



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Secondary School Applications

Parents/Carers of Year 6 children who have not yet submitted their application for places at secondary schools for September 2021 need to do so urgently as this was to be done by 31st October. Please contact school if you require support with this process.

In November We Remember

During November, the Church community gives special thought and prayers to loved ones who have died. Our school collective worship, done through Microsoft Teams, on Monday afternoon introduced the theme 'In November we remember' which will be a focus throughout this month. In next Monday's collective worship I will be asking the children which colour we associate with this theme.

Poppy Appeal

Under normal circumstances, poppies would have been on available this week but this has not been the case. Please do donate to this worthwhile cause where you can.

Parents' Evenings

This week, on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, Year 5 Telephone Parents' Evening discussions were held with Miss Gold. On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons Reception Parents' Evening discussions were held with Miss Gravell or Mrs Jones and on Wednesday and yesterday afternoons the Year 1 Telephone Parents' Evening discussions were held with Miss Goupilliere. The two remaining classes; Year 2 and Year 3, will have their Telephone Parents' Evenings next week.

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

Photograph orders for the individual and family photographs were to be returned to school by Wednesday 4th November. These orders were collected on Thursday. You may still order online. The relevant information for ordering photographs online is in the pack that contained your proof photograph.

Food parcels

From the donations that you made to school for the Harvest celebration at the end of last half term, a number of food parcels have been made up by Mrs Connell, Mr Allport, Hiba and Isharma. Should your family be one that have previously received food parcels through school, or if your family need a food parcel at this time, please go to the school office and we will try to provide while there are food parcels available.

Lockdown restrictions

The national lockdown restrictions from 5th November to 2nd December affect all of us. However, at this time the school and schools throughout England remain open. Routines and systems in school continue as before the half-term break. The new guidance has affected availability of all school staff to be in school and further limits visitors to the school site, specifically parents/carers in groups for meetings or performances.

Thank you once again to parents/carers, children and staff for the ongoing vigilance in preventing cases of Covid-19 in school. There is a real sense that members of the school community's actions are not just because of regulations being imposed but are because it is the right thing to do to try to keep all safe.

Catholic Life

The Wednesday Word for this week is available on the 'Home' page of the school website.
This week's Wednesday Word is 'Wisdom'.



Catholic Pupil Profile

This half term the two Virtues that are to be a focus for us and the other Catholic schools in the archdiocese of Birmingham are to be 'intentional' and 'prophetic'.

Intentional: planning our actions and choosing to live how God wants us to.



Every action we make has an impact on other people and the world around us. If we live intentionally, we listen to our conscience and deliberately decide that the actions we take will have a positive impact. We use the earth's resources wisely, think about the choices we make, and care for God's creation.
Prophetic: spreading the word of God through how we live our lives.

As we choose to act intentionally and make good decisions, we encourage others to do the same. We set a good example through our words and deeds and inspire other people to act in a positive and wise way. We help people to make the right decisions themselves and think about how God wants them to live their lives.

Inspired by the examples set recently by a parent and then by a member of staff who are each paying for the school meals for a child in the school, a staff member has paid the school meal money owed for another one of our children.

Children in Need

Next Friday, 13th November is Children In Need day. There is to be a non-uniform day. The theme is spotty clothes if possible and we are asking for a £1.00 donation which will be forwarded to Children In Need.

Dates for the Diary

- 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.
- Friday 13th November - a 'Spotacular' non-uniform day for Children In Need. Children may wear their own clothes, ideally with a spotty theme, for a £1 donation.
- 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.

Keep safe,

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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

*An extract from 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon,
published in the Times newspaper on 21st September 1914.*

