



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 6th March 2020

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Ofsted Inspection Report

Today, you should have received a copy of the Ofsted Inspection report from the inspection which took place during the last week of last half term. Thank you to the children, staff and governors for their hard work in meeting the overall judgements from the new inspection framework. This report is also on the school's website (under 'Parents/Carers Information') and Ofsted's own website.

Mass of Commitment

Last Sunday, children from Year 3 who are preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and children from Year 5 and Year 6 who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation, were a focus during the 12.00 noon parish mass at St. Teresa's Church. Fr. David spoke at length about the faith journey these children are taking with the support of their families, the school and the parish. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Caritas Christi In Urbe Indoor Athletics

Last Friday morning, a team of Year 4 children represented the school at the Caritas Christi In Urbe Indoor Athletics event at Birmingham City University. The children; Ruth, Sukhjjevan, Sebastian, Tiana, Sam and Manpreet were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Murdock for taking the children to this event.

Caritas Christi In Urbe Tag Rugby

On Monday afternoon, a team of Year 6 children participated in the Caritas Christi In Urbe Tag Rugby festival at St. Chad's Catholic Primary School. The children; Michael, Ruben Umayer, Rosa, Sarvan, Ella, Prince, Tea and Sam, had an enjoyable and active afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Murdock for taking the group to this event.



Wednesday Word



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

World Book Day

Yesterday, the children could come into school dressed as a book character or in their own clothes and bring a favourite book into school. It was lovely to see the range of influences on the children's reading.

To celebrate World Book Day, the children have received a World Book Day token which can be used to get a free £1 book from selected high street stores and supermarkets or receive £1 off any book purchase. Please see the World Book Day token terms and conditions for more information.

Scholastic Book Club

The children will have received a leaflet for the Scholastic Book Club today. The closing date for the Scholastic book orders is Tuesday 24th March. Please order online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-teresas-b20> or alternatively world book day tokens can be used as part payment against any order placed through the school office. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards.

Father Hudson's Care- Good Shepherd Appeal

Last week, your child received a 'Father Hudson's Care-Good Shepherd Appeal' moneybox. Please send the moneyboxes back into school in the last week of term. The collection will be presented during a Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral in May.

Music Evening

Last night, the school held its Annual Music Evening. This was a very enjoyable and successful event at which a large number of our children showed their musical talents to an appreciative audience. It is remarkable to have such a large number of musical children at what is a relatively small school. Thank you to everyone who was involved; the audience, the staff who supported the evening and especially to the children. Several of the staff shared their talents with an exhibition of their campanology talents! A special thank you to Miss Walk who did a fantastic job in organising, directing and producing the evening.



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 6. Well done to Shaivi, Sarvan, Hien, Rohan, Karam, and Nikola who joined me for lunch today.

Faith-filled and Hopeful

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 Faith-filled and Hopeful.

Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful: We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope - that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.



Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 2 who were the best attending class last week, with 99.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class for that week which was also Year 2, with one child late to school throughout the week.

Lenten Fundraising Activities

Throughout Lent, the Year 6 children will be leading fund raising activities at playtime. This week's fundraising led by Zofia, Hien, Uyen-Thi, Chiaku, Tea and Rosa has raised £110.21. Well done to this group of children. The fundraising will continue at morning break times next week with Basketball Shoot Out, Mix 'n' Mingle Lucky Dip, sweets and pop. Prices start from 30p. All money raised during Lent will be divided between two charities: Father Hudson's Care Good Shepherd Appeal and CAFOD.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 12th March at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school supported by Year 4. All are welcome.
- Friday 13th March at 9.00 a.m. - Year 3 Class Assembly
- Monday 16th to Friday 20th March - Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey.
- Tuesday 31st March and Thursday 2nd April - Parents' Evenings.
- Wednesday 1st April at 11.00 a.m. - First Confessions for Catholic children in Year 3.
- Thursday 2nd April at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school supported by Year 3. All are welcome.
- Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd April - Life Education Caravan visit to school.
- Tuesday 7th 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 8th April at 2.30 p.m. - 'Eggs and Bonnets' in hall then at 3.00pm Infant parade on playgrounds (weather permitting).
- Thursday 9th April at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Spring Term. Please note this date is different to Birmingham maintained schools' end of Spring term date.
- Monday 20th April - Start of the Summer Term for children.
- Thursday 7th May - School closed due to being used as a polling station for the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Mayor elections
- Friday 8th May (not Monday 4th May) - Bank Holiday - School closed
- Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - Key Stage 2 SATs for Year 6 children.
- Tuesday 19th May at 7.00 p.m. - Confirmation Mass at St. Teresa's Church.
- Friday 22nd May - End of the first half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 8th June - Start of the second half of the Summer Term. Please note this date is different to Birmingham maintained schools' start of Summer term date.

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