



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 12th April 2024

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Welcome back

Welcome back for the start of the Summer Term. I hope that those who were celebrating Easter had a joyful time and those celebrating Eid this week also had a joyful time. One day's absence, either on Wednesday or on Thursday, will be classed as an authorised absence for any children absent from school celebrating Eid.

Attendance and Punctuality

From Monday 25th to Thursday 28th March:

Attendance; 1st Year 6 - 97.1%, 2nd Year 3 - 95.8%, 3rd Year 1- 94.2%. Overall School Attendance - 92.9%.

Punctuality; 1st = Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6. Late before registers closed; 0. Late after registers closed; 0.

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

The last week of last term was a good week for children's punctuality with only three children across the whole school late during the four school days of that week.

Term Dates 2023-2024

The remaining term dates for this academic year are:

Summer Term 2024:

Tuesday 9th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024 and Monday 10th June 2024 - Friday 19th July 2024

Term Dates 2024-2025

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School's term dates for next academic year are:

Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 2nd September 2024 - Friday 25th October 2024 and Monday 4th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

(Monday 2nd September is a Teacher Training Day. The new Year 1 to Year 6 classes' children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd September).

Spring Term 2025:

Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025 and Monday 24th February 2025 - Thursday 17th April 2025

(Monday 6th January is a Teacher Training Day. The children will return to school on Tuesday 7th January).

Summer Term 2025:

Monday 28th April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025 and Monday 9th June 2025 - Monday 21st July 2025

(Monday 21st July is a Teacher Training Day. Friday 18th July will be the last day in school for the children for the academic year).

There are two other Teacher Training dates during the academic year to be confirmed. As for this academic year, St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School dates do not follow Birmingham local authority dates for Easter and Whitsun for 2024- 2025 academic year.

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 filled bags can be returned next week up to and including Friday 19th April.

Wednesday Word

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 theme of 'Believe' 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.



School meals

Next week is Week 1 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

Year 6 Lenten fundraising

Next Friday afternoon, Year 6 children will be leading activities and games to fundraise for our Lenten charity, the Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd appeal. Children may bring in money on Friday 19th April to have a go at these activities.

Chicken pox

Yesterday, we were informed of two cases of chicken pox for children from different classes.

Dates for the Diary

- 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 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.
- Thursday 2nd May - School closed for mayoral elections.
- Monday 6th May - School closed for Bank Holiday.
- 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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