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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who, in response to the school's request this week, are wearing face coverings/masks at drop off and pick up times; we are very grateful.

Normally, at the beginning of term parents would be invited to "Meet the Teacher" meetings with their child's class teacher; this year, this is not possible. In place of the face to face meetings, the school will be sending home information electronically next week. The information will include details about class routines, topics, any details about national tests/assessments etc.

In last week's newsletter I wrote that parents would be receiving further information regarding the weekly routine home-learning. Please see the table on this page (opposite) which indicates which days the routine weekly home-learning will be issued in the classes. Seesaw will be the school's primary platform for setting home-learning; this will prevent lots of paper going to and from school. If you do not have access to the internet at home, please do let the school know so we can arrange alternative provision for your child.

It has been necessary to make some changes to the home-learning to ensure our provision for all children (those who do have access to the internet and are using Seesaw, and those who do not – and are therefore using paper copies) is as equal as possible. We are now not expecting the children in Y3-Y6 using Seesaw, to upload their maths answers, in the same way we do not expect the paper copies back (we want to avoid paper going to and from school); the answers will be uploaded/sent home by the class teachers after a few days. All other home-learning should be uploaded onto Seesaw by the day indicated in the table opposite; all home-learning uploaded *on time* will be looked at by the class teacher.

Next Friday (25th September), the pupils at St. Theresa's will be involved in the Macmillan Coffee morning. The children will be able to buy a cake and a glass of squash for a donation of £1 to enjoy in their classrooms!

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Changes to School Behaviour Guidelines during COVID-19

To ensure that we minimise the risk of any spread of infection throughout the school, the School Behaviour Guidelines During COVID-19 have been amended. Please note that on page 3 of the document, which can be viewed on the school website (<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Behaviour-Guidelines-during-COVID-19-September-2020.docx.pdf>), it now states:

"If a child DOES deliberately spit, bite, cough in another person's vicinity or displays any other intentional behaviour that increases the risk of spreading infection (e.g. purposeful refusal to follow the school social distancing rules), they may be excluded from school in the interests of the health and safety of the pupil and others"

Weekly Home-Learning starts next week

Reception	Issued on Friday, please return/upload it the following Thursday
Year 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*English and Maths homework issued on Friday, please return/upload it the following Friday.*New spellings will be set on Friday, and spelling tests the following Friday.
Year 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Maths homework issued on Tuesday.*New spellings will be set on Tuesday, and spelling tests the following Tuesday.*Timestables test every Wednesday.*"Nando's Take-Away Menu" homework issued on Friday, to be returned/uploaded the following Tuesday.
Year 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Maths homework issued on Tuesday.*New spellings will be set on Tuesday, and spelling tests the following Tuesday.*"Nando's Take-Away Menu" homework issued on Friday, to be returned/uploaded the following Tuesday.



Year 1	Kamo – For showing great enthusiasm this week in everything that he has done. Laura – For displaying amazing behaviour in class and in the playground.
Year 2	Chisom – For trying hard in all her lessons and never giving up. Annaliese – For working diligently in all her lessons, always helping others and for her impeccable manners,
Year 3	Chiamaka – For working independently in class. Mikolaj – For setting a great example in class with his behaviour and work ethic.
Year 4	Sebastian – For his detailed biography of Boudicca last week! Oliver – For his fantastic teamwork and generosity toward others in the class.
Year 5	Vinnie – For your great understanding of negative numbers this week. Well done! Fatima – For settling in so well! It's like you've always been part of the class.
Year 6	Alvaro – For his helpful and mature attitude both in the classroom and playground. Lily – For her enthusiastic attitude to her learning.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are
Tye in Year 1 and
Darcy in Year 5.
Well done!*

Symptoms of Covid-19

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus they will need to get a test as soon as possible.

Main symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

They will need to stay at home until the test result is received. Everyone in the household and support bubble will also need to stay at home until the test results are received.

1st Response Procedure

As part of the school's safeguarding procedures, we ask all parents to contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of their child's absence.

A phone call will be made – by the office staff – to the parent of any child who has not reported their absence on the first day that they do not attend school.

If the parent does not answer, the next emergency contact will be called. The office staff will record the reason for the absence and the parent/carer spoken to.

If after a phonecall to the next emergency contact, the school still does not know the reason for the absence, after a discussion with the Headteacher, the school may inform the police.

After School Clubs – COVID-19

The school is currently liaising with some of the after school clubs that normally run straight after school for an hour. The clubs will provide parents with their risk assessments when distributing their registration forms; in this way parents will be able to make an informed decision as to whether they would like their child to attend any of the clubs.

Dates for your diary

Fri 25th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct Half term

Thurs 1st Oct Whole School Mass (via zoom for the children only)

Mon 2nd Nov Staff INSET – school closed for children

Fri 18th Dec Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish

Mon 4th Jan Staff INSET – school closed for children

Tues 5th Jan Children back at school