



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Cinderella

On Monday afternoon, M&M Theatre Company visited the school for a performance of Cinderella. The children had a loud and exciting time. The children who dressed as fairy tale and story characters added to the atmosphere of the performance. Thank you for those children who have donated £2.00 towards the cost of this event, which went a good way to covering the cost to the school. Well done Miss Gibbon, Miss Bennett and Mrs Murdock who were also 'volunteered' to be part of the performance and did so wonderfully!

Hygiene, Healthy Eating and Sleep workshop

Thank you to those parents/carers who joined Nurse Lowe on Wednesday morning for a Hygiene, Healthy Eating and Sleep workshop. I hope that the information and chance to meet was valuable to those parents/carers.

Mass with Year 6

Thank you to Maria M, Soyini, Nikhil, Remy, Amelia, Maya, Mila, Tarjae, Chikwere and Jayden for leading the readings and Saron and Amrit for bringing to offertory gifts forward at yesterday morning's Mass in school. Thank you to our altar servers; Chizi, Edward, Essey and Liz for contributing to the mass. Thank you also to Ava and Long for managing the audio-visual system.

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 'Community' 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.



Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 6, which was the best attending class for the third consecutive week. Year 6's attendance was 99.7%, closely followed by Year 5 on 99.0% attendance. Congratulations to Year 2 for being the most punctual class last week. There were no Year 2 children late before or after the registers closed.

School meals

Next week will be Week 1 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

Parent Governor Elections

Last Friday, information was 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 close today at 3.30 p.m.

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.

Rags2Riches4Schools

We have organised another collection from the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme. We get 40p for every kilo we collect of clean and reusable items and would be most grateful if you could help us. All clothing is currently being sent to Ukraine.

Items that can be donated include: good quality clothes and accessories, adults, children's and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

They cannot reuse the following items: worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in, curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books, personalised items, work uniform, school uniform or school sports kit.

Please use any bags you have at home and bring them to school on Tuesday 31st January. All bags are to be left in the gazebo in the school playground ready for collection from 9.00 a.m.

Industrial Action by Teachers

Results of the ballot by teaching unions on industrial action have recently been announced. One of the teaching unions, the NEU, have been mandated by their members to take action short of strike action and strike action. The dates for the strike action that may affect the school are; Wednesday 1st February, Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. Classes in school may be affected on one or more of these dates.



Year of the Rabbit

Happy New Year to those celebrating the Chinese New Year this weekend. The new year is The Year of the Rabbit.

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
- 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 - Rags2Riches4Schools collection day at school.
- 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 February departing at 9.30 a.m. - Year 3 to Year 6 and accompanying staff walking to St. Teresa's Church for mass at 10.00 a.m. At approximately 10.40 a.m. children and staff will walk back to school, arriving at school at approximately 11.10 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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