



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Welcome back!

Welcome back to the children, parents, carers and staff at the start of this new academic year. I hope that you had some sort of a break during the summer and are ready for the year ahead.

We will soon welcome our new Reception class who will be starting with us next week. They and their parents/carers have been meeting with Miss Gravell and Mrs Jones this week. It has been wonderful to have the children from the other six classes back in school. I ask that you keep last year's Year 6 children in your prayers as they start the next step of their lives in secondary education.

We continue with the start and end to the school day that was in place last school year. Children, accompanied by an adult, if that is the norm for your child, may come onto the school site from a few minutes before 8.50 a.m. and go into class via the playgrounds. The end to the day will continue to be 3.20 p.m. The large double gates may be used for entry and exit at the start and end of the school day. The gate by the Reception outdoor area is an exit only.

For the first times since March 2020, all of the children are having morning and afternoon break at the same time.

We are continuing with one longer P.E. lesson each week. To prevent clothing mix ups or uniform being handled by others or mislaid we are asking that on the day of their P.E. lesson the children wear an outdoor P.E. kit all day - they will therefore not need their uniform on that day. The outdoor P.E. kit is to be a P.E. t-shirt - not football shirts please - and shorts over which the children wear a long sleeved top and jogging/tracksuit bottoms or similar. For Year 1 to Year 6, the children may wear their Caritas Christi In Urbe Commonwealth Games t-shirts - if they still fit! Children are to wear trainers or pumps on their relevant day; for Year 1 this will be Tuesdays, for Year 2 it will be Mondays, for Year 3 it will be Wednesdays, for Year 4 it will be Fridays, for Year 5 it will be Thursdays and Year 6 will need to bring appropriate kit with them for Swimming on Fridays.

Peripatetic Music lessons resume from next week for most of our groups. The violin lessons with Mr Torma will now take place on Mondays, The drumming lessons which take place during the school day sessions with Mr Palmer will be on Tuesdays. The after school Percussion Ensemble will re-commence on Tuesday 20th September. The flute and fife lessons with Mrs Lord will continue on Fridays. The cello lessons will take place on Thursdays from 29th September onwards.

Family Circumstances

If parents/carers of any children are having hardship, particularly getting food, please contact the school and we will signpost you to groups that may be able to help you. We have been previously been able to source food parcels and other support for families where we aware of any need and will continue to do so. The school's Family Support Worker; Mrs Ranson, can also provide help and advice with any support required.

Uniform

It is lovely to see how smart the children look at the start of the new school year. Please do ensure that the different elements of your child's uniform, including coats and P.E. kits, have their name on it. Please contact the school if affording the cost of school uniform is a concern.

Grammar School Entrance Exams

The families of children in Year 6 who are taking a grammar school entrance exam for the Birmingham Grammar Schools should have received the information required for taking these exams which take place on Saturday 17th September.

Catholic Life

The Wednesday Word for this weekend is available on the 'Catholic Life' page of the school website. Please do share this week's Wednesday Word, which has reflections for this weekend's gospel with the theme of 'Care'.





Compassionate and Loving

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 Compassionate and Loving. The challenge is to be:

Compassionate: *We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.*

Loving: *We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.*

School meals

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

School Fund

The school is requesting a contribution of £20 from each family for School Fund, also known as the Building Fund. School Fund can be paid in full to the office. Cheques are to be made payable to 'St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School'. If you pay by cash please put it in an envelope labelled as 'School Fund' and the family name. Many thanks in anticipation of your support. Donations can also be made through ParentPay.

Queen Elizabeth II – 1926 – 2022. Rest In Peace



The nation is now in a period of mourning following the death of Queen Elizabeth II yesterday. During our Collective Worship this morning, as a school community we shared a reflection on her significance for us, the country and the whole world. We prayed for the repose of her soul and for King Charles III.

As was discussed with the children this morning, this is a significant period and we are living through an historic time. No one within the school, and I am sure, the vast majority who have links to the school community will know anything other than Queen Elizabeth as our monarch.

We pray for Her Majesty and give thanks for her lifetime of dedicated service. At this time, arrangements for her funeral and subsequently arrangements for the coronation of King Charles III and any school closures have not been confirmed.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 12th to Friday 16th September – New Reception class in for either the morning or afternoon.
- Monday 12th September and subsequent Mondays – Mr Torma in school for Violin lessons.
- Monday 12th September from 3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. – Year 4 Parents'/Carers' briefing in Y4 classroom.
- Tuesday 13th September and subsequent Tuesdays – Mr Palmer in school for Drumming lessons.
- Wednesday 14th September from 3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. – Year 3 Parents'/Carers' briefing in Y3 classroom.
- Thursday 15th September from 3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. – Year 5 Parents'/Carers' briefing in Y5 classroom.
- Friday 16th September and subsequent Fridays – Mrs Lord in school for fife, flute and recorder lessons.
- Friday 16th September and subsequent Fridays this term – Year 6 Swimming lessons.
- Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th September – all Reception children in from 8.50 – 12.00, including school dinner.
- Tuesday 20th September – Year 3 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue.
- Tuesday 20th September – After school Percussion Ensemble to re-commence.
- Wednesday 21st September onwards – Reception class in full time.
- Thursday 22nd September from 3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. – Year 2 Parents'/Carers' briefing in Y2 classroom.
- Friday 23rd September from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. – Year 5 and Year 6 Girls' Football practice.
- Thursday 29th September and subsequent Thursdays – Cello lessons recommence for this group of children.
- Friday 30th September from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. – MacMillan Coffee Morning.

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