



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 12th May 2023

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

King Charles III

Congratulations to his majesty, King Charles III, following his coronation last Saturday.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Thank you to Year 5 for their thought provoking and mature assembly last Friday morning sharing with us the fight for the right for women to vote in this country. Well done Year 5. You led a wonderful assembly.

Key Stage 2 SATs



This week, from Tuesday to today, Year 6 children have been taking the Key Stage 2 SATs tests. The children, and the staff working with them, have coped with a stressful and challenging week. The test papers have been sealed and collected for marking. The results will be returned to school shortly before the Year 6 children leave us in July. Thank you to the staff and to the parents/carers who have worked in support of these children. Today, in recognition of Year 6 completing their SATs tests, they have had an afternoon of celebration.

Next week, the children in Year 2 will undertake their Key Stage 1 SATs. Please keep these children, their parents and the staff working with them in your prayers.

Sun Safety sessions

On Wednesday morning, Nurse Lowe led sun safety sessions for Reception and Year 1 classes. Year 2 and Year 3 had sun safety sessions two weeks ago. These sessions were planned some time ago but hopefully the children from those classes will be prepared when the weather does improve. On 24th May, Year 4 are to have a sun safety session with Nurse Ruth and on 21st June, Year 5 and Year 6 are to have their sun safety sessions - by which time it may be relevant given the weather we've had recently!

Walk with Wildlife

Next week is Walk to School Week, with the theme being 'Walk with Wildlife'. The children have been challenged to walk, scoot, cycle or 'park and stride' to school for as many days as possible next week. We are being asked to consider the difference walking can make for individuals, communities and the planet! There is a theme to be considered for each day next week. These themes are; inclusion, sustainability, health, mindfulness and friendship.



The children have received a Walk with Wildlife activity diary and next week staff will be asking at the start of each day if the children have walked or made an alternative active journey to school that morning. The children who manage to do so will receive a sticker each day.

Those who have to use a car or public transport, are being asked to park and stride, which means parking a little further away from school or getting off the bus one stop earlier and walking in to school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 2 which were the best attending class the last week, with 98.3% attendance, followed by Year 4 and Year 5 on 97.1% attendance. Congratulations to Year 3 for also being the most punctual class. There were no Year 3 children late before or after the registers closed last week.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word for 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 'Helper' from this weekend's gospel.

The Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues

This half term the two Virtues that are a focus for us and the other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are to be 'curious' and 'active'. The challenge is to be curious about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for our own learning, and by taking opportunities to be active in the life of the school, the Church and wider community.



School meals

Next week will be Week 2 of the School Meal 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

Diamond Academy Football Trials

Children in Years 2 to Year 6 have been offered a flyer for football trials with Diamond Academy next Saturday 20th May at Handsworth Grammar Playing Fields, Romilly Avenue. If your child is in those year groups and is interested but has not received the information please contact the school office.

Goodbye

Goodbye to Miss Monahan and Miss Haynes who have been working with Year 3 since March. Thank you both for your hard work in support of our children. We wish you every success in your teaching careers.

Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday 17th May - Year 5 visit to Safeside.
- Tuesday 16th May to Friday 19th May - Key Stage 1 SATs tests for Year 2 children.
- Thursday 18th May - Reception Class visit to Ash End Farm.
- Thursday 18th May at 10.00 a.m. - Mass for the Junior classes at St Teresa's Church supported by Year 6. All are welcome. Help with walking the children to and from church is welcome.
- Thursday 18th May from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - Year 4 Boys' 6-a-side Aston Primary Schools' Football tournament at Goals, Perry Barr.
- Friday 19th May at 9.00 a.m. - Year 1 Class Assembly. Parents/carers of children in any class who have space/astronaut costumes and/or scientists white coats which would fit Year 1 children are asked if they are prepared to loan the costumes to the class for this assembly. Many thanks.
- Wednesday 24th May at 10.15 a.m. - Year 6 to represent the school at the Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral and to present the cheque for the money raised in the Lenten Good Shepherd appeal.
- Wednesday 24th May at 7.00 p.m. - Music Evening.
- Thursday 25th May from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - Year 4 Girls' 6-a-side Aston Primary Schools' Football tournament at Goals, Perry Barr.
- Friday 26th May at 9.00 a.m. - Congratulations Assembly.
- Friday 26th May at 3.30 p.m. - End of the first half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 12th June at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the second half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening assessments.
- Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.
- Saturday 17th June at 12.00 noon - First Holy Communion Mass at St. Teresa's Church.
- Tuesday 20th June - Year 1 visit to the Butterfly Farm.
- Wednesday 21st June - Year 2 visit to Hatton Farm.
- Tuesday 27th June - Year 3 visit to Lunt Roman Fort.
- Monday 3rd July - Year 4 visit to Lunt Roman Fort.

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