



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### *Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

#### **Safeguarding**

During Monday morning's assembly, we considered that children bringing bars and foods that contain nuts must consider bringing those items in at all very carefully as we have children and staff who have nut allergies in school. St. Teresa's is not formally a 'no-nut' school but that may have to change.

We also noted that items on the hall floor, such as cutlery at dinner time, or tennis racquets dropped in the playground can easily be slipped on and cause a serious injury. Children must be mindful not to drop items on the floor and if things are dropped to then pick them up and put them where they should go.

The School Council met during the week to consider what helps the children feel safe or what makes them feel unsafe in school.

#### **Leadership Training**

Thank you to Mrs Murdock who accompanied six of our Year 5 children; Abbie, Mya, Victoria, Lydia, Jake and Ryleigh to a Sports Leadership training morning on Monday at Dorrington School. This event is linked to our work with Hamstead Hall School Games.

#### **Robin Hood performance**

On Monday afternoon, M&M Theatre Company visited the school for a performance of Robin Hood. The children had a loud and exciting time. The children who dressed as fairy tale characters added to the atmosphere of the performance. Thank you for those children who have donated £2.00 towards the cost of this event, which went a good way to covering the cost to the school.

#### **Wednesday Word**



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word sheet was given to the Junior children today. Please do make time to consider the theme of 'Community' from this weekend's gospel. We will reflect on this gospel reading early next week.

#### **Football results**

Yesterday evening, the Girls' 5-a-side football team competed in the Aston Primary Schools' Indoor tournament. The team played four games; drawing 0-0 and 1-1 and losing 1-0 and 3-0. Thank you to Miss Gibbon for her support. It was a good team effort by Nikola, Hien, Rosa, Tia, Tea, Chiaku and Uyen-Thi.

#### **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 today for this week are from Year 4. Well done to Manpreet, James, Deshon, Victoria, Esele and D'Sharnai who joined me for lunch today.

#### **Compassionate and Loving**

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 Compassionate and Loving. Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by our just actions and forgiving words.



### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to Year 1 who were the best attending class for the third consecutive school week, with 99.7% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week which were Year 1 and Year 2 each with one child late to school throughout the week.

### **Parent Governor Election**

Thank you to the four parents/carers who nominated themselves or, with their agreement, were nominated to stand for the two Parent Governor vacancies on the school's governing body. The ballot for the election of the two parent governors closed at 2.00 p.m. today. The results of the election will be forwarded to you soon.

### **Rags2Riches collection**

Please donate any clean unwanted items of clothing either on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February or by 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Collection bags have been sent home today with the children but if this bag is misplaced or there are additional items, any bag may be used.



### **Year of the Rat**

Happy New Year to those celebrating the Chinese New Year this weekend. This year is The Year of the Rat.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school supported by Year 4. All are welcome.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 3.30 p.m. - Meeting for the parents/carers of the Year 6 children going to the Residential Visit to Aberdovey in March. Those Year 6 children are also invited.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 3.30 p.m. - Meeting at school for the parents/carers of the Catholic children in Year 3 who are to make their First Holy Communion this year and for the parents/carers of the Catholic children in Year 5 and Year 6 who are to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year.
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Rags2Riches reusable clothing collection. Please donate any clean unwanted items of clothing either on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February or by 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Collection bags will be forwarded soon.
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 a.m. - Year 4 Class Assembly.
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school supported by Year 5. All are welcome.
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - End of the first half of the Spring Term.
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Start of the second half of the Spring Term.
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Mass at school to mark the start of Lent, supported by Year 6. All are welcome.
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 12.00 noon - Mass of Commitment for those children and parents/carers preparing for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Spring Term.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Start of the Summer Term for children.

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