



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Thursday 28th March 2024

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God



Holy Week

Attendance and Punctuality

From Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March:

Attendance; 1st Year 4 - 99.3%, 2nd Year 5 - 98.0%, 3rd = Year 1 and Year 3 - 97.0%. Overall School Attendance - 96,2%.

Punctuality; 1st = Year 1 and Year 2. Late before registers closed; 0. Late after registers closed; 0.

3rd = Year 4 and Year 5. Late before registers closed; 1. Late after registers closed; 0.

5th = Year 3 and Year 6. Late before register closed; 2. Late after registers closed; 0.

Visit to Kingswood Activity Centre

Last Friday afternoon, a group of Year 5 children; Joseph, Thomas, Jaimar, Elijah, Lewis, Zuzanna, Kenyah and Jinuli, accompanied by Miss Goupilliere, set off with other children and staff from six of our Caritas Christi In Urbe schools, our family of local Catholic schools, to Kingswood Activity Centre in Staffordshire. The group had wonderful and memorable experiences throughout the weekend, returning on Sunday afternoon. Thank you to Miss Goupilliere for giving up her weekend to take the children on this visit.

Lenten Roadshow

On Tuesday morning, children from our school, St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School and St. Clare's Catholic Primary School; three of the eight schools within the Caritas Christi In Urbe family of schools, toured those three schools and led a Lenten Roadshow liturgy considering the events of The Agony in the Garden and the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. Anvayi, Eve, Hoger and Giovanni represented St. Teresa's School wonderfully. Other schools within the Caritas Christi In Urbe group held their Lenten Roadshows during this week.

The Way of the Cross

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 6 led each other, and the other three Junior classes, around the school site to reflect the journey Jesus took to his death for our 'Way of the Cross' liturgy. Thank you to the Year 6 children who took us on this journey and led a thought provoking and prayerful experience for children and adults alike. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us.

Easter Bonnets and Eggs

Well done to the children, and the adults who supported them, in taking the time and making the effort to create wonderful bonnets for the Infant children and egg-based creations for the Juniors, which were brought into school yesterday. The egg designs were on display in the entrance hall, they were then carefully moved into the hall by the Year 6 P.E. and Stage monitors and the Sports Crew for all to see in the afternoon. The rain held off so after a practice parade in the hall the planned Infant Bonnet Parade took place in the school playgrounds. Thank you to the parents/carers who squeezed into the hall to add to the sense of occasion for the children.

Wednesday Word



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word booklet for Easter, 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 themes of 'Easter', 'Encourage' and 'Believe' in this weekend's gospel and the subsequent two weekend's gospels shared in the Wednesday Word booklet.

School meals

The first week of next term is 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

Faith-filled and Hopeful

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 Faith-filled and Hopeful.

Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful: We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope - that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.



Eid Mubarak

Eid Mubarak to our Muslim children and their families who will be celebrating during the first week of next term following the month of Ramadan.

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 28th March at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Spring Term.
- Sacred Paschal Triduum at St. Teresa's Catholic Church
- Thursday 28th March at 7.30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00 p.m.
- Friday 29th March - Good Friday - at 3.00 p.m. - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. 7.00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross.
- Saturday 30th March at 8.00 p.m. - The Easter Vigil
- Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday - 10.00 a.m. Mass only
- Tuesday 9th April at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the Summer Term for children.
- Friday 12th April and each Friday in term time up to and including Friday 12th July - Year 2 and Year 4 Swimming lessons in the afternoon.
- Tuesday 16th April - Notification to parents/carers of allocated primary school for children starting in Reception classes in September 2024.
- Wednesday 17th April - Year 3 to First Holy Communion Retreat at St. John Wall Catholic Secondary School.
- Thursday 18th April - 9.15 - 10.00 - Mass in school. All are welcome.
- Friday 19th April - Year 6 leading Lenten fundraising activities.
- Friday 26th April from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. - Year 3 Class Assembly. All are welcome.
- Thursday 2nd May - School closed for mayoral elections.
- Monday 6th May - School Closed for Bank Holiday.
- Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May - Key Stage 2 SATs tests for Year 6 children.

Have a Happy and Holy Easter

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