



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**School closed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

## **Caritas Christi In Urbe Citizenship Award**

Year 6 children have been participating in the 'Caritas Christi Catholic Citizenship Award' based on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. On Monday evening, there was a presentation event for children from the Caritas Christi In Urbe schools, held at St John Wall Catholic Secondary School. The children who received a gold medal were; Gabriel and Z'kea. Prabjot and Ria also were awarded medals in their absence. Congratulations to these children for being such wonderful ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Miss Foster for taking the children to the awards evening with me.

## **Bag2School**

Thank you to all who have donated unwanted clothing for the Bag2School fundraiser. These items were collected yesterday afternoon. The school will soon receive a cheque based on the weight of the bags donated.

## **Summer Production**

This week we have had two performances of 'Bugsy Malone' which finished late in the evening. There has been an immense amount of planning, organising and hard work from the adults and the children that were involved. Thank you to the parents and carers who worked with their children learning their words and the songs and getting the children to the performances. Thank you to the dedicated and talented staff and who put so much time and effort into the wonderful production. Thank you to the children themselves who showed how talented, confident and brilliant they truly are. You are all stars! A special mention for Miss Walk who has co-ordinated, produced and directed these performances.

## **Annual School Reports**

The children have been given their annual school report today. This has been given to the children in a sealed envelope for you, as the parent or carer to open. Included in the report is a sheet inviting you and your child to comment on the report. Please return these comment sheets to school by Wednesday 17th July.

## **Change for Life**

Your child should have received a 'Change for Life' leaflet today. This is a Disney themed promotion of physical activities. If the children have the opportunity to practise these 10 minutes shake ups they could play with their friends next week in school and throughout the summer holidays.

## **Review of the Year 2018 – 2019**

With this newsletter is a form requesting your views about this year at school. Please return the completed sheets to the school office by the end of next week.

## **Bag for Books**

Next week could each child bring a strong plastic bag, large paper bag or similar to take their exercise books home in. Some books will be kept as examples of good practice should Ofsted or any other relevant agency wish to see evidence of the curriculum.

## **Open Afternoon**

There will be an Open afternoon for parents/carers on Monday 15th July, starting at 2.00 p.m. and continuing to 4.00 p.m. Please come to the entrance by the school office and you will be able to go to see your child's 'workplace'. Children may leave with their parent/carers prior to 3.20 p.m. All children are to be collected at 3.20 p.m. as usual, even if you plan to visit your child's class after that time.

## **Year 6**

Next week is a busy week in school for Year 6. They are on their final class visit on Tuesday, there is planned to be

a Staff v Year 6 Rounders match on Wednesday afternoon, the Leavers' Party is on Wednesday evening, the class are leading the final Mass of the school year on Thursday morning. Year 6 are leading most of the final school assembly of the year on Friday. All of this is on top of the 'Bugsy Malone' performances and receiving their Key Stage 2 SATs results, of which they should be very proud, with their reports today.

### **Toy Day**

Next Friday, Years 1 to 6 may bring in, at their own risk, toys for a 'Toy Day'. Children are not allowed to bring a device that requires headphones. Any toys or games that children bring in are on the understanding that it is at the owner's risk. I advise not bringing in valuable or fragile items. There are other plans for the children in Reception to have a lovely last day of the school year.

### **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. It will be Week 1 of the rota next week.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to Year 1 which was the best attending class last week, with a 99.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes for last week, which were Reception and Year 1, each with one child late during the week.

### **Term Dates 2019-2020**

St. Teresa's School's term dates for next academic year, for the children, are:

#### *Autumn Term 2019:*

*Monday 2nd September to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.*

*(Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September is a Teacher Training Day. The children will return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September is a Teacher Training Day).*

#### *Spring Term 2020:*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.*

*(Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is a Teacher Training Day. The children will return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January).*

#### *Summer Term 2020:*

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.*

### **Goodbye Mr. Palmer**

Today, we say goodbye to Mr Palmer whose final drumming lesson after twenty years at St. Teresa's School took place this afternoon. Thank you Mr Palmer for all of your hard work and dedication for so many children that you have taught. God bless you on your retirement.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - School closed to children for Caritas Christi In Urbe schools staff training day.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. - Open afternoon for parents and carers. All are welcome.
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 visit to Namco Funscape, Tamworth.
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Children meet their teachers for 2019-2020 and visit next year's classroom.
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. - Reception class for September 2019 and parents/carers in for storytime session (in Reception classroom).
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 p.m. - Year 6 v Staff Rounders Match.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. - Leavers' Party.
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00 a.m. - Leavers' mass in school. All are welcome.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00 a.m. - Leavers' Assembly. All are welcome.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Toy Day for Year 1 to Year 6.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 3.20 p.m. - End of the academic year.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Children return to school for the start of the 2019-2020 academic year.

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