



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 19th April 2024

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Attendance and Punctuality

From Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th April:

Attendance; 1st Year 2 - 92.2%, 2nd Year 6 - 90.4%, 3rd Year 3 - 90.0%. Overall School Attendance - 88.2%.

Punctuality; 1st Year 1. Late before registers closed; 0. Late after registers closed; 0.

2nd= Reception, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Late before registers closed; 1. Late after registers closed; 0.

6th Year 2. Late before registers closed; 2. Late after registers closed; 0.

Reception Class - September 2024

On Tuesday, parents/carers of children due to start in Reception classes in September 2024, should have received notification to inform them of their child's allocated primary school. The following article on Birmingham Live, indicates how oversubscribed our school is.

https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/20-toughest-primary-schools-birmingham-28974862?utm_source=mynewsassistant.com&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=embedded_search_item_desktop

Year 3 First Holy Communion Retreat

On Wednesday morning, Year 3 went to St. John Wall Catholic Secondary School for a retreat reflecting on the sacrament of First Holy Communion which some of the Year 3 children will be receiving in June. Well done to the children for being such good ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Mrs Allport, Mrs Jones and Miss Aziz for taking the children on this visit.

Mass in school supported by School Governors

Yesterday morning, some of our school governors supported the celebration of mass. Thank you to Mrs Roche, Mrs Garvey, Mrs Zahid and Miss Douglas for leading the readings and bidding prayers. Thank you to Mrs Allport for bringing the offertory gifts forward with me. Thank you to another of our governors, Fr. Peter, for celebrating mass for us. Thank you to our altar servers; Edward, Mia, Chizi and Sophia for contributing to the mass. Thank you also to Kimran and Liz for managing the audio-visual system and to Miss Shirley for preparing the readings and the powerpoint presentation of the mass. This mass prepared us for the theme of the Good Shepherd from this weekend's Gospel reading.

Lenten Fundraising

Thank you to Year 6 for organising and managing games and activities for fundraising this afternoon. The money raised, which will be totalled up next week, will go to the school's Lenten charity; Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal.

Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal collection bags

In the Spring Term, the children were given a plastic bag for the Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd appeal, which is our school's Lenten charity. Thank you to those families who have donated and returned their bags. The total raised will be announced in next Friday's newsletter.

Wednesday Word



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word including this weekend gospel's reading, is available on the 'Catholic Life' page of the school website at <https://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/religious-life/wednesday-word>. Please consider the theme of 'Trust' in this weekend's gospel in the Wednesday Word booklet.

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.



Occupational Therapy sessions for parents and carers

With this newsletter, you should have received an electronic flyer to book onto a free, relevant Occupation Therapy webinar. Please consider whether this opportunity would be of benefit in helping you to support your child.

School meals

Next week is 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

School Fund

The school is requesting a contribution of £20 from each family for School Fund, also known as the Building Fund. School Fund can be paid in full to the office. Cheques are to be made payable to 'St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School'. If you pay by cash please put it in an envelope labelled as 'School Fund' and the family name. Donations can also be made through ParentPay. Many thanks to those parents/carers who have already donated this academic year. This donation is only to be made once each year.

Head lice

Please be aware of two cases of head lice for children from different Junior classes this week.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 19th April from 4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. - Boys' 7-a-side football team playing in the Aston Primary Schools' League at Handsworth Grammar School 3G pitch.
- Friday 26th April from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. - Year 3 Class Assembly. All are welcome.
- Friday 26th April - Mr Torma in school to work with those children having violin lessons as he is not in school on Thursday 25th April.
- Friday 26th April from 4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. - Boys' 9-a-side football team playing in the George Waterfall Cup at Handsworth Grammar School 3G pitch.
- Thursday 2nd May - School closed for mayoral elections.
- Monday 6th May - School closed for Bank Holiday.
- Thursday 9th May from 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. - Ascension Thursday mass in school, supported by Year 5.
- Thursday 9th 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.
- Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May - Key Stage 2 SATs tests for Year 6 children.
- Thursday 16th 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 24th May at 9.00 a.m. - Year 1 Class Assembly. All are welcome.
- Friday 24th May at 3.20 p.m. - End of the first half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 10th June at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the second half of the Summer Term.

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