



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 16th October 2020

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Parents' Evenings

The intended face-to-face Parents' Evenings at school have been cancelled and replaced with telephone meetings as in Birmingham, with effect from Wednesday of this week, people from different households cannot meet indoors. On Wednesday you should have received information about the telephone Parents' Evening appointments if your child is in Years 1 to 6 and information for Reception was forwarded yesterday. Please contact the school office if you have not received information this week about your child's telephone Parents' Evening appointment.

Photographs

They family and individual photographs were taken on Tuesday morning of this week. It is intended that the proofs are forwarded to school to pass onto parents/carers before the half term break.

Catholic Life

This week's Wednesday Word sheets for this week, next week and the week after that are available on the 'Home' page of the school website. This week's Wednesday Word is 'Gratitude'.



Catholic Pupil Profile



This week the Catholic Pupil Profile Curious and Active Award goes to the children of Year 3 who have been so engaged and motivated in their work about Maya Angelou, reflecting Black History Month. There is also an award for Hiba, Samar and Isharma who helped Mrs Connell and Mr Allport pack food parcels for families within our school community.

There is special 'Curious and Active' award for the anonymous parent who has offered to pay for school dinners for a child whose family need support. We have identified a child for this generous parent to pay for their meals and the child can now eat without the family having to worry about how to pay for the school meals. The parent who a making these payments has definitely been active this week.

October; the month of the Rosary

As October is the month of the Rosary, there has been an opportunity to pray a decade of the Rosary daily this week, reflecting on the Luminous Mysteries. Thank you to Avani, Deshon, Manpreet, Kaiden, Fr. Peter, Ruth, Gianna, Keerat, Gabriel, Tiana and Samuel for leading the Rosary this week. The children have worked hard in planning and leading the Rosary to the school via Microsoft Teams.



Harvest

Since March, St. Teresa's School has worked with food banks in the local area, particularly Birmingham Care Group based in Hockley who have been amazing in providing food and other essential items for our families and families from other Caritas Christi In Urbe schools. The harvest goods that you have donated this week and hopefully will continue to donate next week, will be shared with families from our school community and given to these food banks. If you would like to contribute to the harvest collection, there is a box in each classroom for your child to put any donated items into the box. Father Peter will lead the children in a service of thanks for the harvest on Friday 23rd October.

Statue of Saint Teresa

Last week, the statue of St. Teresa that is kept in the entrance area was taken to be restored and it has been returned today. The before and after photographs of the statue will be on the website shortly.

Parents'/Carers' Briefings

During this half term each year we usually have a Parents'/Carers' Briefing for each class led by the class teacher. This year, the briefing information for your child's class is, or soon will be, on the relevant class page on the school website. Please go to the 'Classes' link on the drop down menu on the home page, and scroll down to the relevant class link for 2020-2021.

Black History Month



Saturday 24th October is United Nations Day, in recognition of this on Friday 23rd October children may come to school wearing their own clothes, ideally including colours reflecting their family's origins, for example, for me that would be green, white and gold; for our Polish children, white and red, for our children with Jamaican origins it would be green, black and yellow. Children whose families come from two or more countries can choose a selection of their colours. Children are also welcome to come in their national dress if they wish.

Secondary School application for September 2021

Below is information and relevant links taken from the Birmingham City Council School Admissions website page relevant to Year 7 Admissions for next September:

You will receive an email confirmation that you have submitted your application form. Please ensure to check your SPAM or Junk folder. It is important that you check your confirmation email to make sure everything is correct.

*You can amend your preferences right up to **11.59 pm** on the closing date (31 October 2020).*

IMPORTANT: *if you amend your preferences, please ensure you re-submit your application form before the closing date otherwise your application will not be processed.*

We will take your final submission as the application to process.

[Apply online](#)

Please do not use this form if your child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). Information about the secondary transfer process for children with special educational needs is available here: [Introduction to SEN secondary transfer](#)

Closing date: 11.59 pm 31 October 2020

It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. Applications received after the 31 October 2020 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 1 March 2021.

[Parents guide to how to complete an online application - SECONDARY](#)

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Today, your child should have received information for parents/carers to complete giving consent or not for the nasal flu vaccination to be administered. Please complete and return this form to school. Thank you in anticipation of your completed and returned forms.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October from 3.30 p.m. - Year 6 Telephone Parents' Evenings.
- Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October from 3.30 p.m. - Year 4 Telephone Parents' Evenings.
- Friday 23rd October - Black History Month non-uniform day wearing own national colours. No charge for this event.
- Friday 23rd October at 2.45 pm - Harvest Service led by Fr. Peter.
- Friday 23rd October - End of the first half of the Autumn Term.
- Saturday 31st October - Online applications for secondary schools for current Year 6 children to be submitted.
- Monday 2nd November - Start of the second half of the Autumn Term.
- Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November from 3.30 p.m. - Year 5 Telephone Parents' Evenings.
- Tuesday 3rd November and Wednesday 4th November - Reception class Telephone Parents' Evenings.
- Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November from 3.30 p.m. - Year 1 Telephone Parents' Evenings.
- Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November from 3.30 p.m. - Year 2 Telephone Parents' Evenings.
- Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November from 3.30 p.m. - Year 3 Telephone Parents' Evenings.
- Thursday 3rd December - Immunisation Team in school to provide Nasal Flu Vaccinations for all children.

Best wishes,

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