



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2019

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Safeguarding

During Monday morning's assembly, I made the children aware of the potential dangers of lit candles which may be in various places including homes and places of worship during the holiday period. We also shared that whilst the vast majority of children can be trusted whilst out and about, the same cannot be said for the majority of drivers!

On the theme of safeguarding and driving, it was evident yesterday at the end of the school day the gridlock on Butlers Road was caused by several parents/carers parking their cars on the zig-zag lines which then narrowed the road to a single carriageway. As cars going in opposite directions met it was inevitable that they would not be able to pass each other and that led to chaos. Had the zig-zags not been parked on then cars could have, albeit slowly, moved in both directions.

Christmas Dinner

The children had their Christmas dinners on Tuesday. During the afternoon, the school hosted elderly parishioners who had a Christmas dinner. In addition, a number of the Reception children had their grandparents join them for Christmas dinner. Of course, there was also a raffle. After our guests had eaten, the Junior children performed a selection of songs from our Junior Carol Service. Thank you also to Umayer, Nikola, Sam and O'Shae; our house captains who waited upon our visitors.

Wednesday Word



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

Junior Nativity

On Tuesday evening, eighty-one children of the Junior classes and their families were at church for our Carol Service. The children were wonderful as readers, actors and a choir. Thank you to the children and the Junior staff for their hard work which led to such a memorable performance. Thank you also to the parents and carers of the children who attended for bringing them to our carol service.

Christmas Parties

On Wednesday afternoon, the Infant classes had a party where they were visited by Father Christmas, which caused a lot of excitement. (Thank you for visiting us Father Christmas). Yesterday afternoon, it was the Junior classes turn for their parties. Thank you to the staff for organising the parties.

Mass at School

Thank you to the Faith Ambassadors; Michael, Olivier, Rafael, Oskar, Sam, Remy, Mia, Mason, Zakee and Inayah, for leading our School Mass yesterday morning. Thank you also to Umayer for managing the audio-visual unit and thank you to Zofia, Rosa and Ewa; our altar servers and to our ushers; Ben and Michael.

Courtesy Card and Smart Card

This morning the draw was made for this term's Courtesy Card and Smart Card winners. The £20 gift card for the Courtesy Card went to Noah and the £20 gift card for the Smart Card went to Kene.

Toy Day

Please check that you child has brought home all parts of any toys that they have brought into school today. Please

also check that all items; lunch boxes, P.E. kits, drinking bottles, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and school uniform have been taken home.

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 Reception. Well done to Dominik, Diya J, Kimora, Zane, Zumrah and Diya M who joined me for lunch today.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 1 who were the best attending class last week, with a 97.5% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week, which was Year 6 with no children late to school throughout the week.

Well done to the sixty-four children whose attendance has been 100% since the start of the school year.

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.

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.

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.

Christmas wishes and thanks

Thank you to those parents and carers who, with their children, have taken the time to send cards and gifts to the staff. Your thoughts and generosity are much appreciated. Thank you to the children whose hard work and contribution to the school have made this a successful first term of this school year.

Thank you to the staff for their hard work and dedication. The staff always give so much to the children, but currently the school is facing very challenging financial times and the staff are going out of their way and beyond what is expected of them to help manage the situation. Thank you!

At this time we think about those from our school community and our loved ones who are ill, there are a number of children and adults who come to mind. Please keep them in your prayers at this time.

On behalf of the staff and governors of St. Teresa's I wish you and yours a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 20th December at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Autumn Term.
- Tuesday 7th January - Start of the Spring Term for the children.
- Monday 20th January - Visiting theatre group performance of 'Robin Hood at school for all children. Children to donate £2.00 for performance and may dress as fairy tale characters for the day.

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