

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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SPRING TERM 2018 – Friday 19th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been working very hard on their new topics and also enjoying some sporting opportunities.

On Monday, three children from Years 3, 4 and 5 went to the Barnet Primary Schools Boccia tournament. There were several different schools from across Barnet and the children played 6 games. They enjoyed taking part and representing their school. Thank you to Mrs Sweeney and Ms Martone for accompanying the children at this event.

Year 5 had the exciting opportunity to play basketball with three professional basketball players from the Bulldogs team. The children learnt lots of skills such as dribbling and passing the ball without stopping. *'The basketball session was excellent. The players taught us that playing basketball is not always about winning but about sportsmanship and having fun.'* Oliver and Lola Y5 Blue.

In the Summer Term we will be participating in the Barnet Schools Music Festival at the Arts Depot. This year we will be taking a choir of children from Years 4 and 5 led by Miss Johnson. The children auditioned to be part of the choir and we were really impressed with the calibre of all the candidates. We look forward to hearing the songs that they will be learning over the coming months.

God Bless, Mrs O'Melia

Road Safety

We were really shocked to hear that a child was seen on their scooter in the middle of the slip road this week and a car nearly reversed into the child.

This is another **extremely serious incident** and could have had a devastating outcome. As you can imagine the driver of the car was very shaken up.

We are also still observing children being dropped off by the top gate and getting out of their cars on the slip road.

Parents and carers have a responsibility to safely escort their children to and from school.

Please note we will start putting number plates of cars that are putting others or their own children at risk in the newsletter.

Safeguarding our pupils is our highest priority and we ask for your support in this matter.

Thank you.

St Theresa's Building Fund

The voluntary Building Fund contribution of £60 per child and £100 per family for this academic year is due.

Your contribution goes towards the 10% cost we are obliged to pay for developing and maintaining our school buildings. Please keep your payments coming in, so far **59** families out of **234** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£4,900** out of a possible **£12,500** many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

For Your Information

If your child needs to use the toilet after they have been dismissed at 3.30pm, please take them to the toilet near the medical room. Please wait outside whilst they go, as there may be other pupils from after school clubs using the toilets at that time.

If, in an emergency, an adult needs to use the toilet please ask at the office and you will be directed to the staff facilities.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Reminders!

Attendance: Holidays during term time result in penalty notices given. The EWO issues penalty notices to parents who take their children on holiday during term time. Penalty notices are not issued by the school but by Barnet Local Authority. We are legally obliged to share the registers with the Education Welfare Officer who makes a point of checking absences before and after school breaks, as well as persistent once a week absences.

Safety: To ensure the safety of all adults and children, please ask your child to alight from their scooter or bike at the entrance gate to the school premises.

Jewellery: For health and safety reasons, we ask that the only items of jewellery worn are stud earrings and watches.

Hair Accessories: For the safety and comfort of your child whilst learning, we ask that hair is neat and tidy and tied back if it is long enough to do so. Hair accessories should only be a black, brown, red or blue plain band. Large hair accessories are not permitted.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary – Parents are welcome to all Assemblies & Masses

Year 2 Class Assembly - Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 9.15am
 Gilwell Park meeting for Year 5 –Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 3pm in the school hall
 Year 1 Class Assembly - Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 9.15am
 Number Day – Friday 2nd February 2018
 Safer Internet Awareness Day- Tuesday 6th February 2018
HALF TERM- 12th February- 16th February 2018
 Year 5 Red Class Assembly – Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 9.15am
 Year 5 Blue Class Assembly –Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 9.15am



Achievements



Rec	Christina - For sharing great ideas and her amazing reading with the class. Rafael - For his excellent storytelling and for always being a kind member of the class.
Yr 1	Tomas - For being very creative and imaginative in his writing. Imina - For her excellent behaviour this week.
Yr 2	Darcy - For consistent effort in her learning. Achike - For always having a go.
Yr 3	Maya K - For her fantastic effort in writing. Alvaro - For showing enthusiasm with his Maths learning.
Yr 4	Nyat - For settling into St Theresa's really quickly. James - For producing a fantastic poem based on our 1066 topic.
Yr 5 Red	Alex - For an improved focus in all his learning. Jermaine - For excellent learning in Maths.
Yr 5 Blue	Rosemary - For impressing her teacher in Mathematics. Andrea - For her excellent choice of description in her written work
Yr 6	Chanelle - For persistence with her Maths learning. Roman - For showing a real dedication to his writing.

Golden Children this week are.

Daniel Yr 3 and Jermaine Yr 5

Headteacher's Award

To be announced after Gospel Assembly on Monday

St Patrick's won the most House points this week.

Well done to everyone who tried their best this week and worked hard to challenge themselves.

Class Parent Representative Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 2.45pm.

We look forward to seeing one representative from each class there.

Thank you!

Attendance this week



Reception	92%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	93%
Year 5 Red	97%
Year 5 Blue	89%
Year 6	99%
Total Attendance	95%

Well done to Years 1, 2 and 6 who had the best attendance this week.

Our attendance is lower than we would like this week. We understand that there has been a vomiting bug and high temperatures going around. If your child is suffering from a vomiting bug, please can we remind you that they must stay off school for 48 hours. This prevents the bug from spreading and affecting others.

Our attendance target for next week is 97%

