

# St. Theresa's Newsletter

St. Theresa's  
Catholic Primary School



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Autumn TERM 2016 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## Dear Parents/Carers,

We have really felt the Christmas spirit in our school this week.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair last Saturday. It was wonderful to hear that we had a fantastic turn out. I was really upset to have missed it as I was unwell.

The staff informed me that the stalls looked amazing and Santa's Grotto was certainly a real success. I know Santa really enjoyed visiting our school and he is looking forward to delivering lots of gifts next weekend!

A huge thank you to the Friends led by the Chair Mrs Burns. Each event this term, has gone from strength to strength. We are lucky to have such a hardworking, approachable committee who really appreciate any help you can offer in our small community!

On Tuesday the Year 3 & Year 4 children performed their Nativity with a modern twist. The children sang so beautifully, acted gracefully and spoke so clearly. Well done to everyone involved for producing such a fabulous show.

On Thursday night the staff, parents, governors and the Chief Inspector of the Diocese were full of joy after witnessing the spectacular Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Concert! The children filled the church with their beautiful singing. They spoke eloquently and reflected on the importance of the Christmas message. It was a joy to be a part of such a special evening. Thank you to Fr John for welcoming us into St Philip's Church this Christmas season. Thank you to all the staff and who worked really hard to produce this glorious evening.



Have a wonderful weekend!



Mrs O'Melia

## Christmas Jumper Day Assembly

Thank you to everyone who supported the charity 'Save the Children' by coming to school wearing a Christmas jumper and helping to raise £173 for children who are less fortunate than us especially at this time of year.

Well done to Miss Davidson for being crowned our Christmas Jumper Day Queen!

## Year 6 SAT Table Results 2016

As some of you may be aware the Year 6 SATs league tables have been published and we are delighted to see St Theresa's so high up in the table. Within the Borough of Barnet we recorded the 12<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of children meeting age related expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths! This is an amazing achievement and I would like to congratulate Mr Troy, the Year 6 class of 2015-2016 and all the staff at St Theresa's for their concerted effort.

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/education/school-sat-tables-results-for-every-london-state-primary-a3421116.html>

We had a visit from our Network Inspector from the LA this week and she was very impressed with all the teaching and learning that is taking place across the school. She also complimented the school on all the achievements we have accomplished over the past year.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved!

**Reminders**-We finish at 1pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and all pupils must return to school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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

Christmas Parties - 20<sup>th</sup> December pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - School finishes at 1 o'clock

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January- French starts back at 3.30pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January- Year 4 Swimming lessons

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January- Chess Club starts back

### Promoting Positive Behaviour

At St. Theresa's, we value the positive relationships we have with our parents and visitors to the School. We believe that children benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one.

We strive to make our school a place where we model for children the Christian behaviour we teach and expect.

The vast majority of parents, carers and others visiting our school are keen to work with us and are supportive of the school. From time to time it is necessary for parents and the school to meet to discuss individual pupils. It is important that discussions between parents and staff (senior leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, site managers, meal time supervisors and kitchen staff) are conducted in a calm and respectful manner. In the vast majority of such situations this is what happens, but on very rare occasions, aggression and verbal abuse is directed towards members of school staff or members of the wider school community.

We expect parents, staff and other visitors to behave in a reasonable way towards each other.

The safety of the children is our highest priority and the staff cannot leave their classes to discuss individual cases with parents during the school day. We are more than happy to meet with parents before or after school. Please remember to make an appointment with the office if you need to see your child's class teacher. Thank you!



### Attendance this week



Reception	93%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97%
Year 4 Red	99%
Year 4 Blue	95%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	90%
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>95%</b>

*Well done to Years 2, 3 and Year 4 Red who had the best attendance this week.*



4TH SUNDAY OF Advent

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