



# **St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter**

## **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

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

### **Fire Drill**

On Monday morning, shortly after the start of the school day, there was a practice fire drill at school. The children who were at school on time were made aware of the practice that morning and all responded appropriately on hearing the bell.

### **Safeguarding**

During Monday morning's assembly, we reflected on the need for everyone to respond as they should and leave the building promptly on hearing the fire alarm whether they think it a fire drill or not.

We also considered how important it is that children do not loiter in the cloakrooms or come into the school building at break times without the permission of the staff members on duty. The excuse 'I need something from my bag' or 'I forgot something' is not a reason to be in the cloakroom or classrooms without permission.

### **Parent Governor Election**

A letter was sent home with your child at the start of the week confirming the election of Mr. Hardep Panesar and Mrs. Reena Suman as Parent Governors of the school for a four year term of office. Thank you to all four candidates who put themselves forward in the election for these positions.

### **Wednesday Word**



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

### **Mass at School**

Thank you to Year 4 for supporting our School Mass yesterday morning. Thank you also to Umayar and Hien for managing the audio-visual unit and thank you to Rosa, Zofia and Ewa for altar serving and to the ushers; Nikola and Hien.

### **Flyer from Explore Learning**

Yesterday, a flyer was given to the children with information from Explore Learning. Whilst we are happy to forward the information, please note that the school do not endorse this company or any other companies providing similar services.

### **Meeting for parents/carers of children going on the Year 6 Residential Visit**

After school today, at 3.30 p.m., there is a meeting for the parents and carers of Year 6 children, and the children themselves, who will be going on the Year 6 Residential Visit for the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### **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 3. Well done to the 'Harry Potter' Guided Reading group; Fatima, Ava, Maria M, Amelia and Soyini, 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 2 who were the best attending class last week, with a 99.0% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week which were Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 each with four children late to school throughout the week.

### 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 were sent home last week with the children but if this bag is misplaced or there are additional items, any bag may be used.

### Dates for the Diary

- 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 have been forwarded.
- 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.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school supported by Year 3. All are welcome.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey.
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Parents' Evenings.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school supported by Year 4. All are welcome.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 p.m. - 'Way of the Cross' at school. A reflection on the events of Holy Week led by children in Year 6. All are welcome.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30 p.m. - 'Eggs and Bonnets' in hall then at 3.00pm Infant parade
- 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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