

# St. Theresa's Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 2016 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer and feel rested.

It has been a fantastic week at St Theresa's. The children have made an excellent start in their new classes and are looking very smart and ready to learn. I would like to welcome the new families that have joined St Theresa's this week.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Pears and Miss Davidson to our staffing community. We feel very lucky to have them join our school. A big thank you to all the parents who have welcomed them- your kindness is appreciated.

I am pleased to announce that over the summer Mrs D received excellent news from Transport for London. They confirmed that St Theresa's achieved the GOLD Star award! Congratulations to everyone for this amazing achievement. Thank you to our Junior Travel Ambassadors and Mrs D for your hard work in promoting the importance of travelling safely to and from school.

We would like to inform you that St Theresa's has joined the 'Bike It Plus' programme which includes an assembly where children can decorate their bikes and bring them to school for a 'Bling your Bike' competition!

As this year is also our Golden Jubilee year, I know it will be an extra special time for the school community of St Theresa's.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

**Mrs O'Melia ☺**

**A note from**

**Mrs Pears our Executive Head**

As the Executive Head Teacher of St Theresa's, I am looking forward to working with Mrs O'Melia, Mr Troy and the staff, the children and you, the parents and carers in the coming academic year. Together with the dedicated staff, we are resolute in our efforts to ensure that our pupils strive for the highest standards in academic achievement, social responsibility and personal development within our Catholic learning community. We have high expectations for the children in our care and aim to encourage them to learn, develop and grow into responsible, caring adults within a climate of respect, warmth and understanding. I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks and to offer any assistance and support that may be required.

**A note from Miss Davidson**

I have had a fantastic first week at St Theresa's. Thank you to all the children, parents and staff for welcoming me so warmly. I am looking forward to working in Year 5 and Year 6 this year.

**Reminders!** - Holidays in term time will not be permitted. These are checked by the EWO and fines will be issued. Please would you bring an appointment card if your child is visiting the doctor, dentist or a letter if it's a hospital appointment. Please try to make medical appointments after school if you are able to do so. Many thanks for your support. **Uniform** – Thank you for ensuring your child's uniform is clearly labelled. This will save time when distributing items from the lost property bin. **Jewellery**- Only watches and stud earrings are permitted. **Birthdays**- Fruit may be brought in if children wish to celebrate their birthdays with their class. Alternatively you can buy a book to give to the class. Sweets, cakes, biscuits are not permitted.

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

Curriculum meetings for all parents 3.00pm – 3.30pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
 Swimming starts for Years 5 and 6 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
 Black History Month starts 1<sup>st</sup> October  
 St Theresa's Golden Jubilee Mass 4<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am with Fr John  
 Harvest Festival Assembly EYFS and KS1 9.15am - KS2 9.50am



## Achievements



Reception	
Y1	Vincent - For modelling fantastic Behaviour. Zuzanna - For fantastic effort in her learning during choice time.
Y2	All of Year 2 - For settling in so well and being enthusiastic in their learning.
Y3	All of Year 3 - For settling in so well to the Juniors.
Y4 Red	Callum - For settling into Year 4 and always doing the right thing. Hanna - For making great choices and doing the right thing in everything she does.
Y4 Blue	Anne - For being a good friend to her classmates. Nandy - For settling in so well to St Theresa's. Welcome!
Y5	Joseph - For a fantastic attitude to his learning and a great effort. Ana - For fantastic effort in all her learning. A great start to Year 5.
Y6	Vincent - For applying himself in Literacy and up levelling his fantasy writing. Veronica - For a well detailed scientific diagram of the human heart.

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



Golden Children this week are.  
**Connor Year 1 and Sophie Year 1**



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## Attendance this week



Reception	
Year 1	99%
Year 2	99%
Year 3 Blue	99%
Year 3 Red	100%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	96%
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>99%</b>

*Well done to Yr 4 Red who had the best attendance this week.*

### Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace. Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts. Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**The pedestrian gate unlocks automatically at the following times:**

- Morning: open at 7.45am  
close at 8.50am
- Afternoon: open at 3.15pm  
close at 4.00pm

**If your child is attending Breakfast Club please escort them to the main entrance of the school via the pedestrian path. Just a reminder that the car park is for the sole use of staff and delivery vans.**