



Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well.

Children's Annual Reports to Parents

The annual reports to parents for children in Reception to Year 6 will be sent home next week. If your child is currently attending the school, they will be bringing their report home with them next week; all the remaining reports will be posted to home addresses. To avoid any data protection issues, your child's surname has been removed from the reports. Please phone the school office if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher to discuss your child's report further.

Zoom meeting for parents of children starting Reception in September 2020

A reminder for all existing parents who have a child starting in the Reception class in September 2020 that we will be holding an information meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 8th September at 7pm. Myself and Mrs Decuseara will be online to provide parents with information about the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, the day to day routines in the Reception class and how we are proposing to transition – as smoothly as possible - the children into the school during these very uncertain times. It is very important that as many parents as possible attend the meeting; it supports the start of a positive partnership between the school and home.

Parents have already been provided with the invitation link for this meeting; please contact the school office if you need us to resend this to you.

A Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter

Peaceful protests, mass marches, and portrayals of violence. Petitions, political speeches and demonstrations. The last few weeks have seen movements advocating for an end to racial inequality on a mass scale. Yet, current affairs are not always tangible or immediately clear, especially from a child's perspective. Many children may have questions about the images, stories, and conversations they hear on the news and around them.

Attached to this email is a parent's guide to Black Lives Matter. Racism and race is not a one-conversation topic, and this guide by no means contains all the answers, but will provide the foundations of good places to start help inspire discussion and empower families to work towards racial equality.

The COVID-19 summer food fund

Free school meals in the form of supermarket vouchers will be provided over the summer holidays for all children who are registered for free schools meals. The children at St. Theresa's who are already registered, will continue to receive the supermarket vouchers over the summer holidays. Some families may have children who are entitled to free schools meals but have not registered. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may not realise that their child is eligible for free school meals because of the universal infant free school meal offer. We are encouraging parents to check if they are eligible here: <https://www.gov.uk.apply-free-school-meals>



Class picnics

A reminder that we are having our class picnics next week where your children can say goodbye to their current class teacher staff and hello to their new class teacher and staff. All parents of children attending their class picnic should have received an email indicating which group their child is in and what time they should drop off (and pick up) from school.

Class Picnic	Date
Reception	Monday 6 th July
Year 1	Tuesday 7 th July
Year <u>3</u>	Wednesday 8 th July
Year <u>2</u>	Thursday 9 th July
Year 4	Friday 10 th July
Year 5	Monday 13 th July
Year 6	Tuesday 14 th July

	Start time	Finish Time
Bubble/Group A	9.05am	10.05am
Bubble/Group B	9.10am	10.10am
Bubble/Group C	9.15am	10.15am

The children may bring in sandwiches (or a snack) and a drink and the school will give them lollies! A reminder that parents will not be permitted to stay for the picnics. We do hope the children are looking forward to seeing their friends – and we also hope the weather stays fine for us.

Children coming back to school in September

Yesterday the government published their guidance on the full opening of schools this September. The guidance provides information on how the school might operate (including the size of the 'bubbles', start and finish times etc.), curriculum delivery, assessment and how to respond to a local outbreak. The plan is for all pupils, in all year groups, to return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term. The school leaders, over the next few days will plan how to safely provide an education for all the pupils here at St. Theresa's and we will be providing further details to parents shortly.

Friday 17th July

The school will be closing at 12noon on the last day of term (Friday 17th July) and therefore the children will not be having lunch at school that day.

Virtual Sports Day

Today is the school's virtual Sports Day. We hope your children are enjoying the physical activities on Seesaw and are busy uploading their photos! One point is awarded for every photo posted on the class Seesaw; the class with the most points wins and there will be a prize for the winning class! We will announce the winning class in next week's update for parents.



Please do contact us if you need anything (tel: 020 8346 8826 or email:
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Thank you,

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