



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Parents' Evenings

This week, on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, Year 6 Telephone Parents' Evening discussions were held with Miss Walk and on Wednesday and yesterday afternoons the Year 4 Telephone Parents' Evening discussions were held with Miss Gibbon. The dates for the other classes are within the first two weeks of next half term and are noted at the end of this newsletter.

Please contact the school office if you have not received information this week about your child's telephone Parents' Evening appointment.

Miss Shirley, our Special Needs lead, has been working with class teachers to set targets and arrange provision for those children who require additional support. Miss Shirley will be in contact with the relevant parents/carers after the year group Parents' Evenings are completed to schedule a telephone conversation to discuss targets and provision.

Photographs

The proofs of the individual and family photographs were distributed at the start of this week. Thank you to those parents/carers who have returned orders to school. Please return any orders to school by Wednesday 4th November or you may choose to order online. The relevant information for ordering online is in the pack that contained your proof photograph.

Catholic Life

The Wednesday Word sheets for last week, this week and next week that are available on the 'Home' page of the school website and the form of a booklet. This week's Wednesday Word is 'Love'.



Catholic Pupil Profile

This week the Catholic Pupil Profile Curious and Active Award goes to Deshon for actively sharing so much information about Michael the Archangel and drawing such a detailed picture.

There is special 'Curious and Active' award for the anonymous staff member and their family who, having read last week's school newsletter are following the lead of one of our parents and have also offered to pay for school dinners for a child whose family need support. There is a 'Curious and Active' award for one of our parents who, yesterday morning, helped sort out the traffic jam at the front of the school. There is also a 'Curious and Active' award for the parent who has been making food donations weekly to the school since June in support of some of our families.

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 Sorrowful Mysteries. Thank you to Ummay, Victoria, Shanice, Jamie, Samuel, D'Sharnai, Sukhjeevan, Arjun and Fr. Peter for leading the Rosary this week. The children have worked hard in planning and leading the Rosary to the school via Microsoft Teams.



United Nations Day

Tomorrow is United Nations Day. To mark this children wore their own clothes today, which included colours reflecting their families' origins. The school was awash with bright colours and some lovely national themed outfits.



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. Thank you for the harvest goods that you have donated last week and this week. These items will be shared with families from our school community and given to these food banks. Thank you also to Father Peter who led the children in a service of thanks for the harvest this afternoon.



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. Please note that applications are to be made before the start of next half term in school:

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

Last week, 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 prior to Thursday 19th November, which is when they are to be collected. Thank you to those parents/carers who have completed and returned their forms.

School Website

To view your child's class page on the school website you can click on the 'Classes' link from the menu on the left-hand side of the home page and then on the relevant image of a sun to go directly to the specific class page.

The start of next half term

Most of the procedures in place this half term will continue in school upon our return to school from 2nd November. There are a few changes.

Should any child test positive for Covid-19 during the half term break please email the school at enquiry@stteresa.bham.sch.uk to make us aware and if necessary we can inform the parents of children in that class and take the appropriate action.

The children will continue with P.E. on the same day as they have had for this half term however, given the changing weather, these sessions are likely to be in the school hall rather than on the playground. Therefore, children are to continue to wear P.E. kit to school on their given day, with indoor kit - a yellow tee-shirt and black shorts - underneath but children are to bring pumps to schools to wear for P.E. lessons in the hall. The pumps can be brought in your child's school bag and are required only on the day of P.E. lessons.

Given that most children have not needed pumps since March they are likely to have outgrown their pumps from that time. If you cannot get to buy a new pair, children may wear trainers for the first few weeks back in school for P.E. lessons indoors. Where possible, children are to have a clean pair of trainers that they put on when going into the hall to keep that floor space clean enough for P.E. lessons.

When some parents/carers are bringing children in or collecting their children the parent/carers are within two metres of staff. I have asked staff to be prepared to wear masks and/or visors during these times. Please do not be offended if your child's teacher and/or teaching assistant are wearing PPE during the handover times but our priority

is to be safe. Similarly parents/carers and any person coming onto the school site is welcome wear a mask/visor to keep themselves and others safe.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 23rd October at 3.20 p.m. - 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 from 8.50 a.m. - 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 November - Photographs orders to have been returned to school.
- 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 19th November - All completed Flu Vaccinations forms to be returned to school whether giving consent or not for the vaccination to be administered.
- Thursday 3rd December - Immunisation Team in school to provide Nasal Flu Vaccinations for all children.
- Friday 18th December at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Autumn Term.
- Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the Spring Term for children.

Have a restful and safe half-term break.



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