

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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AUTUMN 2014 - Friday 5th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you had a happy restful Summer holiday! We welcome new staff, new children and their families to our school this year. It already feels like we've known them for ages! They are all wonderful additions to our school community. We have also recruited a Sports Competition Manager Mr Rock, to be part of the teaching team this year. Mr Rock will be arranging sports competitions for children in Reception to Year 6 throughout the year and will be providing sports clubs for children to learn and practice the necessary skills required. These clubs will be free to all the children. Mr Rock would like to meet with the parents to explain how we will increase the sports provision here at St Theresa's and how the sports legacy grant will improve the physical lifestyles and sporting aptitude of all the children.

More information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

We hope you like the notice boards on the side entrance and in the lobby showing the faces names and positions of all the staff who work here at St Theresa's. We are very proud of our 2014 / 2015 team!

Miss Kelly ☺

Curriculum Meetings

3pm to 3:30pm

Next week Curriculum Meetings will take place at 3pm in the Multi Purpose Room. This is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out what your child will be learning this year. You will be given a pack listing the days for your child's sports coaching, PE days, change of reading book day, library day and home learning days. The class teacher will give you information on the expectations of behaviour, attitude for learning and standards of work expected. If you are unable to attend the information packs will be sent home.

School Building Improvements

Over the summer holidays we have been making the necessary repairs and refurbishments to the school. Yr 3 & Yr 4 have new windows and outside doors. The office & staffroom windows have been replaced. The kitchen and 4 classrooms were painted, Year 1 has a new carpet and the medical room was refurbished.

The children and staff love the fresh look!

Lost Wedding Ring!!!! Please would you be on the "look out" for a gold wedding ring containing 32 diamonds on a sliding circular mechanism. It was lost Wednesday morning. It has huge sentimental value and the owner is devastated. If you or your child have seen it or have picked it up please would you hand it in to the office. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated. **Reminders: Uniform.** Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Summer dresses and polo shirts may be worn up to half term. Shirts must be worn with a school tie. Coats/jackets must be navy. No jewellery may be worn with the exception of stud earrings. **Birthdays.** If you would like your child to celebrate their birthday at school they may bring in fruit to share or a book to share in the class library. Sweets and cakes are not permissible. **Holidays during term time.** Holidays are not permitted during term time. Please refer to the term dates on the school website when booking holidays to avoid disappointment.

Dates for your diary

Curriculum meetings for parents

Year 2 Monday 8th Sept

Year 6 Tuesday 9th Sept

Year 4 Wed 10th Sept

Year 3 Thurs 11th Sept

Year 5 Fri 12th Sept

Year 1 Monday 15th Sept

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 26th September 8:40am in Multi Purpose Room

Governors Drop In Friday 10th October 8:30am in the Multi Purpose Room

School Notice Board

Please see the notice board for details on the 360 Arts Annual EBMF Scholarship Auditions.

Auditions take place for children aged 7 and over on Sunday 21st September at 2pm in the Bull Theatre, 68 High Street, Barnet EN5 5SJ.

The winner will be entitled to one year's free tuition worth over £1000.

Afternoon Play for KS2

In keeping with most schools the Juniors will not be having afternoon play. This is to ensure 2 full lessons are taught in the afternoon. Infants will still have their fifteen minute play at 2:15.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming will take place for Year 5 and Year 6 every Friday at Copthall this Autumn Term. The coach and the lessons are paid for from the school budget. Please make sure your child has their swimsuit and towel and necessary items with them every Friday. We would also appreciate you not excusing your child from swimming if they have a cold or cough. These lessons are so important!

Gymnastics

Using the Olympics legacy grant children in Year 3 and Year 4 will receive 1 hour each of gymnastic lessons every Monday afternoon from a qualified gymnastic coach in partnership with their class teacher. This will build on the gymnastic skills the children were taught last year. Please make sure your child has their PE kit with them on Mondays so this opportunity to learn and develop in this fantastic sport is not wasted!

New Music Curriculum

Recorders Required in KS2!!

As part of the new curriculum we are launching **Charanga Music** on behalf of Barnet Education Arts Trust. We will be teaching music using the Charanga resource materials from Reception to Year 6. Sr Jenny will be teaching it to the Juniors and would like every child in Year 3 to Year 6 to purchase their own recorder to bring to their music lessons every week.

This will enable every child to participate fully in the music lessons and develop their music notation and composition skills. Please ensure the recorders are clearly labelled so the spreading of germs is kept to a minimum.

Attendance

Yr3 had the best attendance this week, with 91% attendance! 97% of children in the school came to school every day this week. This is not a good start to the year! Let's get this figure up next week!!

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