



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 8th October 2021

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Parking

At the start of this week, the office staff took two calls unrelated to each other, from local residents due to the parking by our parents when bringing their children to school and collecting them. The first call was regarding blocking a resident's parking space at the flats adjacent to the school. The second call was because a parent had parked across the driveway preventing the resident leaving their property by car.

Please do be considerate of residents when bringing your child to and from school. Many thanks in anticipation of your support and thank you to the majority of parents/carers who are considerate of local residents and of other road users.

October; the month of the Rosary

As October is the month of the Rosary, there has been an opportunity to pray a decade of the Rosary at the start of this week, reflecting on the first Joyful Mystery; the Annunciation of the birth of Jesus. Thank you to Year 2, Miss Shirley and Mrs Lal for leading the Rosary for the school via Google Classroom.



Helping Hands

It is three weeks since the majority of our Junior children stayed at school for our Overnight Experience. At the start of this week children in the Junior classes should have brought home a letter launching our campaign to raise funding for 'Helping Hands' to provide resources for homeless people. Once emptied (!) the Smartie tube that your child was given can be used to collect 20p coins. These filled tubes are to be returned to school by Monday 8th November. The money raised is to be used to buy items needed by Helping Hands for homeless people. This campaign was led two years ago by the children who were in Year 4 at the time; now our Year 6 children. This time we are asking that all of our Junior children help us to raise funds in support of 'The Dignity of the Human Person'.

Visits to St. Mary's Convent, Handsworth

On Tuesday morning, Year 5 went, on the Number 16 bus, to St. Mary's Convent in Handsworth for a visit linked to the sacrament of Confirmation programme. On Wednesday morning, Year 6 did the same visit. The feedback that I had was that the children were a credit to the school. Well done to the children of those two classes. Thank you to Miss Shirley for arranging these visits and to Miss Gold, Miss Bennett, Miss Shirley, Mrs Walk and Mrs Carbery for taking the children on these visits.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 4, which was, for the second week running, the best attending class last week. Their attendance last week was 98.3%. Congratulations to the most punctual classes for last week, which were; Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6. 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 'Happiness'.



School Photographs

On Tuesday 12th October, the school photographer will be in school. If you have a pre-school aged child and would like a photograph of him or her with your children who are at school please bring your children to the school office from 8.30 a.m. If you do not wish your child or children to have photographs taken please inform the school in writing.

Book Fair in school

The week after next, we will host a Book Fair in school. During the week the children will have the opportunity to view the books that will be in school.

This year, Travelling Books have provided digital links rather than printed handouts showing the books that are available. Mrs Connell and Mrs Guest have offered to manage the book fair after school in the hall on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October. Once you collect your child from school, you may then come to the hall, via the main office entrance, to view the books and buy directly from Mrs Connell or Mrs Guest.

Below is the link for the leaflet highlighting some of the books available:

<https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/47/91/travelling-books-invitation-autumn-2021-2028914.pdf>

This the link for making payments in person, your child bringing money to buy a book into school or online payment:

<https://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/b2/d7/tbf-fairs-payment-instruction-flyer-2034077.pdf>

Birmingham City Council Special Educational Needs and Disability Webinars

Birmingham City Council are leading webinars on different aspects of Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND). If they are of interest, please click on the link below. Further information can be found on the attached leaflets.

SEND and Welfare Benefits webinar:

Monday 18th October 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/send-welfare-benefits-update-18th-october-1030am/>

Monday 18th October 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. – <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/send-welfare-benefits-update-18th-october-2pm/>

Welcome

Welcome to Andrea who joined our school at the start of this week.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 11th October – 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. – Year 5 and Year 6 Girls' Football practice.
- Tuesday 12th October – Wrates Photography in school to take individual and family school photographs. Should any parent/carer not wish their child/children to have their photograph taken please inform the school office staff; Mrs. Connell or Mrs. Guest, in writing.
- Wednesday 13th October – Group of Year 5 children at 'Playleader' training.
- Thursday 14th October at 9.15 a.m. – Year 4 Class Mass at school.
- Thursday 14th October – 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. – Year 5 and Year 6 Boys' Football practice.
- Monday 18th to Friday 22nd October – Book Fair at School. (No Book Fair after school on Wednesday 20th October).
- Wednesday 20th October – Year 3 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue.
- Thursday 21st October – Year 2 (not Year 3!) visit to Guru Nanak Gurdwara.
- Sunday 31st October – Applications for secondary schools for current Year 6 children who are residents of Birmingham to be completed at <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

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