



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 19th March 2021

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

It was this weekend a year ago that schools nationally were first closed to all but the children of critical workers and to vulnerable children. It has been a difficult year for all. We pray as we move on that life can return to normal and where people have recognised and responded to the needs of others that will continue.

The Wizard of Oz performances

On Monday, M&M Theatre Company visited the school for modified performances of The Wizard of Oz. The children had a loud and exciting time. The children who dressed as fairy tale characters and a range of heroes - with the NHS well represented - added to the atmosphere of the performance. Thank you for those children who have donated £2.00 towards the cost of this event, which went a good way to covering the cost to the school.

Cead Mile Failte

Thank you to everyone who made the effort on Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, to dress in green. The money donated has raised £165.40 for the school's Lenten charities.



First Confessions for Year 4 children

Congratulations to; Chikwere, Thien Kim, Maria S, Long, Arinze, Mila, Ava, Tarjae, Remy, Laura, Thiago, Christopher and Joshua who made their First Confession on Wednesday. Fr. Peter was in school to celebrate this special occasion in the faith life of these children. Well done to the children, supported by their friends in Year 4, for their reverence and respect. Thank you to Miss Shirley for preparing the Penitential Service we had together and to Miss Gibbon, Mrs Allport and Miss Shirley for preparing the children to receive this sacrament.

Relationship and Health Education Consultation

Thank you to the parents/carers who reviewed the school's Relationship and Health Education programme - Life to the Full - and completed and returned the consultation requested. The responses are being analysed before any of the key decisions are taken.

Confirmation for Catholic Year 6 children

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St. Teresa's Church on Tuesday 23rd March at 7.00 pm. Due to Covid restrictions each candidate for Confirmation this year can only be accompanied by one parent/carer and one sponsor. A sponsor needs to be a baptised Catholic over fourteen years old. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Testing for parents and carers of school aged children

NHS Test and Trace announced at the start of this month that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly. (Click on the link above to find out more and how to source the test kits):

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site - anyone aged 18 or over can collect two packs of seven tests
- by ordering a home test kit online - please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those you need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

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 provide as there are food parcels available.

Catholic Life

The Wednesday Word for this week is available on the 'Home' page of the school website. Please do share this weekends' gospel with the theme 'Follow'.



Attentive and Discerning



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 Attentive and Discerning.

Attentive to our experience and to our vocation; and discerning about the choices we make and the effects of those choices.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 which were the best attending classes last week; the first week this term that all children could attend school. Each of these classes had a perfect 100% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week, which were Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 each with no children late to school throughout the week.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have provided evidence of any appointments for which they wish to remove their child from school. This is very helpful in ensuring that all children are where they should be. Please do continue to provide the evidence for any necessary appointments in school time but do make every effort to not have appointments during the children's working day.

Dates for the Diary

- Sunday 21st March - National Census Day.
- Tuesday 23rd March at 7.00 p.m. - Sacrament of Confirmation for Catholic children in Year 6 at St. Teresa's Church.
- Thursday 1st April at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Spring Term.
- Monday 19th April - INSET Day. Only staff in school.
- Tuesday 20th April at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the Summer Term for children.
- Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday. School closed.
- Thursday 6th 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 28th May at 3.20 p.m. - End of the first half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 7th June - The final INSET Day of this academic year.
- Tuesday 8th June at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the second half of the Summer Term for children.
- Wednesday 21st July - End of the academic year.

Keep safe,

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