

# St. Theresa's Newsletter

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AUTUMN TERM 2018 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Half Term. The children have come back looking very smart in their winter uniform and are full of enthusiasm for their learning.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Parent Consultations this week. We hope you found this a positive experience. The children have been making a huge effort in their learning so far this year. The staff are a wonderful team who put all their efforts into ensuring the children have the best opportunities to challenge themselves and to learn. On Thursday Fr John came to celebrate Mass for the Feast of All Saints. He spoke to the children about what makes someone a saint and how we can all try to be saints in our everyday lives. The children read with such clarity, played instruments wonderfully and sang beautifully. Thank you to Miss O'Brien and Sr Jenny for preparing the Mass so well.

It was wonderful to see so many parents join us at this very special gathering. During the month of November we remember all those who have died. We think about our loved ones who have passed away and those who have died in wars across the world. May they rest in peace.

Wishing you all a very nice weekend and if you are celebrating Guy Fawkes Night then please take care around fireworks and bonfires.

God Bless, **Mrs O'Melia and Mr Troy**

## Class Charities

This year we have decided to allocate each class a charity that they will fund raise for. The children have decided on the following charities for their class.

Class	Charity	Month to Fundraise
Reception	The Passage (Charity for The Homeless)	April
Year 1	RSPCA	May
Year 2	MIND- Mental Health (Finchley)	July
Year 3	GOSH (Great Ormond Street Hospital)	March
Year 4	Cat Protection	November
Year 5	Guide Dogs for Blind people	June
Year 6R	Catholic Children's Society	January
Year 6B	Marine Conservation Society	February

Each class has selected a month in which they will fund raise for their charity so this ensures that events are evenly spread across the year.

Year 4's event will take place on **Tuesday 20th November 2018**. Their charity is Cat Protection so they will be sponsored for coming to school dressed as a cat.

Sponsor Forms will be given out next week.

## Parking and Dropping Off



We are still noticing children coming in to school unaccompanied by an adult. Please remember that only children in Year 6 that have been given permission to be independent travellers can walk to and from school on their own.

Please can all parents and carers parking locally to the school remember that they cannot park across resident's drive-ways. We have received complaints from residents this week.

When waiting for the top gates to open, please ensure that you do not go on to our neighbours property.

Thank you for your cooperation with the above matters.

## Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week runs from 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'We choose respect'. The children will be attending an assembly and participating in a range of activities throughout the week including 'Odd Sock Day' on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. On this day children can bring a donation of £1 which supports the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance.



# News From The Friends

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term. We are now busy working towards the Christmas Fair! If anybody can support us with a donation prize for the raffle or works at a company that can help with match funding please get in touch. We would be so grateful for this support.

The Friends are also working with the school to purchase a much needed new sound system for the school hall. If any parent or carer could give advice on this or knows a good supplier or can get a discount please let the school office know and we can be in touch.

\*\*\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*\*\*

**The School Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 24th  
November 12pm – 3 pm.**

Wishing you all a happy bonfire weekend and keep safe.

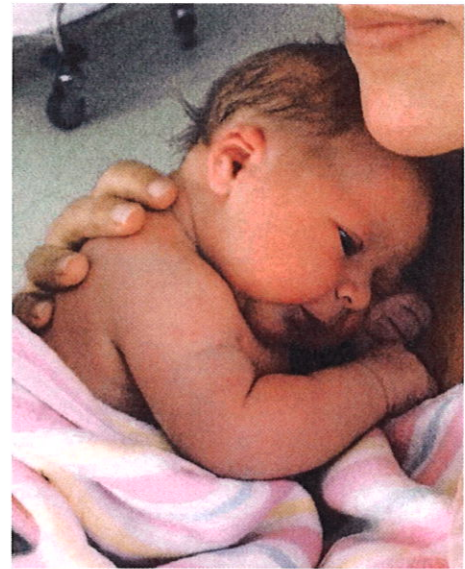
Many thanks.  
The Friends of St Theresa's

# Congratulations!

Over Half Term we had some lovely news from the USA and Australia. Both Miss Gurevitz (now Mrs Robinson) and Miss Higgins had new additions to their families.

Miss Gurevitz gave birth to a gorgeous baby girl, named Stella Susannah on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. Miss Higgins also had a baby girl and they have decided to call her Mollie. She was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> October too!

We would like to extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to both families. We wish them every happiness as they settle into life as parents with their new arrivals.



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Please see the next page for this week's certificates and dates for your diary

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### A Prayer for Remembrance



Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Socks Day

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Y4 Assembly

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 5 Tudor Workshop

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Own Clothes Day. Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair



Reception	Joelle - For always comforting her friends. Francesco - For his positive attitude towards learning.
Yr 1	Gabriel - For enjoying our learning and being curious in R.E. Eleanor - For using your learning muscles and not giving up in R.E learning this week.
Yr 2	Seamus - For always being curious and showing enjoyment with his learning. Sofia - For her growing confidence in class.
Yr 3	Connor - For his fantastic effort in all his learning in Year 3. Well Done! Evie - For her fantastic effort and learning in English lessons this week.
Yr 4	Robbie - For work showing great confidence this week in his Maths learning when multiplying 3 numbers together. Maya M - For displaying a good understanding in our new topic 'Road Trip to the USA'
Yr 5	Pouria - For challenging yourself and trying your best. Natalia - For participating more in class. Well Done!
Yr 6 Blue	Samuel - For an effective plan in English this week. Jack - For asking excellent questions which encourage class discussion.
Yr 6 Red	Ben - For great learning in Maths. Jayden - For an excellent start to the half term.



### Jeremiah Y2 and Isabel Year 3

Next week is 'Growth Mindset Week' at St. Theresa's.

We will be celebrating our fantastic learning culture, being like Have a go Mo, challenging ourselves and using our learning muscles. This will be a great opportunity for children to refresh their understanding of Growth Mindset and apply it to their learning.

## Attendance and Punctuality this week



	Absence	Late
Reception	90%	0
Year 1	91%	0
Year 2	98%	0
Year 3	100%	3
Year 4	93%	0
Year 5	96%	0
Year 6 Blue	98%	0
Year 6 Red	99%	0
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>96%</b>	

*Well done to Years 2, 3, 6 Blue and 6 Red for your excellent attendance this week!*

*Well done to Reception, Years 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 Blue and 6 Red for coming to school on time!*

*Our attendance target for this term is 97%*

### Punctuality



**5 minutes late every day means missing 3 days of school every year.**

**The doors open at 8.40am and the children must be in class by 8.50am when the register is taken.**

**Pupils arriving after this time are recorded as 'late' and any pupil arriving after the register closes is marked 'absent'.**

**Persistent lateness may trigger investigation by the School's Education Social Worker.**