



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 26th May 2023

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral



On Wednesday morning, Year 6 represented the school at the Birmingham Archdiocese's Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral. This mass was attended by children from a number of Catholic schools. The mass was celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley, the Archbishop of Birmingham. Thank you to Tarjae and Nikhil for presenting the cheque for the £361.86 collected by the school community during Lent and thanks to Chikwere and Maria S for bringing the offertory gifts forward during mass. Thank you to Mrs Murdock for taking the children with me to this event.

Music Evening

On Wednesday evening, the school held its first Music Evening since March 2020. This was a very enjoyable and successful event at which a large number of our children showed their musical talents to an appreciative audience - it was the first time I can recall that several of the performances had standing ovations. It is remarkable to have such a large number of musical children at what is a relatively small school. Thank you to Mr Palmer, Mr Smith and Mrs Lord, our peripatetic Music teachers who have done such a wonderful job with our children and supported them on the evening. Thank you to everyone who was involved; the audience, the staff who supported the evening and especially to the children. A special thank you to Miss Walk who did a fantastic job in organising, directing and producing the evening.



Visit to St. Teresa's Church

Yesterday afternoon, three of our classes; Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 went to St. Teresa's Church. This was to enhance the R.E. curriculum for the Reception and Year 1 classes and for Year 6 to act as guides and leaders for these children. This visit also helped to further establish the links that the children have with our parish church.

Reception and Year 1 and some of Year 6 travelled by a hired bus whilst the other Year 6 children walked to and from church - helping them with their active journeys which was a focus in the Walk to School Week last week. Thank you to Miss Gravell, Mrs Jones, Miss Bryan, Miss Goupilliere, Miss Kaza, Mrs Patel, Miss Walk, Miss Bennett and the Year 1 parent who took the children with me on this visit.

Football Results

Yesterday afternoon, the Year 3 and Year 4 six-a-side Girls' football team competed in the Year 3 and Year 4 Girls' Aston Primary Schools' tournament. The team played three matches winning 3-0, drawing 1-1 and losing 2-0. Well done to Chiamaka, Lumaya, Eva, Inayah, Zuzannah, Louisa, Kenyah and Sophia. The team finished third in their group so did not qualify for the finals. Thank you to Miss Gibbon, Mrs Allport, Mrs Murdock and the parents who came to enthusiastically support the team. Thank you also to Arissa and Tarjae who have given up part of their dinner times to coach the team in preparation for this tournament.

HSBC Award

This morning, during our Congratulations Assembly, we were visited by Mrs Banga from HSBC Bank who presented the school with a HSBC Smart Money Award 2023 for completing the sessions led by Mrs Banga during the Spring Term

Numbots

Well done to Sienna, Osamudiamen and Daivik who were the 'Numbots of the Week' from the Infant classes. These children have worked on their number bonds online outside of school and have been the best in their respective classes this week.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 2, which was the best attending class last week, with 99.3% attendance, followed by Year 3 on 98.7% attendance. Congratulations to Year 2 for also being the most punctual class last week. There were no Year 2 children late before or after the registers closed last week.

Wednesday Word



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word booklet for this weekend and the following two weekends 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 'Pentecost', 'Holy Trinity' and 'Nourish', from this weekend's and the following two weekend's gospel.

School meals

This first week back after the half term break will be Week 3 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

Talent Show

This year's Talent Show will be on the afternoon of Monday, 26th June at 2.00pm. A donation of £1.00 per child is asked for. Parents may also join us for the Talent Show for £1.00. This donation will be payable on the day. Any children who have talents that they wish to share are advised to practice during the two week half term break ahead of auditions next half-term.

National Assessments

During the first week of next half-term, Miss Goupilliere will be overseeing the Phonics Screening Check with Year 1 children and some of the Year 2 children. Miss Gibbon will be overseeing the Multiplication Tables Check with Year 4 children, please make time in the next two weeks to practice on Times Tables Rock Stars as much as possible.

Dates for the Diary

- 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.
- Wednesday 14th June - Class photographs to be taken. All children to be wearing school uniform, therefore Year 3 are not to wear their P.E. kit on this day.
- Saturday 17th June at 12.00 noon - First Holy Communion Mass at St. Teresa's Church followed by a Communion Breakfast at St. Teresa's School.
- Monday 19th June and Wednesday 21st June from 3.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. - Children in the new Reception class for September 2023 and their parents/carers in school on one of these afternoons.
- Tuesday 20th June - Year 1 visit to the Butterfly Farm.
- Wednesday 21st June - Year 2 visit to Hatton Farm.
- Thursday 22nd June at 9.15 a.m. - Mass in school supported by Year 3, in recognition of the recent First Holy Communion being received by a group of Year 3 children. Parents and parishioners are welcome.
- Monday 26th June at 2.00 p.m. - Talent Show
- Tuesday 27th June - Year 3 visit to Lunt Roman Fort.
- Wednesday 28th June - Rags2Riches4Schools collection day at school.
- Wednesday 28th June - Year 5 visit to the Black Country Living Museum.
- Thursday 29th June at 9.15 a.m. - Mass in school, supported by Year 2
- Monday 3rd July - Year 4 visit to Lunt Roman Fort.

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