



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 27th 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 fourth consecutive week. Year 6's attendance last week was 98.7%, followed by Year 3 on 98.0% attendance. Congratulations to Year 3 for being the most punctual class last week. There were three Year 3 children late before registers closed last week and no Year 3 children arrived after the registers closed.

School meals

Next week will be Week 2 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, a ballot letter, the nominees' statements and the ballot papers were sent out for the election of one parent governor. There are two candidates; Camile Douglas and Moyeena Khan. The ballot closes at 3.30 p.m. on Monday 30th January with the results announced shortly after. Please do make every effort to complete and return your ballot paper.

If you did not receive or have mislaid 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.

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 theme of 'Happiness' 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.



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

Nationally, members of the NEU teaching union will be taking strike action next Wednesday 1st February. At our school this means that Year 1 and Year 3 will be closed to the children in those classes on that day.

Children in the other classes are to attend school as usual. This includes siblings of the children in the two classes which will not be in school.

The other dates for the strike action by the NEU that may affect the school are; Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. Year 1 and Year 3 may be affected on any or all of these dates.

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
- Monday 30th January at 3.30 p.m. - Close of the ballot for the election of a parent governor.
- Tuesday 31st January - Rags2Riches4Schools collection day at school.
- Tuesday 31st January during the morning - Playleader update training for twelve Year 5 children at Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre.
- Wednesday 1st February - Year 1 children and Year 3 children not in school due to industrial action.
- 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.
- Thursday 9th February from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - Aston Primary Schools' Boys' 5-a-side football tournament at Goals, Perry Barr.
- 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.
- Thursday 16th February from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - Aston Primary Schools' Girls' 5-a-side football tournament at Goals, Perry Barr.
- 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.
- Tuesday 21st February - Shrove Tuesday.
- Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of the season of Lent in the liturgical year.
- Monday 27th February at 8.50 a.m. - Children return to school for the start of the second part of the Spring Term.

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