



# *St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School*

## *April 2022 Newsletter*



Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy and activity packed half-term. I would like to thank you again for the amazing job you've done in supporting your child's wellbeing and learning over the last few months. I hope you are all able to have a restful and holy Easter break.



### **Fundraising**

Easter Egg Sale— A big thank you to everybody who brought in an Easter egg on Friday. We will be selling the easter eggs after school on Thursday this week.

### **Lenten Charities**

A big thank you to everybody who returned the CAFOD and Good Shepherd envelopes. We have raised an incredible £221 to be split between the two charities.



### **Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to all parents who have made appointments to meet their child's class teacher this week.

### **CaterKing Summer Menu**

We have been listening to feedback from children and parents regarding the lunch menu. There will be a new menu for the summer term including items such as wraps and paninis. Due to rising energy and staffing costs, there will be a small increase in the cost of meals commencing in the summer term. More information will be sent out this week.

### **After School Clubs**

After school clubs will be restarting after the Easter break. Thank you for completing the sign up forms and for the prompt payment.

### **Nursery and Reception Places**

We still have places available in Reception and Nursery for September. Please direct any enquiries to the school office. Thank you

### **Building Work**

The works to replace the perimeter fencing to the site are nearly complete. The final phase of the works will be to replace the barriers on the car park. The car park can get extremely congested with staff and visitors. I would like to thank all parents for their patience, understanding and co-operation in making use of the Church car park.

### **COVID Guidance**

Children and young people who have **symptoms** of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19:

- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- Children and young people who are **unwell and have a high temperature** should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

## COVID Guidance continued

### Children and young people who have a positive COVID test result:

- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days** after the day they took the test, if they can.
- After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.
- Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

## Science Week

A big thank you to our staff and children for making Science Week such a huge success. The theme for the week was 'growth' and children engaged in a variety of activities looking at plants and animals. The most popular activity by far was the hatching and birth of our chicks. The chicks have now been rehomed on a local farm.



## Upper Key Stage 2 Topic Day

A big thank you to our staff and children for making the Year 5 and 6 Topic day such a great success. A special thank you to Mr Keeling for arranging the visit of several World War 2 vehicles. The children dressed up in World War 2 themed costumes and engaged brilliantly in their history topic.



## Cross-Country

Well done to the children from St Teresa's who, following the recent Stoke Town Cross Country league, qualified to race in the City race at Haywood Academy. They represented the Stoke Town team. A fantastic 1st place for the boys' team and 2nd place for the girls' team saw Stoke finishing 1st overall. Well done children.



## Recorder Festival

Well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 children who took part in the Music partnership Recorder Festival at the Victoria Hall. The recorder playing was fantastic and the behaviour was excellent. This was the largest festival to date with over 1000 young recorder players taking part in the three performances with a representation of 39 schools from Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent and Telford & Wrekin. Well done children.



## *April / May Diary Dates ...*

### **Monday 4th April**

Parents' Evening (3:45-6:15pm)

### **Tuesday 5th April**

Parents' Evening (5:30-8:00pm)

### **Wednesday 6th April**

Swimming gala

### **Thursday 7th April**

Easter egg sale after school

### **Friday 8th April**

School closes for Easter break

### **Monday 25th April**

School re-opens

### **Thursday 28th April**

Year 6 Parents' Meeting—PGL Visit (6pm in Y6 classroom)

### **Friday 29th April**

Young Voices concert

### **Monday 2nd May**

Bank Holiday—school closed

### **Tuesday 3rd May**

Year 5 Residential week at Stanley Head

### **Monday 9th May**

Year 6 SATs Week



Thank you for your continued support.

*Mr Price*

Headteacher



# Holy Week

at St Teresa of the Child Jesus

## **10th April - Palm Sunday**

*Holy Mass 4.00 p.m. (Saturday), 9.30 a.m. & 5.30 p.m.*

## **11th April - Holy Monday**

6.00 p.m. First Reconciliation

7.00 p.m. Holy Mass followed by Confessions

## **14th April - Maunday Thursday**

*8.30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Watching until midnight

11.45 p.m. Compline

## **15th April - Good Friday**

9.30 a.m. Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Stations of the Cross

*3.00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion*

8.30 p.m. Compline & veneration of the relic of the true Cross

## **16th April - Holy Saturday**

9.30 a.m. Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

*8.30 p.m. Solemn Vigil of Easter*

## **17th April - Easter Sunday**

*Holy Mass 9.30 a.m. & 5.30 p.m.*