



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 13th December 2019

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Safeguarding

During Monday morning's assembly, I made the children aware of the West Midlands Police concerns about the Unico Live app, which is for 12+ aged children. (See the home page of the website for further information). We also discussed the importance of the CCTV systems around school in keeping the site secure and also monitoring the playgrounds at dinnertimes and playtimes.

On Wednesday at lunchtime, it was clear that a garden fire from a nearby residence was causing smoke to be blown, with the prevailing wind, over the school site. Once the address where the fire was had been confirmed Environmental Health were contacted and a complaint lodged. I was assured that this would be followed up.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair last Saturday afternoon and helped to raise £2236.66 which has been divided equally between the school and the parish, each receiving £1,118.33. Thank you the parishioners, staff, the Year 6 children who volunteered and the parents who ran the stalls and thank you particularly to Mrs Connell who organised the event with Sian Mulligan. The winners of the prizes were:

£100	Patrycja Kosciukiewicz	Toiletries Set 2	A. Brown
£50	L. Hassey	Mugs	Elaina Inis
Hamper	Mr. Dass	Yoghurt maker	Liz Sherrat
Wine Hamper	Lorna Brown	Baths bombs	Gurdeep Hanspaul
Non-Alcoholic Shloer Hamper	J. McKenna		
Body Shop Hamper	Pat Hennessy		
Justin Bieber keyboard	Delia Joyce	£50 Treasure Hunt	Ella Roberts
£20 High Street Gift Card	B. Connell	Chocolate Treasure Hunt	Joseph Taylor
Baileys	Steve Roach	Claire's Hamper	Tehya-Grace Harding
Molton Brown Gift Set	Rose Kenny	Name the Teddy	Charlie Allport
Quality Street	J. McKenna	Sweets in a Jar	Ethan Taylor
Biscuits	Telephone number supplied	Length of tinsel	Malakai Douglas
Hand creams	G. Sohal	Guess the weight of the cake	Miss Goupilliere
Barbie Doll	Barbara McPhillips		
Toiletries Set 1	Rose Kenny		

Wednesday Word



The Wednesday Word booklet for this weekend and the following three weekends was given to the Junior children this week. Please do make time to consider the themes of Christ, Mary, Joseph and Wisdom from the next four weekends' gospels.

Nativity performances

On Wednesday afternoon and this morning the Infant classes have performed their Nativity. The children were delightful, confident and composed. Well done to all of the children and a big thank you to the Infant staff for their wonderful efforts in bringing this production together. Thank you also to parents, carers and families who practised the songs, learnt the lines and helped with costumes. The Infant Nativity is a real highlight of the school year; it is something to treasure for the adults, seeing their little ones and an experience that the children will remember for the rest of their lives.

Next week it is the Juniors' turn. All are welcome to the Junior Carol Service at the church on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 p.m.

Caritas Christi In Urbe Advent Liturgy

This afternoon, a number of Year 5 children were at the 'Caritas Christi In Urbe' (Love of Christ in the City) Advent Liturgy at St. Chad's Cathedral. The St. Teresa's children were joined by children from our family of schools. Thank you to Miss Gold and Mrs Murdock for taking the children to this event.

Top Table

Children are chosen from a year group each week to eat at the Top Table for a range of positive behaviours or work. The children selected to eat at the Top Table today for this week are from Year 1. Well done to Zakee, Rehan, Eve, Jaya, Jinuli and Lewis who joined Miss Gibbon for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 4 who were the best attending class last week, with a perfect 100% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week, which was Year 1 with one child late to school throughout the week.



Attentive and Discerning

This half term the two Virtues that will be a focus for us and the other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are to be Attentive and Discerning.

Attentive to our experience and to our vocation; and discerning about the choices we make and the effects of those choices.

Christmas dinners

Christmas Dinner at school will be on Tuesday 17th December. If your child is in the Juniors and does not usually have a school dinner but would like a Christmas dinner it will cost £2.35 the same as any school meal, payable on Monday 16th December. Infant children will be provided with a Christmas dinner without any charge, as is usual for school dinners for these classes. Junior children who have a school dinner are to pay the usual payment and will then automatically have a Christmas meal on that day. Grandparents of the Reception class children are invited to dine with their grandchildren that afternoon.

Christmas Parties

Next week, the children will have their Christmas parties. The Infant children may come into school wearing their party clothes on Wednesday 18th December. The Junior children may come into school wearing their party clothes on Thursday 19th December. The school will provide refreshments for the parties.

Toy Day

On Friday 20th December, the children in Years 1 to 6 may bring in, at their own risk, toys for a 'Toy Day'. These toys are to be games or activities that can be played with one or more other children, not electronic devices which are often single player activities. There are other plans for the children in Reception.

Reception places for September 2020

Parents/carers who have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 need to make an application for their child to start a Reception class in September 2020 by no later than Wednesday, 15th January 2020. This is done by an application at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Liam Mulligan R.I.P.

Please pray for the soul of Liam Mulligan, a past pupil of St. Teresa's School, who died recently.

Christmas Masses at St. Teresa's Church

The times of the masses at St. Teresa's Church for the Christmas period are:

Christmas Eve at 4.00 p.m.

Christmas Eve at 8.00 p.m.

Christmas Day - 10.00 a.m. Mass.

Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 17th December at lunchtime- Children's Christmas dinner.
- Tuesday 17th December at 1.30 p.m. - Grandparents of Reception class children invited to Christmas dinner at school.
- Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 p.m. to approximately 7.45 p.m. - Junior classes Carol Service at St. Teresa's Church.
- Wednesday 18th December - Infant children's Christmas parties in the afternoon. Infant children may wear their own clothes all day.
- Thursday 19th December at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school led by the Faith Ambassadors. All are welcome.
- Thursday 19th December - Junior children's Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children may wear their own clothes all day.
- Friday 20th December - Toy Day for Years 1 to 6.
- Friday 20th December at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Autumn Term.
- Tuesday 7th January - Start of the Spring Term for the children.

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Third Sunday of Advent