



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

*Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

### Playleader Training

On Monday afternoon, ten Year 5 children went to Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre for training as Playleaders. Thank you to Mrs Keogh for taking the children. These children will be working with the Infant classes in support of their play at dinner times.

### Year 3 to Dudley Zoo

On Tuesday, Year 3 went to Dudley Zoo and despite the weather the children were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Allport, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Baker and Miss Bennett for taking the children on this visit.

### Pancake Day

Tuesday was Pancake Day so Mrs Walsh and her team served pancakes as one of the dessert options. Several of the classes also sampled their own pancakes on Tuesday afternoon.

### Ash Wednesday Mass at school

Thank you to the Faith Ambassadors who led the readings at the Ash Wednesday Mass at school, marking the start of Lent. Thank you to Olivia and Katherine for serving, to Jagdeep and Aryan for managing the audio-visual system and to all who contributed to the Mass. Thank you in particular to those of other faiths and no faith tradition, both children and adults, who received ashes thereby acknowledging their part in the community of St. Teresa's Catholic School.

### Wednesday Word



The Wednesday Word booklet, covering three weekend's gospels, was given to the Junior children last week. Please do make time to consider the theme of 'Lent' from this weekend's gospel.

### Music Evening

Last night, the school held its Annual Music Evening. This was a very enjoyable and successful event at which a large number of our children showed their musical talents to an appreciative audience. It is remarkable to have such a large number of musical children at what is a relatively small school. Thank you to everyone who was involved; the audience, the staff who supported the evening and especially to the children. Several of the staff shared their talents with an exhibition of their dancing talents. Thank you to Mrs Higgins who organised, directed and produced the evening.

### Prayers in the Hall

All children, parents and members of the school and parish community are welcome to join us for a few minutes on Friday afternoon at 3.00 p.m. each week during Lent for Prayers in the Hall, which started today.

### School dinners

The school menu choices are on 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. The first week of next half term is Week 1 of the rota.

### Parents' Evening Letters

You should have received the letter to request a Parents' Evening appointment on Tuesday 6th or Tuesday 13th March. Reply slips must be returned by Tuesday 27th February. Please contact school if you require another copy of the letter.

### **Non-uniform day**

There will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 1st March, which is World Book Day and St. David's Day. The children may wear red or yellow, to signify Wales, or the children may come into school dressed as a book character. Whichever your child chooses to do we are asking for a £1 donation which will be used to replace as many Infant reading books as possible.

### **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 4. Well done to Rohan, Adan, Tia, Sukhsimran, Dezaunte and Ethan who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to Year 5 who were the best attending class last week with a 99.0% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class for last week which was also Year 5, only having one child late all week. In total children were late forty-three times last week, which is not as good as on the thirty-seven 'lates' during the previous week.

### **Good Shepherd Appeal**

The children have received a Good Shepherd Appeal collecting box this week. This is our Lenten charity in support of the work of Fr. Hudson's Society.

The first week of next half term is the first fundraising week led by the Year 6 children during Lent for the Good Shepherd Appeal for Fr. Hudson's Society.

*During the first week after half term Chad, Thinh, Daejon, Dinari, Sam, Daniel and William will be doing: 'In goes the ball', hoopla and 'Knock down cups'. The price is 50p for one go, £1 for three goes and £1.50 for 5 goes.*

Have a restful and enjoyable half-term break until we return to school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Happy Chinese New Year to all who are celebrating the start of the Year of the Dog.

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

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00 p.m. - Prayers in the Hall
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3.20 p.m. - End of the first half of the Spring term.
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Start of the second half of the Spring term
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Completed Parents' Evening reply slips to be returned to school.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 p.m. - Meeting at school for the children preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation and their parents/carers.
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Non-uniform day for World Book Day and St. David's Day.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evenings.
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. - Confirmation Mass at St. Teresa's Church.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 p.m. - Meeting for the children on the Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey and their parents/carers.
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 6 Residential Visit to Outward Bounds Trust, Aberdovey.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Spring term.
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Start of the Summer Term for children.

Best wishes,

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