

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 2017 – Thursday 21st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our Autumn term, we would like to thank you all for your incredible support and encouragement. It has been a wonderful term with so many memorable moments.

The children are counting down the sleeps to Christmas and are very excited! Father Christmas has been watching them on his Santa Cam and knows they have been very good this year. We are sure they will have a fantastic time opening up their gifts on Christmas Day.

On Monday night we had another absolutely spectacular event. It was our annual Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carol Concert. We were treated to a magnificent evening in St Philip's church on Monday night. The children were amazing! The quality and clarity of their speaking and singing was excellent. At times like this we feel immensely humbled and proud to lead such a special school. Thank you to all who attended the concert. Thank you to Mrs Dias, Miss Georgious, Miss Jackson, Mr Troy, Sr Jenny, Mrs Tarrant, Mrs Christou, Mrs Hartnett and Mrs Rossi for all their hard work in preparing the children for this event.

Thank you to our dedicated team of staff who work tirelessly to ensure the children receive rich learning opportunities. We are truly blessed!

As this is the last newsletter of the year, on behalf of all the staff at St Theresa's we would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Mrs O'Melia and Mr Troy



St Theresa's Building Fund

The voluntary Building Fund contribution of £60 per child and £100 per family for this academic year is due. Your contribution goes towards the 10% cost we are obliged to pay for developing and maintaining our school buildings. Please keep your payments coming in, so far **56** families out of **234** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£4,720** out of a possible **£12,500**. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

School Uniform

Please take the opportunity over the Christmas break to address your child's hairstyle if it is not in keeping with school policy. To confirm for those who have boys in the school, a shaved head on the back and sides, with long hair on top is not a permitted style. Gel or wax styling products and dyed hair are not permitted either. Hair should be neat and tidy and be tied up at all times. Hair accessories should be small plain bands and be blue, black, brown or red.

If your child's hairstyle or uniform does not follow the school policy, you will receive a letter from the Senior Leadership Team. Thank you for your support.

REMINDERS

RECEPTION CLASS 2018

*Please remember the closing date for Reception 2018 applications is **15th January 2018**. Our supplementary form and additional paperwork will need to be submitted by 9am on Monday 15th January.*

WHATSAPP

We know that parents in several year groups have WhatsApp groups in order to exchange information and to support each other with logistical arrangements. Sometimes, such groups have inadvertently spread mis-information and innocent errors. Please can we ask group users to be careful of this and certainly not to use such chat groups to discuss members of staff.

Thank you.

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

MONDAY 8th JANUARY- CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

'Aladdin' Pantomime- Wednesday 10th January 2018

Year 2 Class Assembly - Wednesday 24th January 2018

Year 1 Class Assembly - Wednesday 31st January 2018

HALF TERM- 12th February- 16th February 2018

Year 5 Red Class Assembly – Wednesday 21st March 2018

Year 5 Blue Class Assembly –Wednesday 28th March 2018

Wednesday 10th January 2018

Message From Mrs Holland

The Specialist Inclusion Services and Educational Psychology Team are facilitating 'Parent/Carer Drop-In' sessions along with the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Advisory Teacher (SEMH) and NHS Speech and Language teams. These sessions are free sessions, although they must be booked in advance (based on a 'first come – first allocated' approach). They are available for parents/carers of Barnet children and young people (0-25), to share any concerns or issues on a 1:1 basis with a relevant professional. It is a stand-alone session, so this means that there is no follow-up. The aim of this session is to provide Barnet parents/carers with an opportunity to discuss concerns, and collectively think through how to move forward with the situation. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please see the flyer and booking form that have been emailed to you. Please complete and email it back to: SENDEvents@barnet.gov.uk

If you would like to discuss this further, prior to booking, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the school office.

Parent Training (SEND): Understanding Health Services.

Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), health providers and the Barnet Parent Carer Forum will be running a **free** training event for Barnet Parent Carers. This event will offer **parent carers** a chance to understand more about the local health system for children with SEND in Barnet, hear about what is on offer and how services are accessed. The conference will offer **health professionals** the opportunity to meet parent carers and hear about what matters most to you and your family.

Thursday 1st February 2018

**10am – 2pm
Greek Cypriot Centre,
2 Britannia Road,
North Finchley,
N12 9RU**

A light lunch will be provided. Please see your emails for further information.

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Attendance this week



Reception	97%	
Year 1	95%	
Year 2	96%	
Year 3	100%	
Year 4	97%	
Year 5 Red	98%	
Year 5 Blue	95%	
Year 6	97%	
Total Attendance	97%	

Well done to Years 3 and 5 Red who had the best attendance this week.

