

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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Catholic Primary School



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SPRING TERM 2017 – Friday 24th February

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy first week we have had back St Theresa's!

Year 4 Red led us in worship in Wednesday's assembly. It was wonderful to hear the children describe their favourite books and recognise that the most important book of all is The Bible. They used the parable of The Unforgiving Servant to teach us how we can be merciful and forgiving members of society. The children spoke clearly and sung beautifully. Thank you to Miss O'Brien and Mrs Tarrant for all their hard work and for supporting the children.

The Year 4 Football Team took part in the 'Barnet School's Tournament' at Friern Barnet Powerleague and produced some brilliant results including a 6-0 win in their opening game! Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to Mr Rock and Mrs Sweeney for their help.

On Thursday a selection of children from Year 3 to Year 6 represented the school in a multi-sport festival. The aim of the non-competitive tournament was to promote sportsmanship and encourage everyone to take part and have fun. St Theresa's children certainly did! Thank you to all the children who took part and showed great teamwork. Thank you to Mr Rock and Mrs Tarrant for joining in with the activities. The Friends have been working extremely hard to sell tickets for this evenings quiz night. We hope to see many faces this evening and look forward to being challenged and hopefully getting some of the questions correct!

We wish you all a lovely weekend. God Bless!

Mrs O'Melia, Mrs Pears and Mr Troy

PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER 5

Please take a look at the latest timetable from Bell Lane Children's Centre displayed on the School notice board. As well as many Stay and Play sessions, there are also English as a Second Language courses and a conversation cafe where parents can practise their English skills in a supportive environment.

In March there will also be a new course of 'Family Links' starting, offering advice to parents on many aspects of child care from weaning to behaviour management.

For more information or to book a place, please contact our Inclusion Leader, Mrs Holland.

A Message from Mrs O'Melia

I would like to express my gratitude to the staff, governors and parents for all your support this year.

St Theresa's is a wonderful community to be part of and I am delighted and feel very privileged to have been appointed the Substantive Headteacher. I am looking forward to leading the school and working with you so that the children continue to receive the best education and care they deserve.

Thank you and God Bless.

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

Friends Quiz Night 24th February 7:45pm
 Ash Wednesday Mass 1st March 9:15am
 Year 2 trip Museum of London 2nd March
 World Book Day Friday 3rd March
Consultation Evenings Tuesday 28th February 4pm – 6.30pm and Thursday 2nd March 4pm – 6.30pm
 Year 5 Hindleap Warren trip 7th – 10th March
 Science Week 13th – 17th March



Achievements



YR	Sebastian P - For his excellent effort in learning the tricky words. Alisia - For her fantastic writing about her half term break.
Y1	Evie - For flexing her learning muscles. Dominykas - For outstanding focus during independent learning.
Y2	Alvaro - For continually challenging himself across the curriculum. Well done! Robbie - For his excellent effort in Maths. Well done!
Y3	Tommy - For being persistent and focused in lessons. Natalia - For showing role model behaviour and trying her best in every lesson.
Y4 Red	All of Year 4 Blue - For their amazing learning when writing haiku poems this week.
Y4 Blue	Madan - For doing a 'fab' piece of learning in his poetry this week. Vanessa - For being a 'Have a Go Mo' this week in her maths especially with 'Decimals'
Y5	Peter - For his enthusiasm in class discussions. Adam - For a fantastic effort with his writing, describing a creature that would live on Pandora.
Y6	Charlie - For always challenging himself with his BIDMAS work. Well done keep it up! Ana - For working on her time management in class and really trying to complete all her tasks.

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

Golden Children this week are.

Jaden Yr 1 and Gwenn Yr 5

St George's won the most House points this week! Well done!

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Attendance this week



Reception	93%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	98%
Year 4 Red	99%
Year 4 Blue	99%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	93%
Total Attendance	96%

Well done to Yrs 4 Blue and Red who had the best attendance this week.

Parents of Children with SEND

Please look at the leaflet below which details new Parent 'drop in' sessions being offered by Barnet Inclusion Services.

PARENT / CARER DROP-IN SESSIONS
 Special Educational Needs & Disability Support in Barnet
 Specialist Inclusion Services

Parent / Carer Drop-in Sessions (must be booked) - Overview

Parent / Carer Drop-in Sessions are for parents / carers of Barnet children and young people (0-25) to share any concerns or issues, with a relevant professional. It is a stand-alone session, so this means that there is no follow-up. The session must be booked in advance and although the term 'Drop-in' is utilised, these 1:1 sessions are booked via a 'first come - first allocated' approach. The aim of this session is to provide parents / carers with an opportunity to discuss concerns and collectively think through how to move forward with the situation.

The sessions are completely free (no cost)

- Priority will be given to those who have not attended a previous Drop-In Session on a 'first come - first allocated' basis.
- Sessions must be booked in advance utilising the contact details included in this flyer.
- This is a consultation session for parents / carers only. Children do not need to attend.

For details relating to date, time, venue and booking arrangements, please see table below:

Further information regarding the Parent Drop-In sessions (including, a summary of each team and the planned sessions between now and October 17) is available on the Barnet Local Offer: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/children-young-people-and-families/the-local-offer-and-special-educational-needs/parents.html>

Below is the first cycle of Parent / Carer Drop-in sessions (February to March):

Drop-In session	Team facilitating Drop-In	Date & Venue	Time	Contact
A	Specific Literacy Difficulties Advisory Teacher Speech, Language and Communication Advisory Teacher Autism Advisory Teacher Team	Tuesday 21 st February Grasvenor Avenue Infant School, ENS	1.00pm – 4.00pm	lit.sevam@barnet.gov.uk T +44 (0)20 8359 5554
B		Monday 27 th February Mifbrook Park School, NW7	2.00pm – 5.00pm	lit.sevam@barnet.gov.uk T +44 (0)20 8359 5554
C	Educational Psychology Team	Monday 27 th February Colindale Primary School, NW9	9.15 – 12.15	lit.sevam@barnet.gov.uk T +44 (0)20 8359 5554



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