



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 13th March 2020

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Ofsted Inspection Report

Last week, you should have received a paper copy of the Ofsted Inspection report from the recent inspection. This report is on the school's website (under 'Parents/Carers Information') and Ofsted's own website. Please contact school if you require a paper copy.

Swimming Gala

Last Saturday evening, the St. Teresa's Swimming team participated in the Birmingham Catholic Primary Schools' Swimming Gala at Wyndley Swimming Pool. The team were: Tia, Lydia, America, Saron, Sarvan, Noah, Kemai and Joshua M. All swam well in a high standard competition. Well done to the team, particularly for their excellent behaviour. Congratulations to America who reached the final of the Girls' Breaststroke. Thank you to Miss Gibbon for managing the team and to the children's parents for their support.

Safeguarding

During Monday morning's school assembly, we shared the importance of taking care of ourselves and others. In particular, we shared the importance of regular and careful handwashing and the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' campaign. Children have been given the opportunity to regularly wash and dry their hands throughout the school day.

Some children have brought their own packets of tissues and their own bottles of hand sanitiser into school this week. If families can source these items, children are welcome to bring them into school but they are for their personal use and not to be shared with others. This is the same with any food, particularly packed lunches, which are brought into school.

Following government announcements yesterday, the school continues to operate as normal and we are planning to do so for at least the short term future. This may change, and if there were to be a change to the advice provided to schools, particularly involving a closure of the school parents and carers would be informed we would update the homepage of the school website, contact parents/carers with text messages and, if there is enough notice, write to parents and carers. The school is advised daily through the Department of Education and is following the advice that is provided.

The school website (www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk) would be the vehicle to provide children with work, through the individual class pages, should the school close.

The Year 6 Residential Visit is, at this time, going ahead as planned next week. It is also the case that events noted in the 'Dates for Diary' are planned to go ahead.

It may be the case that individuals and families within the school community will have to self-isolate if they present with symptoms of a new persistent cough or a high temperature. We would anticipate that any parents/carers that observe these symptoms in their children would keep their child away from school for the required seven days. We would also anticipate parents/carers collecting children were their child to present these symptoms whilst at school.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education have launched a 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).

Wednesday Word



The Wednesday Word sheet was given to the Junior children earlier this week. Please consider the theme of 'God's Love' from this weekend's gospel.

World Book Day

Last week, the children 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.

Mass at school

Thank you to Year 4 who led the readings at mass yesterday morning. Thank you also to Hien for managing the audio-visual unit and thank you to Rosa, Zofia and Ewa for altar serving and to the ushers: Nikola and Ben.

Football results

Yesterday evening, the school football team played their first matches of the Aston Primary Schools' Spring Term 7-a-side league. The team played St. Mary's School, winning 2-1. Well done Ruben, Sarvan, Adan, Sam, Umayr, Ethan and Sukhsimran.

Year 3 Class Assembly

Thank you to Year 3 for their entertaining and enjoyable assembly this morning. Year 3 shared a lot of information about superstitions with today being Friday 13th!

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.

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 5. Well done to Ksawier, Mya, Karamvir, Nataniel, Jake and Charlie 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 and Year 3 as the best attending classes last week, with 99.7% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes for last week which were Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6, each with only two children late to school throughout the week.

Lenten Fundraising Activities

Throughout Lent, groups of Year 6 children will be leading fund raising activities at playtime. This week's fundraising led by Nyle, Karam, Shaivi, Nikola, Ewa and Amiya has raised £115.58. Well done to this group of children. The fundraising will not take place next week as the majority of Year 6 children will be on their Residential Visit.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 16th to Friday 20th March - Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey.
- Tuesday 31st March - Year 5 and Year 6 visit to the Ackers Adventure Centre
- 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 Year 6.
- Wednesday 8th April at 2.30 p.m. - 'Eggs and Bonnets' in hall then at 3.00pm Infant parade on playgrounds
- 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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