



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 18th May 2018

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Reception Visit to Umberslade Farm

On Tuesday, the Reception class visited Umberslade Farm and had a lovely day. Thank you to Miss Gravell, Mrs Jones, Mrs Gogna, Miss Bennett and Mrs Guest for taking the children on this visit. All returned tired but happy on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday Word



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

First Confession and First Holy Communion

Yesterday afternoon, the parents and carers of the Catholic children in Year 3 attended a meeting to make the final preparations for the sacrament of First Confession which the children will be receiving next Tuesday afternoon. Please keep all twenty-one of these children in your prayers. Thank you to Mrs Allport for leading the meeting.

Football Results

Yesterday afternoon, the Year 4 Girls' 6-a-side football team played in the Aston Schools' tournament. The team played four matches; losing 3-0, 1-0, 2-1 and 5-0. The team finished third in their group. The girls; Nikola, Tia, Uyen-Thi, Chiaku, Rosa, Amiya, Tea and Henna were a credit to the school. Thank you to the parents who supported the team.

Key Stage 2 SATs

This week, from Monday to Thursday, Year 6 children have been taking the Key Stage 2 SATs tests. The children, and the staff working with them, have coped admirably with a stressful and challenging week. This included a monitoring visit throughout Wednesday morning to ensure that all procedures for administering the tests have been adhered to. The test papers have been sent off for marking and the results will be returned to school shortly before the children leave us in July. Thank you to the staff and parents who have worked in support of these children.

Next week, the children in Year 2 will undertake their Key Stage 1 SATs. Please keep these children, their parents and the staff working with them in your prayers.

Non-uniform day



Today, in recognition of the royal wedding and Year 6 completing their SATs tests, there has been a non-uniform day. Children could wear their own clothes for a £1.00 donation to School Fund. This event has so far raised £124.30 for the school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 who were the best attending classes last week each with 99.2% attendance. The overall school attendance last week was 97.9%. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week which were Reception and Year 1 with two children late all week. In total, children were late a disappointing thirty four times last week.

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 all of Year 6 in recognition of their efforts with their tests this week. These children joined Mrs Allport for lunch today.

School dinners

The new school menu choices are on 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 1 of the rota.

City of Birmingham Orienteering Club

Today, children in the Junior classes should have received a voucher for free entry to the orienteering competition in Perry Hall Park tomorrow. If you have any queries please contact Ruth Lockley on 07470291702.

Talent Show

This year's Talent Show will be next Wednesday afternoon. A donation of £1.00 per child is asked for. Parents may also join us for the Talent Show, again for £1.00. This donation will be payable on the day.

Re-arranged Reception Class assembly

Parents and carers of Reception children, please note that the date of the Reception Class assembly has changed. It will no longer take place on 15th June, it will now be on Thursday 21st June.

Mrs Higgins

At the end of this academic year our deputy head teacher; Mrs Higgins, will be leaving St. Teresa's School to further her career as the deputy head teacher at a large primary school in another part of the country.

Mrs Higgins has been with us since September 2009 and will be a huge loss to the school not least for her teaching ability and her role as a strategic leader of the school but also for her energy and enthusiasm. I am sure that everyone, particularly Year 6, will strive to make Mrs Higgins final few weeks with us memorable for all the right reasons. We wish her every success in her new adventure.

Dates for the Diary.

- Monday 21st May to Friday 25th May - Year 2 taking the Key Stage 1 National Assessments (SATs).
- Monday 21st May - Boccia team competing in the Caritas Christi In Urbe event at St. Francis' Catholic Primary School.
- Tuesday 22nd May - Year 6 Basketball team competing in the Caritas Christi In Urbe event at St. John Wall Secondary School
- Tuesday 22nd May from 4.00 p.m. - A number of Year 3 children receiving the sacrament of First Confession at St. Teresa's Church.
- Wednesday 23rd May from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. - School Nurse to lead a 'Be Active' workshop for Year 5 class parents and carers with their Year 5 children.
- Wednesday 23rd May at 2.00 p.m. - Talent Show.
- Thursday 24th May at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school.
- Friday 25th May at 9.00 a.m. - Year 1 Class Assembly.
- Friday 25th May from 9.15 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. - Jenny Ranson (Family Support Worker to lead a SENSitive Drop in session for parents and carers of children with SEND at St. Teresa's Church, Wellington Road.
- Friday 25th May at 3.20 p.m. - End of the first half of the Summer term
- Monday 4th June - Children return to school for the second half of the Summer term.
- Sunday 10th June at 12.00 noon - First Holy Communion Mass at St. Teresa's Church.
- Monday 11th to Friday 15th June - Phonics Screening for Year 1.
- Tuesday 12th June- throughout the morning - Reception class children for September 2018 and their parents/carers in school.
- Friday 15th June - All Junior children at Alexander Stadium for Caritas Christi In Urbe Athletics event.
- Thursday 21st June at 9.00 a.m. - Reception Class Assembly.

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