



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 26th April 2024

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Attendance and Punctuality

From Monday 15th to Friday 19th April:

Attendance; 1st Year 1 - 100%, 2nd= Year 4 and Year 6 - 98.3%, 4th Year 3 - 97.0%. Overall School Attendance - 96.5%.

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

4th= Year 5 and Year 6. Late before registers closed; 3. Late after registers closed; 0.

6th Year 4. Late before registers closed; 6. Late after registers closed; 0.

Lenten Fundraising

Thank you to Year 6 for organising and managing games and activities for fundraising last Friday afternoon and today. The amount raised in the final fundraising push this afternoon will be added to the £296.52 raised last Friday, to go to the school's Lenten charity; Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal.

Football results



Last Friday afternoon, the Boys' 7-a-side football team played in the Aston Primary Schools' League, losing 3-0 against William Murdoch Primary School. It was a good team effort by Matthew, Josh, Edward, Osagie, Harpreet, Mason, Essey, Isharma and Lewis. Thank you to Mrs Murdock, Mrs Gillam and Miss Gibbon and parents and families for their support. The team are due to play again this afternoon in the George Waterfall Cup.

Year 3 Class Assembly

This morning we enjoyed and were educated by Year 3's wonderful class assembly about the Ancient Greeks. Well done to all of the children and staff that were involved. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to the invited parents and carers who joined Miss Shirley for this morning's Coffee Moring. I hope that you found the time together useful and thank you for the feedback that you provided on the school's provision.

Practice Fire Alarm

This morning in school we had a practice fire alarm evacuation of the school. Well done to all who participated with the school being completely evacuated and accounted for in 2 minutes 24 seconds.

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; our school's Lenten charity. Thank you to those families who have donated and returned their bags. The total raised was £221.71.

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.



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word 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 'Growing' in this weekend's gospel in the Wednesday Word booklet.

School meals

Next week is Week 2 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

Chicken pox

Please be aware there have been two further cases of chicken pox in different Infant classes this week. This is a total of four cases in the school in the last three weeks.

Mrs Jones

Please keep Mrs Jones, from Reception, in your prayers. She is away from school at this time and we are hoping to see her back in school in a few weeks' time.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 26th April from 4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. - Boys' 9-a-side football team playing in the George Waterfall Cup at Handsworth Grammar School 3G pitch.
- Wednesday 1st and 8th May - Mr Brennan in school for flute and clarinet lessons. He is not in school on Friday 3rd and Friday 10th May.
- Thursday 2nd May - School closed for mayoral elections.
- Monday 6th May - School closed for Bank Holiday.
- Wednesday 8th May - Birmingham Royal Ballet in school to work with Year 1 for the Dance Track project. Year 1 children will need to wear their P.E. kit to school on this day.
- Thursday 9th May from 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. - Ascension Thursday Mass in school, supported by Year 5. All are welcome.
- 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.
- Tuesday 21st May - Reception Class visit to Ash End Farm.
- Wednesday 22nd May at 2.00 p.m. - Talent Show in school.
- Thursday 23rd May from 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. - Mass in school, supported by Year 4. All are welcome.
- Thursday 23rd May - Year 6 at the Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral.
- 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.
- Week commencing Monday 10th June - Phonics Screening Check for Year 1.
- Week commencing 10th June - Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4.
- Tuesday 11th June - Year 5 visit to Shri Venkateswara Temple.
- Saturday 15th June at 12.00 noon - First Holy Communion at St. Teresa's Church for Catholic children in Year 3.
- Thursday 20th June from 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. - Mass in school, supported by Year 3. All are welcome.

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