

# St. Theresa's Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 2015 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to all the parents who were able to attend the Curriculum Meetings this week. This is a good opportunity to find out what your child will be learning this year and what the expectations are. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

The first ten Reception children started this week. This year many of the children are siblings which is wonderful - some children couldn't wait to start. Mrs D and Miss Glackin have created a wonderful learning environment for the children who have really benefitted from our Gold Standard induction which includes a home visit and a series of "drop ins." This ensures the only tears that fall on the first day comes from the parents and not the children!

We also welcome children from Japan, Portugal, Spain and Poland to other classes in the school. They are wonderful additions to the St Theresa's community. A big thank you to parents who have welcomed them - your kindness is appreciated. **Miss Kelly** 😊

## End of day pick up

The teachers have asked me to kindly remind parents that they are unable to handover a child to an adult other than the parent of that child unless the school office have been informed. We know in many cases parents are showing acts of kindness by helping another parent who may find it difficult to find a parking space or are running late. Please understand the teachers are not being difficult they are following school procedure. Older siblings are also not permitted to collect younger brothers or sisters unless they are adults themselves and the office are aware.

*Many thanks!*

## Climbing Frame

The children love our new climbing frame so much that they don't want to leave school at the end of the day!

If parents allow their child to play on the climbing frame at the end of the day they need to stand by the climbing frame and supervise their child. School staff will not be responsible as the handover has already taken place. Children who walk home by themselves must go straight home after they are dismissed by the class teacher. They are not allowed to play on the climbing frame as they will be unsupervised.

*Many thanks for your cooperation.*

**Reminders! Uniform** – Summer dresses and polo shirts are permitted until half term.

Girls' trousers must not be worn until after half term. **Lost Property** - Please make sure you label your child's uniform clearly. The lost property bin is full and we cannot distribute the items as the names have worn away. Don't forget to label new items!

**Attendance** – Please do not take extended holidays during term time. Fines will be issued.

**Birthdays** – Fruit may be brought in if children wish to celebrate their birthday with their class. Alternatively you can buy a book to give to the class. Sweets, cakes biscuits are not permitted. **Jewellery** – Only watches and stud earrings are permitted.

### Dates for your diary

**Curriculum Meetings for Parents at 3pm are as follows:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 6 Mr Troy, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 5 Miss Dias & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 4 Miss O’Brien.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 7:30pm Christmas Fair Planning Meeting – All parents welcome – your help is needed!!!

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept -8:30am Macmillan Coffee Morning in MPR

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 6-8:30pm Family Disco

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 4pm to 6:50pm Parent Consultations



## Achievements



Y1	<b>Lucas</b> - For being an excellent role model with his behaviour. <b>Marina</b> - For her positive attitude to all learning.
Y2	<b>Sean</b> - For always being a 'Have a go Mo' and having a big smile on his face. <b>Emily</b> - For being much more confident when sharing her ideas.
Y3 Red	<b>Olivia</b> - For the huge amount of effort she put into her learning. <b>James</b> - For being focused and following instructions.
Y3 Blue	<b>Aidan</b> - For some fantastic learning in all curriculum areas. <b>Camilo</b> - For putting lots of effort into his learning.
Y4	<b>Adi</b> - For taking the time and effort in producing a Roman shield for our display. <b>Hanz</b> - For producing some fantastic home learning about the Romans.
Y5	<b>Mia</b> - For writing an amazing poem based on Charles Causley. <b>Molly D</b> - For her enthusiasm for her poetry unit.
Y6	<b>Cornelius</b> - Super answers about our work on the Treaty of Versailles. <b>James</b> - For always seeking a challenge and pushing himself in everything he does.



Charbel Yr 2 and Maja C. Yr 1 – well done!

### Attendance

Years 1, 2 & 3 Red had the best attendance this week, with 99% attendance! Well done. 98% of children in the school came to school every day this week.



**We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award 'having exceeded the criteria in every category'.**

**We entered 28 competitions including representing Barnet at the London Youth Games finishing a magnificent 18th out of 33 schools.**

This academic year sees a few changes within our PE team but we will continue to build upon our sporting success. **Mr Troy** becomes subject leader and will be again supported by our competitions manager **Mr Rock**. Mr Troy will lead the boys' football and **Mrs O'Brien** the girls' team with **Miss O'Brien** overseeing the netball team.

The same structure as last year will be followed with our sporting after-school clubs on a Tuesday and Thursday. Each club will be predetermined depending on the events and competitions that the Barnet Partnership of School Sport offers. A list of competitions and festivals we plan to enter will be posted on the sports notice board in due course. Letters will be sent out to parents offering children the opportunity to attend a trial prior to the club commencing.

**We look forward to this year's sporting calendar and will continue to build upon our sporting success!**

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