



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Thursday 12th September 2019

***The school is closed on Friday 13th September.***

### **St. Teresa's Parish Barbeque**

Thank you to the families who were able to attend the parish barbeque at the church last Saturday evening. Many thanks to Fr. David and the parishioners for extending the invitation for this event to the school community.

### **Mass at School**

Thank you to the staff who led the readings at the school mass this morning. Thank you to Hien and Umayer for managing the technical systems, to Rosa, Ewa and Zofia for serving, and to Ben and Michael who were ushers.

### **Wednesday Word**

This week, the children in the Junior classes should have received a copy of the Wednesday Word. Please do make time to consider 'Care' from this weekend's gospel. We will reflect on this gospel reading at Monday morning's assembly.



### **Reception children in class full time**

Our Reception children will be in school for the whole day starting on Monday. I ask that parents and carers bringing children to school, and collecting them at the end of the school day, not wait at the area by the Reception class outdoor area gate as it will prove very difficult for others to pass.

This is a particular issue with pushchairs and parents coming to school a few minutes late to collect children as the majority of parents/carers are making their way out of the school. Please keep walking onto the Infant playground itself when bringing children to school and coming onto the school site to collect them. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.



### **Grateful and Generous**

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 Grateful and Generous.

We are growing to be grateful for our own gifts, for the gift of other people and for the blessings of each day; and to be generous with our gifts for others.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

In a fortnight there will be a Coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer Support at school. All parents, carers and parishioners are welcome. We are asking you to send in cakes and biscuits for the coffee morning. The school will provide the teas and coffees. Please bring in any cakes/biscuits from Monday 23rd September onwards.

Children may wear their own clothes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September; ideally to include something green which is the colour associated with the MacMillan cancer charity. We are asking that a donation of £1 is made for each child for which they may wear their own clothes, have a cake, or cakes if enough are donated, and a drink. If you are unable to attend you are welcome to make a donation at the school office in support of this worthwhile cause.

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure that water bottles contain water. There have been various drinks that children have brought into school this week. Please ensure that the water bottle has your child's name on it.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 2 and Year 6 who were the best attending classes last week with 99.2% attendances. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week; Reception, Year 2 and Year 3. Each of these classes had no children late to school throughout the week.

### School attendance for 2018-2019

The class attendance percentages for last academic year were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Year 5 - 97.7%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 3 - 97.0%
- =3<sup>rd</sup> - Reception and Year 4 - 96.0%
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 - 95.9%
- =6<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 and Year 6 - 94.9%



Please note these attendances are for last year's classes. The new Year 6 class were therefore the best attending class last year, as they were in 2017-2018 academic year.

The overall average attendance for the school last academic year was 96.0%. This was an increase on the attendance of the previous academic year, which was 95.7%. We need to improve our attendance again this year!

### School Fund

The school is requesting a contribution of £20 from each family for School Fund, also known as the Building Fund. School Fund can be paid in full to the office or through Parent Pay. Cheques are to be made payable to 'St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School'. If you pay by cash please put it in an envelope labelled as 'School Fund' and the family name. Thank you to those families who have already contributed, the majority of whom have done so through Parent Pay.

### Grammar School Entrance Exams

Please keep those children in Year 6 who are taking entrance exams for Queen Mary Schools, Walsall in your prayers. These exams are taking place on Monday.

Year 6 parents/carers should have received a letter last week with a Birmingham City Council letterhead. The letter has important information about the application for secondary school places for next September. Please contact school if you did not receive a copy of this letter.

### Welcome

Welcome to Thien-Kim and Jubayer who have joined the school this week.

### Dates for the Diary

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September - School closed to children for Caritas Christi In Urbe schools staff training day.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 p.m. to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 a.m. - Overnight experience for Junior children.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Playleader Training day for twelve Year 5 children.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 p.m. - Year 1 parent/carer briefing in Year 1 classroom.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 p.m. - Reception class parent/carer briefing in Reception classroom.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Caritas Christi In Urbe school Residential Visit for five Year 5 children.
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 a.m. - Mass in school. All are welcome.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 a.m. - MacMillan Coffee Morning.

D. Corkery

D. Corkery