



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 26th March 2021

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Confirmation for Catholic Year 6 children



On Tuesday evening, nineteen of Year 6 and two of last year's Year 6 were at St. Teresa's Church for the sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Fr. Peter. It was a very different occasion from previous Confirmation masses in the parish but it was still an important occasion in the faith lives of the children involved and their families.

Thank you to Miss Walk for preparing the children, to Miss Shirley for preparing the mass, to Mr Walk for providing musical accompaniment on the organ and to Fr. Peter for celebrating the Confirmation Mass, which would usually be done by a bishop, and for ensuring that the church was Covid-safe.

Congratulations to: Chiaku, Ethan, Kacper, Abbie, Chloe, Kinga, Victoria, T'nae, Carlisle, Nataniel, Jake, Ryleigh, Madison, Rafael, Thanh, Mya, Kymani, Charlie, Olivier, Kemai and Jacob.

Catholic Life

The Wednesday Word booklet for the Easter break is available on the 'Home' page of the school website. Please do share the next four weekends' gospels with their themes, 'Praise', 'Easter', 'Encourage' and 'Believe'.



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, which was the best attending class last week with a perfect 100% attendance, closely followed by Reception, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 each with 99.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual classes last week, which were Reception, Year 3 and Year 4, each with no children late to school throughout the week.

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.

Holy Week at school

Next week is Holy Week. In school, there would normally be a number of events taking place. This has been curtailed this year, but there will be some normality. From Monday, Year 6 children will be leading virtual Lenten fundraising events with each activity costing 50p a go.

On Tuesday, Year 5 will be leading a Lenten Roadshow. This would normally involve children from other Caritas Christi In Urbe schools, but this year it will involve only our children. There will be other opportunities for prayer and liturgy throughout the week. The school have bought crème eggs for the children. These are now in quarantine prior to being given out towards the end of next week.

Please note that the Spring Term ends on Thursday next week.

♥Appeal for help

Below is a request to help Viktor's grand-mother, Anne Nawrocki. She was diagnosed with metastatic triple negative breast cancer (the most aggressive type) and it has spread to her bones and liver. Immunotherapy could potentially help save or at least extend her life but it is not available in France where she lives. The family have found a clinic in Germany for treatment but it will cost upwards of €100,000. Here is Anne's story translated from French:

My name is Anne, 61 year old school nurse, mother of 3 grown-up children and grand-mother of 2, one whom I still haven't been able to meet yet. In just under a year my world has been turned upside down. I was diagnosed with a triple negative breast cancer at the beginning of the first lockdown in March 2020. A triple negative breast cancer is considered the most aggressive type of cancer as it is very difficult to treat compared to other types of cancer. I have since received 14 sessions of chemotherapy followed by a tumorectomy, only to be told that I had to have a full mastectomy one month later.

In January 2021, I was due to start radiotherapy but it all got cancelled when it was found that the cancer had spread to my bones and liver. The medical professionals call it premature metastasis. It basically means that it has spread to the rest of my body quicker than it should have. I have been offered different options, none of which give me much hope.

So I looked further afield and found a private clinic in Germany offering a new promising therapy for triple negative breast cancer patients called Immunotherapy, which isn't yet available in France. This treatment costs €100,000. It isn't a treatment that I can afford which is why I am trying to raise funds so that I can extend my life as much as possible.

I thank you in advance for your support and any donations, big or small.

Thank you for reading,

Anne

If you wish to donate you may give cash via the school office in an envelope marked 'Appeal for Anne' or donate through the following link: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8xkjWHz7Am>

Welcome

Welcome to Layla who has joined St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School this week.

Dates for the Diary

- 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.
- Friday 23rd April - St. George's feastday. Children may wear own clothes with a white or red theme for a £1.00 donation to the school's Lenten charity.
- 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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DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD

Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on

28 March 2021



PALM SUNDAY