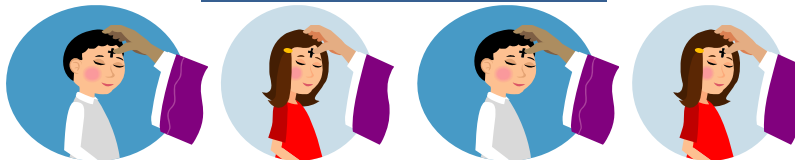


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7th March 2014

Dear Parents,

Ash Wednesday Mass

Fr John came to St Theresa's and celebrated mass with us this Ash Wednesday. The children led the processions and read beautifully. It was a very prayerful and reflective occasion which prepared us for the season of Lent. Thank you to Fr John for his wonderful rapport with the children and to the parents and governors who joined us in worship. As always a special thank you to Sister Jenny for preparing our Mass.

Lenten Boxes

The Lenten Boxes will go out today. As you know we had a speaker from the Catholic Children's Society who has asked us to think of those who are less fortunate in this Lenten season. Please return the boxes to school after Easter. The money will be presented at a mass in Westminster Cathedral.

Parking in LA fitness

I received a phone call from the Manager of LA fitness who said that some of the parents from St Theresa's are parking in their car park when dropping off or collecting their child from school. Please refrain from parking in the LA fitness car park. At St Theresa's we want to show consideration to our neighbours and the local community.

Year 5 Trip to Hindleap

With a bit of luck it looks like the sun will be shining on our Year 5 children next week as they embark on their school journey to Hindleap Warren. Last year they were knee deep in snow for the week, which didn't get in the way of their enjoyment at all. Miss Martin, Mr Licata and Mrs McGrath will be looking after the children. We wish them all a safe and happy trip. We'll keep parents updated with text messages.

Year 4 will be taught by Ms N Armstrong from Tuesday to Friday next week.

School Equipment

We have purchased sports equipment for each year group to play with at lunchtime. This is the second time this school year. The previous equipment was either thrown over the fence or was damaged. The school councilors are responsible for taking out and collecting the equipment every day. This is something extra we like to provide for the children. However at assembly today the Sports Prefects informed the school that the new quoits which were out on the playground for only 4 days have been torn apart deliberately.

This is disappointing. On the whole our children are responsible and respect the school equipment. The classes who have forgotten how to be responsible will not be able to play with their equipment for one week. A big thank you to Maddie and Liam our hard working Sports Prefects, who took the time to choose, sort, label and distribute all the equipment.

World Book Day at St Theresa's

Don't forget St Theresa's will be celebrating World Book Day on 19th March. We would love for the children to dress up as a book character, bring in the book and be able to say who their character is and explain or give 2 facts about them. We will also be distributing book vouchers on that day! Year 1 Blue will be leading the assembly that day. **All** parents from **all** year groups are welcome to join us.

Parent View

The phrase "*you can please some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all of the time*" is a saying that applies to many primary schools including St Theresa's. The staff and I know that many parents are very happy that their child is at St Theresa's. We strive to ensure your child has the best opportunities available and appreciate the times when you tell us how we can improve this. You let us know in meetings and events and on the playground what you are pleased with. We are a St Theresa's family. It is because of this we have a good reputation in the community. We are full and very oversubscribed. However this is not reflected in our Parent View. It is a hassle to do it, I agree as you have to go to the site to put in your email and then go to your emails and back again. Knowing this is fiddly I would like to invite any parent who has not completed their parent view to a **Coffee Morning on Tuesday from 8:30 to 10am**. The laptops will be set up and a member of staff will be around to help you with questions you may have. You will still have the necessary privacy! Would the Class Parent Reps kindly e mail this information to all your parents to drum up a good turn out. Those who have completed the short questionnaire are welcome too!

Suggestion box

A reminder to everyone that the suggestion box and slips are in the school lobby. We value your input! Again your opinion is important to us!

Second Hand Uniform

Please would you send in any uniform that your child has outgrown. We would like to set up a second hand school uniform stall after school at the end of this Spring Term. Watch this space for the date!

Food Tasting at St Theresa's School

We will be holding a Food Tasting session in the school hall on Monday 24th March at 3pm. The catering manager from Barnet, Teresa Goodall and a member of her team Emilia Arvstrand, a registered Public Health Nutritionist will be on hand to answer any questions or queries you may have regarding the food we serve at lunch time. As you know a lot of the food is organic and made from scratch in the school kitchen which is why Barnet have been awarded the Silver Catering Mark. Please come and try the food yourself and then bring your child to the hall at 3:30pm so they can sample the food too! This will be particularly helpful to the parents of Reception children as a small number of you have had queries regarding the food served.

Friends AGM

Thank you to the parents who attended the Friends AGM. The Friends reported on the finances, successful events and there was a discussion about suggested events for the future. The Friends Committee was re elected and the website will be updated with the Committee member names. Minutes will be displayed on the school information board once they are written.

Toys

Children seem to be bringing in toys to school. They are either in their pockets or book bags. Children are not permitted to bring toys to school – unless they have an object they would like to show and talk about on their “Show and Tell” days. Please find out from your teacher when they do show and tell.

Class Parent Reps

There seems to be confusion amongst some of the parents, particularly the new parents, regarding the class parent rep role. This position is to ensure that any new parents to the school are welcomed and included and to give them information on the school routines. The Class rep also communicates information from the Class Parent Rep Meetings to all the parents in the class via email. The Class Rep isn't there to fix disputes or listen to issues or complaints you may have. The Class Parent Rep is a not a member of the school staff and cannot speak on behalf of the school. I hope this clarifies the position. Any issues or questions you have must be directed to the class teacher, the school office or the Senior Leadership Team. A big thank you to the Class Parent reps who work hard to support our school, please do not use their voluntary help in any other way!

Football

Unfortunately the football team didn't play Our Lady of Lourdes this week. Our Lady of Lourdes had to cancel as several members of their football team fell ill. Good luck to our football team (and their manager Mr Licata) who are playing Coppetts Wood after school today.

Dates for your diary

Hindleap Yr 5 Trip	Tues 11 th to 14 th March
Class Assembly Yr 1 Red– <i>Parents Welcome</i>	Wed 12 th March 9:15
Class Assembly Yr 1 Blue– <i>Parents Welcome</i>	Wed 19 th March 9:15
Food Tasting – <i>Parents and children welcome</i>	Mon 24 th March 2014 3pm

Reading Books for Children – *Meeting For Parents* Tues 25th March 7pm

With Brigid De Rivaz Literacy Consultant – not to be missed!!!!

Class Assembly Yr 3– <i>Parents Welcome</i>	Wed 26 th March 9:15
Easter Assembly Yr 6– <i>Parents Welcome</i>	Wed 2 nd April 9:15
Reading to your Child - <i>Meeting For parents</i>	Wed 2 nd April 6:30pm

Many thanks for all your support!

Yours sincerely,

Miss M. Kelly
Headteacher