



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

*Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God*

### Vocations Day



On Wednesday we were visited by Deacon Owen of Oscott College who accompanied two sisters; Sister Mariam and Sister Michela, of the Sisters of the Minor of St. Francis. Our visitors spent time in each class with the focus being on vocations and specifically a vocation to religious life. We were given a wonderful insight into the life journey of our visitors who have dedicated their lives to God. At the end of the day the three visitors told me how wonderful, confident, articulate and knowledgeable our children are. Thank you to the children for being such wonderful representatives of the school. Thank you to Miss Shirley for organising this event and thank you to Deacon Owen, Sister Mariam and Sister Michela for their time and their dedication to living out their faith.

### Overnight experience

The children in the Junior classes have been invited back to school this evening at 8.00 p.m. until 8.00 a.m. on Saturday morning for an 'Overnight Experience' at St. Teresa's School. If you are bringing your child to the event, please bring him or her into school by the same route as the start of the school day and the children are to be collected in the same way, from their classrooms on Saturday morning.

This initiative is linked to the focus of 'Dignity of the Human Person'; a theme running across this term as part of our 'Building the Kingdom' curriculum. This event is to support children in their understanding of, and empathy for, the challenges facing the homeless. Thank you to the staff who are providing this opportunity for the children.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Next Friday, was to have been the national Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Support event in school. We are not in a position to hold a coffee morning but this worthwhile cause still needs support. Therefore, the children may wear their own clothes next Friday; ideally to include something green which is the colour associated with the MacMillan cancer charity. We are asking that a donation of £1 is made for each child. We will also forward on any other donations made to MacMillan as I am aware that this charity is significant to a number of our families.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 4 which was the best attending class last week with a 98.4% attendances. Congratulations to the most punctual classes for last week, which were; Year 3 and Year 5. Each of these classes had no children late being registered in school.

### School meals

Next week is Week 3 of the menu choices. The menu for the first half of the Autumn Term is on the School Dinners page on the school website which is at: <https://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/parents-info/school-dinners>

### Catholic Life

The Wednesday Word, linked to the gospel readings at this weekend's masses, is available on the 'Home' page of the school website. The theme for this weekend is 'Serving'.



### Eloquent and Truthful

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 'eloquent' and 'truthful'.



**Eloquent:** the ability to speak or write fluently, persuasively and appropriately. We are eloquent when we use language to express our ideas or opinions clearly and with conviction. When we choose our words, we should do so carefully so they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others. Eloquence isn't limited to speaking and writing. We can express ourselves in other ways like music, drama, painting or dance. We should use our creative gifts to say things in a way that is interesting, truthful, memorable and faithful.

**Truthful:** God wants us to be truthful in all we do. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', so being honest and truthful means we are following in his footsteps and living life the way God wants us to. Being truthful is being faithful to ourselves and to Jesus. We should stand up for the truth.

### Term Dates 2021-2022

St. Teresa's School term dates for this academic year are not the same as Birmingham maintained schools for the Easter and Whitsun breaks next year. St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School's term dates for the year are:

#### Autumn Term 2021:

Thursday 2nd September 2021 - Friday 22nd October 2021

Monday 1st November 2021 - Friday 17th December 2021

(Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September are Teacher Training Days. The children will return to school on Monday 6th September).

#### Spring Term 2022:

Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 28th February 2022 - Thursday 14th April 2022

(Tuesday 4th January is a Teacher Training Day. The children will return to school on Wednesday 5th January).

#### Summer Term 2022:

Monday 25th April 2022 - Friday 27th May 2022

Monday 13th June 2022 - ~~Friday 22nd July 2022~~ Thursday 21st July 2022\*

(Monday 25th April is a Teacher Training Day. The children will return to school on Tuesday 26th April.

Monday 13th June is a Teacher Training Day. The children will return to school on Tuesday 14th June).

\*The end of term is now on Thursday 21st July as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday has been transferred to Friday 22nd July for schools.

The term dates for the school are on the school website ([www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk)). The school term dates for 2021-2022 are on a link at the top of the 'Parents/Carers Information' page and at the bottom of the 'News and Diary' page.

### Dates for the Diary

- Friday 17th September at 8.00 p.m. to Saturday 18th September at 8.00 a.m. - Overnight experience for Junior children.
- Monday 20th September onwards - Reception class in full time.
- Thursday 23rd September - 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. - Year 5 football practice.
- Friday 24th September - MacMillan non-uniform day. Children may wear their own clothes; ideally to include something green (Please do not buy anything green just for this day). We are requesting a £1 donation for MacMillan Cancer Support.
- Friday 22nd October - End of the first half of the Autumn Term.

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