in their event. The team were third overall. Thank you to Mr Donaghy for organising this event on behalf of the Caritas Christi In Urbe schools and to Mrs Higgins for assisting on the day.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair last Saturday afternoon and helped to raise £2,634.68, which is divided equally between the school and the parish; each receiving £1,317.34. Thank you the parishioners, staff, thirteen Year 6 children and the parents who ran the stalls and thank you particularly to Mrs Connell who organised the event with Sian Mulligan. The winners of the prizes were:

- £100—Julie Co
- £50 - H. Brush
- Hamper - Stuart Gillam
- Bells whisky -G. Blunt
- Aberfeldy whisky - Steven Rigden
- Glenmorangie whisky - Michael Gannon
- Chocolates- Trung
- Beauty Hamper - Farah Heera
- Champagne - Mrs Taylor
- Wine Gums - Paul Gray
- Pannacotta - A Brown
- Bayliss and Harding smellies - Nigel Espin
- 7 Day Leisure Centre passes - Sean Madigan, McKenna, Ava Nguyen, Shahnain and James Doyle
- Treasure Hunt - Gabby G
- £50 Body Shop voucher - Dee Kaozombe
- Body Shop Gift Pack - Ronnie MacPhee
- Name the Teddy - Ronnie MacPhee
- Number of Sweets in the Jar - Malakai
- Length of the tinsel - Adam
- Guess the weight of the cake - Grace NCube

Educational Visits

On Wednesday, Year 2 went to Aston Hall as part of their History work this term. The children had an informative and busy day. Thank you to Mr Donaghy, Mrs Dignan, Miss Siddique and Mrs Cooper for taking the children on this visit.

Also on Wednesday, Year 6 went to the Museum of the Jewellery Quarter and Soho House. Again, the children had a positive learning experience and were good ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Mrs Gogna, Mrs Lamb and Mrs Carbery for taking the children on this visit.

Mass at school

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the mass at school yesterday morning. Thank you to the Year 2 children who led the readings, to Aryan; our technician, to Olivia and Katherine; our altar-servers and to everybody who contributed to our mass.

School dinners

To see the school menu choices go to 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 2 of the rota.

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.

Christmas dinners

Christmas Dinner at school will be on Tuesday 19th December. If your child is in the Juniors and does not usually have a school dinner but would like a Christmas dinner it will cost £2.25 the same as any school meal, payable on Monday 18th December. Infant children will be provided with a Christmas dinner without any charge, as is usual for school dinners for these classes. Junior children who have a school dinner are to pay the usual payment and will then automatically have a Christmas meal on that day.

A grandparent of each of the Reception class children is invited to dine with their grandchild that afternoon. A letter with all of the details is in the Reception class children's bags today.

Closure due to weather

You may be aware that in recent years there have been occasions when the school has not been able to open. If a school closure due to weather occurs there should be announcements on Free Radio, Radio WM and Heart FM. There will also be lists of the schools that are closed on the websites of those radio stations. The school will also try to inform parents through the school's texting system to your mobile phones. It is therefore important that we have up to date and correct contact details for you. The school website would also be updated to inform you of any school closure. If you do not find out from any of the sources noted above that the school is closed it is safe to assume that the school is open.

Postponed Confirmation Meeting

The planned meeting at school with Fr. David for Confirmation children and parents/carers, which was due to take place on Thursday 14th December at 3.30 p.m. has been postponed until the new year.

Top Table

The children selected to eat at the Top Table this week are from Year 4. Well done to Shaivi, Tea, Yafiet, Hien, Prince and Ella 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, for the second consecutive week, with a 99.0% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week which were Reception and Year 5.

Baby Zofia

Congratulations to Ksawier and his family on the birth of Zofia; a sister for Ksawier.

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 14th December at 2.15 p.m. and Friday 15th December at 9.15 a.m. - Infant classes' Nativity in school.
- Friday 15th December from 1.30 p.m. - Caritas Christi In Urbe Advent Liturgy at St. Chad's Cathedral, involving a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children.
- Tuesday 19th December at 7.00 p.m. - Grandparents of Reception class children invited to Christmas dinner at school.
- Tuesday 19th December at 7.00 p.m. - Junior Carol Service at St. Teresa's Church.
- Wednesday 20th 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 20th December - Infants' Christmas parties in the afternoon. Infant children may wear their own clothes all day.
- Thursday 21st December at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are welcome.
- Thursday 21st December - Junior children's Christmas parties in the afternoon.
- Friday 22nd December at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Autumn Term.
- Tuesday 9th January at 8.50 a.m.- Children return to school.
- Friday 12th January - Reception and Year 1 to see 'Stick Man' at the Town Hall.

Best wishes,

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