



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 23rd September 2022

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Year 3 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 3 visited Singers Hill Synagogue. The children were very well behaved and respectful and had an interesting and informative morning. Thank you to Mrs Allport and Mrs Murdock for taking the children on this visit.

Parents' Briefings

Thank you to the parents/carers of Year 2 and Year 6 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 Reception and Year 1 classes take place next week. The dates for those briefings are at the end of this newsletter.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 4, which was the best attending class last week with a 100% attendance. Congratulations to Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 for being the most punctual classes. There were no Reception, Year 3 or Year 4 children late before or after the registers closed 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 able to source food parcels and other support for families where we are 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 Queen Mary's Grammar Schools, Walsall should have received the information required for taking these exams which take place tomorrow, Saturday 24th 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 'Sharing'.



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 2 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>

Covid-19 cases in school

Please continue to be vigilant for the signs and symptoms of Covid-19. Since the start of term, there have been three children or adults in school with positive results. Please see the NHS website which was updated earlier in the year to include nine further signs or symptoms of coronavirus in children. Go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/> for further information.





MacMillan Coffee Morning

St Teresa's is hosting a coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer Support next Friday morning at school. All parents, carers and parishioners are welcome. Please come along to the school hall for a cake and a cuppa from 9.00am to 10.30am. The children will be joining us class by class.

We are asking you to send in cakes and biscuits for the coffee morning. The school will provide the teas and coffees. Please bring in any cakes from next Monday onwards. All cakes must have their full ingredients listed and not contain any nuts.

Children may wear their own clothes next Friday; ideally to include something green which is the colour associated with MacMillan cancer charity. A donation of £1 is requested for each child for them to wear non-uniform, have a cake and a drink. If there are any surplus cakes left over, a cake sale will be held after school in the playground.

If you are unable to attend, you are welcome to make a donation in support of this worthwhile cause at the school office, on Parentpay or by scanning the QR code on the fundraising posters around school.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 23rd to Monday 26th September - a group of Year 5 children at the Caritas Christi In Urbe Residential Visit.
- 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. Postponed to Monday 14th November to Thursday 17th November.
- Tuesday 11th October - Writes Photography in school to take individual and family school photographs. Should a parent/carers 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.
- Friday 21st October at 3.20 p.m. - End of the first half of the Autumn Term.
- Monday 31st October at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the second half of the Autumn Term.
- Monday 31st October - Flu vaccinations in school. Further information has been forwarded to parents/carers this week.

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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!