



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

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

In November, We Remember

During November, the Church community gives special thought and prayers to loved ones who have died. During our school Collective Worship, done through Microsoft Teams, on Monday afternoon I asked the children which colour we associate with this theme. We link the colour black with this theme.

Armistice

On Wednesday morning at 11.00 a.m., the school bell signalled a period of silence, reflecting the two minute silence across the nation. This was done in remembrance of those who have died in wars.

Parents' Evenings

This week, on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, Year 2 Telephone Parents' Evening discussions were held with Mrs Lal and on Wednesday and yesterday afternoons the Year 3 Telephone Parents' Evening discussions were held with Mrs Allport. As all classes have now had their Telephone Parents Evenings, Miss Shirley, our Special Needs lead, will be in contact with the relevant parents/carers to schedule a telephone conversation to discuss targets and provision.

Fr Peter's Visit

Fr Peter worked, socially distances and wearing a visor, with Year 6 and Reception yesterday morning. Speaking to him afterwards he was impressed with the depth and quality of questions from both classes. Well done Year 6 and Reception.

Contact details

Yesterday afternoon, you should have received a text message from the school reminding you about today's 'spotty' themed non-uniform day. As well as acting as a reminder for this event the text message is also a test that you do receive text messages from school. Please contact school if you did not receive the text message yesterday afternoon.

In the event of having to send a bubble home due to a positive result of a Covid-19 test the school will endeavour to contact parents/carers of the affected bubble. Therefore, it is vital that we have accurate telephone numbers and email addresses for all families.

Children in Need

Today has been a 'Spotacular' non-uniform day for Children In Need. Children could wear their own clothes, ideally with a spotty theme, for a £1 donation. Thank you to all who participated and donated their £1s. £208.25, including £25 of donations, has been raised for this cause.

Flu vaccinations

A reminder that the school have had a request from the Flu Vaccination Team, which will be in school on Thursday 19th November that completed reply slips be returned to school as soon as possible whether the child is to have the vaccination or not. Thank you once again in anticipation of your response. Thank you to those parents/carers who have returned the responses for their children.

Food parcels

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 come to the school office and we will try to provide while there are food parcels available.

Lockdown restrictions

In last week's newsletter I thanked parents/carers, children and staff for the ongoing vigilance in preventing cases of Covid-19 in school and noted 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. However, staff are increasingly - and worryingly during this period of lockdown - hearing children mention visiting the houses of others and doing things that appear to contravene the current regulations and potentially put those in the school community at risk. Please do follow the guidelines for the benefit of all.



Catholic Life

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

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.

Prophetic: spreading the word of God through how we live our lives.



Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying



The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week is from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November and nationally will start with Odd Socks Day to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week. Therefore, on Monday children and staff may wear odd socks - as interesting and unusual as you like - to school. Last year, 75% of schools in the country took part, reaching well over seven million young people.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have worked with over 300 young people and 100 members of school staff to develop the theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week. Their Anti-Bullying Week 2020 manifesto for change is:

"This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge."

Anti-Bullying Week is no different. Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying".

Diwali

Happy Diwali on to our Sikh and Hindu families, friends and members of the school community.

Baby Meiqo

Congratulations to Elle and Elijah on the birth of their baby brother Meiqo on 3rd November. Elle and Elijah are very proud of the new addition to the family who yesterday was brought for his first visit to school by mum.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 16th November - children and staff may wear odd socks to school as part of Anti-Bullying Week to highlight that we are all unique.
- 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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