



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 6, which was the best attending class for the three days that the children were in school last week. Year 6's attendance was 98.9%. Congratulations to Year 1 for being the most punctual class for the three school days of last school week. There were no Year 1 children late before or after the registers closed.

Wednesday Word



The Wednesday Word this weekend is available on the 'Catholic Life' page of the school website at <https://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/religious-life/wednesday-word>. Please do make time to consider the themes of 'Witness' from this weekend's gospel.

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.



Coming into and leaving school

Please remember to stay off the grassed area by the Junior classes as you come onto the school site in the morning and when leaving in the afternoon. Children are walking on the muddy grassed areas as they come into school and are bringing mud into the classrooms and corridors at the start of the school day.

Please also note that the school day starts at 8.50 a.m. The school gates are opened a few minutes before this time so that the children can be outside their class when the bell for the start of the school day rings. I see many of the same parents and children regularly, and in some cases daily, arriving at school up to 9.00 a.m.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who continue to support the safe and calm entry to and exit from school by only using the pathway by the Reception outdoor area to exit the school site.

School meals

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

Term Dates

Please note that prior to Easter and during the Summer Term, St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School's term dates are not the same as Birmingham local authority dates. (This information is on the school's website on a link at the top of the 'Parents and Carers' Information page and at the bottom of the 'News and Diary' page).

Spring Term (for the children):

The end of this half term is Friday 17th February at 3.20 p.m. The second half of the Spring Term is from Monday 27th February to Thursday 6th April.

Summer Term (for the children):

The first half of the Summer Term is from Tuesday 18th April to Friday 26th May. The second half of the Summer Term is from Monday 12th June to Friday 21st July.

Parent Governor Elections

Today, information is being sent out to parents/carers regarding the election process for a Parent Governor for the school. Nominations for this important role in the life of the school closes at 3.30 p.m. next Friday 20th January.

If you did not receive the information the three documents are on the 'Parents/Carers' page of the school website at <https://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/parents-info>. Paper copies of the information are also available from the school office.

Welcome

Welcome to Adam, who has joined St. Teresa's School this week. Welcome also to (another) Mrs Jones who is working mainly with Year 3 and welcome to Miss Howard and Mrs Gallagher who will be with Year 1 and Year 2 respectively this school term.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 16th December at 3.00 p.m. to Friday 27th January at 3.00 p.m. - Consultation on the 2024/2025 Admission procedures. These procedures and a letter with further details were forwarded to parents/carers on 16th December and are available as downloads at www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/parents-info
- Sunday 15th January - Closing date for applications for places in Reception 2023 in Birmingham schools. This is done by applying at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.
- Monday 16th January - Visiting theatre group performance of 'Cinderella' at school for all children. Children to donate £2.00 for performance and may dress as fairy tale characters for the day. Payment can be made on ParentPay. Please do not go to any expense to provide a costume for your child.
- Wednesday 18th January - 9.00 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. - Parents and carers are invited to a Hygiene, Healthy Eating and Sleep workshop led by Nurse Lowe. Information was forwarded earlier this week. Please contact the school office if you have not received that information.
- Thursday 19th January at 9.15 a.m. - Mass in school supported by Year 6.
- Friday 20th January at 3.30 p.m. - Closure of nominations for a Parent Governor.
- Thursday 26th January - Nursing team in for Reception and Year 6 height and weight measurements. Parents/carers of this classes should have received information should they wish to opt out of these measurements.
- Tuesday 31st January - Rags2Riches collection day at school. The weight of the items donated will determine the amount of money the school will receive.
- Thursday 2nd February at 9.15 a.m. - Mass in school supported by Year 5.
- Friday 3rd February - St. Teresa's Boys and Girls teams competing in the Caritas Christi In Urbe Cross Country running event at St. Paul's Girls' Secondary School (re-arranged from Friday 13th January).
- Friday 10th February at 9.00 a.m. - Year 6 Class Assembly to which parents/carers are invited.
- Thursday 16th January departing at 9.00 a.m. - Year 3 to Year 6 and accompanying staff walking to St. Teresa's Church for mass at 9.30 a.m. At approximately 10.10 a.m. children and staff will walk back to school, arriving at school at approximately 10.40 a.m. Parents and carers are invited to walk with us to and from church and join us for mass.
- Friday 17th February at 9.00 a.m. - Year 2 Class Assembly to which parents/carers are invited.
- Friday 17th February at 3.20 p.m. - End of the first half of the Spring Term
- Monday 27th February at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the second part of the Spring Term.

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