



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 17th January 2020

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Safeguarding

During Monday morning's assembly, we considered that children bringing sweets, chocolates or other treats in the school need to be careful and not share them with other children without permission from the school staff. We discussed that due to allergies, other dietary matters or for religious reasons children must not freely give out foodstuffs.

Punctuality

The focus on punctuality started last week continues. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is on time for school each day so that he or she is in the best frame of mind to begin their learning.

Wednesday Word



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word sheet was given to the Junior children today. Please do make time to consider the theme of 'Witness' from this weekend's gospel.

Mass at School

Thank you to Year 3 for supporting our School Mass yesterday morning. Thank you also to Umayer and Hien for managing the audio-visual unit and thank you to Rosa and Ewa for altar serving and to the ushers; Nikola and Hien. Fr. David introduced us to Jonathan, who is starting his studies for the priesthood. Please keep him in your prayers. Please take the time to ask your child who peace begins with. This question was considered during the mass.

Football results

Yesterday evening, the Boys' 5-a-side football team competed in the Aston Primary Schools' Indoor tournament. The team played three games; winning 2-1 and losing 2-0 and 5-0. Thank you to Miss Gibbon for her support. It was a good team effort by Ruben, Sarvan, Sam, Umayer, Ethan, Sukhsimran and O'Shae.

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 5. Well done to Kinga, Thanh, Chloe, Diya, Jubayer and Rafael who joined me for lunch today.



Compassionate and Loving

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 Compassionate and Loving. Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by our just actions and forgiving words.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 1 who were the best attending class for the second consecutive school week, with a 98.3% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week, also for the second consecutive week, Year 1 with two children late to school throughout the week.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have provided evidence of any appointments for which they wish to remove their child from school. This is very helpful in ensuring that all children are where they should be. Please do continue to provide the evidence for any necessary appointments in school time but do make every effort to not have appointments during the children's working day.

Packed lunches

This week, I have been monitoring packed lunches brought into school. There are a number of children whose packed

lunches are balanced and include selections of fruit and healthy options. However, there are a considerable number of children whose packed lunches are unhealthy. We are all aware that if the children have the choice the majority will choose foods high in fats and sugars. School dinners provided through the school are scrutinised to ensure they contribute to a balanced diet. Packed lunches brought in from home are not under the same scrutiny and the capacity does not exist amongst staff during dinner time to monitor every packed lunch brought into school. Please do monitor and manage the contents of your child's packed lunches.

Online Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Checking Service

Registering for free school meals and pupil premium funding could raise an extra £1,320 for St Teresa's school. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed in the form, which was forwarded to you earlier in the week. Please sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, so that St Teresa's school receives as much funding as possible. St Teresa's have enrolled in a scheme to enable you to check online to see if you are eligible. It is a very simple and easy process and will give you an immediate result, at the following website; www.link2ict.org/fsm. Alternatively, please complete and return the application form and we will check for you.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Connell or Mrs Guest in the school office.

Reception places for September 2020

Parents/carers who have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 are to have made an application for their child to start a Reception class in September 2020 by no later than Wednesday, 15th January 2020. This was to be done by an application at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Please contact school, as a matter of urgency, if you need to apply but have not done so.

Robin Hood performance

On Monday afternoon, 20th January, the school will be visited by M&M Theatre Company for a performance of 'Robin Hood'. To contribute to the cost of this event we are asking for a donation of £2.00 from each child, payable on the day. Children may also come to school dressed as a character from a fairy tale on that day.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to the four parents/carers who have nominated themselves or, with their agreement, been nominated to stand for the two Parent Governor vacancies on the school's governing body.

Today, your eldest or only child in school is to have brought home the letter naming the candidates for the two vacancies, the ballot paper and the candidates supporting statements. Each parent/carer can only submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school. Each parent/carer can vote for two candidates as there are two vacancies. Please contact school if the documents have not been brought home by your child or one of your children. Please complete and return your ballot paper in the envelope provided by 2.00 p.m. on Friday 24th January.



Dates for the Diary

- Monday 20th January - Visiting theatre group performance of 'Robin Hood' at school. Children to donate £2.00 for performance and may dress as fairy tale characters for the day.
- Friday 24th January at 2.00 p.m. - Close of voting for the election of two parent governors.
- Thursday 30th January at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school supported by Year 4. All are welcome.
- Friday 31st January at 3.30 p.m. - Meeting for the parents/carers of the Year 6 children going to the Residential Visit to Aberdovey in March. Those Year 6 children are also invited.
- Tuesday 4th February - Rags2Riches reusable clothing collection. Please donate any clean unwanted items of clothing either on Monday 3rd February or by 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 4th February. Collection bags will be forwarded soon.
- Friday 14th February - End of the first half of the Spring Term.

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