



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 15th December 2017

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

School Closure

It has been an unusual week in school, with the first two days of this week lost due to the snow. The decision to close the school is not taken lightly but was taken to ensure the well-being of all, primarily of the children.

You should have received three text messages from the school informing you of the school closures on Monday and Tuesday and that the school was open on Wednesday. Please inform the school office if you did not receive any of the text messages.

Wednesday Word



The Wednesday Word booklet for the next four weeks was given to the Junior children yesterday. Please do make time to consider the theme of Joy from this weekend's gospel, marking the third week of Advent.

Nativity performances

Yesterday afternoon and this morning the Infant classes have performed their Nativity. The children were delightful, confident and composed. Well done to all of the children and a big thank you to the Infant staff for their wonderful efforts in bringing this production together. Thank you also to parents, carers and families who practised the songs, learnt the lines and helped with costumes. The Infant Nativity is a real highlight of the school year; it is something to treasure for the adults, seeing their little ones and an experience that the children will remember for the rest of their lives.

Next week it is the Juniors' turn. All are welcome to the Junior Carol Service at the church on 19th December at 7.00 p.m.

In preparation for the Nativity on Tuesday evening the children in the Junior classes will be walking to church, weather permitting, on Monday morning to practice for the following evening's Carol Service.

Caritas Christi In Urbe Advent Liturgy

This afternoon, the School Choir were at the 'Caritas Christi In Urbe' (Love of Christ in the City) Advent Liturgy at St. Chad's Cathedral. The St. Teresa's Choir were joined by children from our family of schools; Sacred Heart, St. Francis', St. Clare's, St. Patrick's, St. Edmund's, St. Augustine's, St. Vincent's, St. Joseph's, St. Chad's, St. Gerard's, The Oratory, St. John Wall Secondary, St Paul's Girls' Secondary and St. Teresa's. Thank you to Miss Gibbon for preparing the children and taking them to this event with me.

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 was in the Reception class children's bags last Friday. Please contact the school if you require another copy.

Christmas Parties

Next week, the children will have their Christmas parties. The Infant children may come into school wearing their party clothes on Wednesday 20th December. The Junior children may bring their own clothes to school to change

into after dinner on Thursday afternoon, 21st December. The school will provide refreshments for the parties.

Toy Day

On Friday 22nd December, the children in Years 1 to 6 may bring in, at their own risk, toys for a 'Toy Day'. These toys are to be games or activities that can be played with one or more other children, not electronic devices which are often single player activities. There are other plans for the children in Reception.

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 3 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.



Top Table

The children selected to eat at the Top Table this week are from Year 3. Well done to Jake, Chloe, Kacper, Kinga, Olivier and Lydia who were chosen this week and joined Mrs Higgins for dinner.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 6 who were the best attending class last week with a 96.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week which was Reception.

Dates for the Diary

- 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 1.00 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 - Toy Day for Year 1 to Year 6. Non-electronic toys only.
- 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.
- Monday 15th January - Visiting theatre group performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at school for all children.
- Thursday 18th January at 3.30 p.m. - Meeting at school for the children preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and their parents/carers, with Fr. David.

Best wishes,

D. Corkery

D. Corkery



Third Sunday of Advent