



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 16th September 2022

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Welcome

Welcome to our new Reception class who started with us this week. These children have been in school during the morning or the afternoon this week. They will all be together on Tuesday morning, and having their first school dinner. From Wednesday, the Reception class are in school full-time.

Parents' Briefings

Thank you to the parents/carers of Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 who came to the relevant Parent/Carer briefings after school this week. The briefings have been well attended and I hope that the parents/carers who did come in found their briefing useful.

The briefings for the other four classes take place over the next two weeks. The dates for those briefings are at the end of this newsletter. You should have received a paper copy with further details for your child's Class' Briefing.

Visitors to Year 2

On Wednesday there were two additions to Year 2 as Mrs Byrne's guinea pigs were in school for part of the class' Science work. Biscuit and Bella behaved themselves wonderfully and enjoyed being the centre of attention.

Mass for Queen Elizabeth II

Yesterday morning, Year 1 to Year 6 celebrated mass for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II. Thank you to Fr. Peter for leading mass. Thank you to those staff members who played their part in leading the readings, bidding prayers and offertory procession. Thank you also to our new altar servers; Chikwere, Muganzi, Chizi and Edward, all of whom were wonderful and looked the part in the school's new albs and chasubles which they wore to serve mass.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 3, which was the best attending class last week with a 99.6% attendance. Congratulations to Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 for being the most punctual classes. There was no Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 children late before or after the registers closed for the four days that the children were in school last week.

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.

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 tomorrow, Saturday 17th September. Please keep these children in your prayers.

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 'Trustworthy'.



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 1 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>

Parking outside of school

Please be mindful of families trying to get into school and leave school safely each day when parking. Please also consider the residents of Butlers Road when parking.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 19th January - School closed for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.
- 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.
- Wednesday 21st September onwards - Reception class in full time.
- Wednesday 21st September from 3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. - Year 6 Parents'/Carers' briefing in Year 6 classroom.
- Thursday 22nd September from 3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. - Year 2 Parents'/Carers' briefing in Year 2 classroom.
- Friday 23rd September at 9.00 - Congratulations Assembly. Parents/carers are welcome.
- Friday 23rd to Monday 26th September - a group of Year 5 children at the Caritas Christi In Urbe Residential Visit.
- Friday 23rd September from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. - Year 5 and Year 6 Girls' Football practice.
- Tuesday 27th September - After school Percussion Ensemble to re-commence.
- Wednesday 28th September from 3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. - Year 1 Parents'/Carers' briefing in Year 1 classroom.
- Thursday 29th September at 9.15 a.m. - Mass in School - in celebration of our patron saint, St. Teresa of Lisieux, whose feast day is on 1st October. All are welcome. (See information at the end of this newsletter).
- Thursday 29th September from 3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. - Reception Parents'/Carers' briefing in Reception classroom.
- 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.
- Saturday 1st October - 5.00 p.m. at St. Teresa's Church - Mass followed by a celebration for the 75th anniversary of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.
- Saturday 1st October - Applications for Reception places for September 2023 open on Schools' Admissions website.
- Monday 10th to Friday 14th October - Book Fair in school.
- Tuesday 11th October - Wrates Photography in school to take individual and family school photographs. Should a 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.
- Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October - Parents' Evenings.

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LET'S CELEBRATE!

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Parish of St Teresa in Perry Barr.



To celebrate we will be having a Thanksgiving Mass in honour of St Teresa in church on our patron saint's feast day

Saturday 1st October 5pm

including veneration of our relic of St Teresa, followed by a party.

Drinks will be provided but it would be great if you could bring a dish to share that reflects your heritage (cold dishes only please as we have limited facilities for reheating food).

This is a great opportunity for us to get together as a parish family again at last!