

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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SPRING TERM 2019 – Friday 18th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the school has been a hive of activity! We have had many proud and excited visitors coming to see us to share their fantastic learning. We have seen amazing portraits of Queen Elizabeth in Year 3 and some excellent sentence writing in Reception. Year 1 shared their Story Maps about the 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' where we heard how the tiger drank all the water from the tap and ate all the biscuits and cake on the table until there was nothing left. What a naughty tiger!

In Year 5 the children were using different techniques to create some pictures of the moon, Year 4 were designing CAFOD posters, Year 2 were looking at symmetry in Maths, Year 6 Blue were learning to be 'cycle confident' and Year 6 Red were really excited about starting 'Free Writing Friday'.

It is such a joy to see the enthusiasm for the wide range of learning happening around our school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God Bless, Mrs O'Melia and Mr Troy

Attendance:

Holidays during term time result in penalty notices given. The Education Welfare Officer issues penalty notices to parents who take their children on holiday during term time. Penalty notices are not issued by the school but by Barnet Local Authority.

We are legally obliged to share the registers with the Education Welfare Officer who makes a point of checking absences before and after school breaks, as well as persistent once a week absences.

'Good' attendance is 96% or more. Anyone whose attendance is below 90% is closely monitored. We realise that some of this absence is due to ongoing health conditions or sickness bugs which cannot be helped.

Poor attendance has a huge impact on how well children can achieve in school.

Only **86** children had **100%** attendance last term.

SCHOOL 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 **41** families out of **175** have contributed to this vital fund and we have only received **£2,860** out of a possible **£12,400**.

Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 21st January – Cycle Confident Week for Year 6 Red

Wednesday 30th January- Chinese New Year performance for Years 4 and 5 at Christ College

Friday 1st February- Number Day

We will be sending home the Spring Term dates for your diary next week.

NSPCC Number Day 2019

On Friday 1st February we will be taking part in Number Day which is a maths-inspired fundraising day for the NSPCC.

This year we would like children to come to school dressed as a mathematician or wearing their own clothes which include a number theme!

We will be celebrating with exciting and fun maths activities in each class and raising money for a worthwhile cause. A voluntary contribution of £1 for the NSPCC will be collected on the day.



Congratulations to St George's for earning the most house points this week.

Mobile Numbers



If you received a new mobile phone over the Christmas break, can we please remind you to ensure the school office has your new number. There have been a few occasions where we have been unable to contact parents. Thank you.



Rec	Arvena – For estimating groups of objects and counting to find the answers. Annaliese – For her excellent attitude towards learning across all the areas.
Yr 1	Lorenzo – For his amazing progress in fractions. Mikolaj – For his amazing topic presentation.
Yr 2	Year 2 – For showing maturity and working hard in class since returning from the Christmas break.
Yr 3	Margaret – For her enthusiasm and effort in all of her Year 3 learning. Luke – For making a fantastic effort in his learning.
Yr 4	Alvaro – For producing an amazing description of a knight for our English learning on King Arthur. Olivia – For doing some pre-learning on fractions to help with her class learning.
Yr 5	Filip P – For the great enthusiasm and knowledge you've shown for our 'Stargazer's topic'. Celine – For becoming more confident and secure with your multiplication facts! Well done!
Yr 6 Blue	Alec – For his enthusiasm for our Science lessons. Juliette – For her enthusiasm for our Topic lessons.
Yr 6 Red	Danielle – For her positive and determined mindset when contributing to and working in class. Zofia – For her wonderful home learning poster presenting the grammar rules she has learnt this year.

Attendance and Punctuality this week



	Absence	Late
Reception	93%	0
Year 1	98%	1
Year 2	97%	3
Year 3	99%	1
Year 4	100%	0
Year 5	97%	1
Year 6 Blue	99%	3
Year 6 Red	98%	0

Well done to Years 3, 4 and 6 Blue for your excellent attendance this week!

Well done to Reception and Years 4, 6 Blue for coming to school on time!

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.



Francesco Reception and Shayan Year 4