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**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at St Theresa's; we hope everyone had a restful, and safe, summer holiday.

A very warm welcome to all the new families who are joining our school community this autumn – we hope you and your children will be very happy here.

We were delighted to see the pupils from Y2, Y4, Y5 and Y6 this week and we are looking forward to seeing the Y1, Y3 and our new Reception children next week.

The school day, and environment, will no doubt feel very different for your children due to the changes we have made as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we are working very hard to ensure your children feel safe and happy and that their return to school is a positive experience. If you do have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Can we please ask all parents and carers to make their way into the car park when dropping off and picking up their children. The car park is not currently being used by the staff specifically for this reason and by using the space, it will avoid groups of parents gathering outside the school gate. If, as more and more year groups return to school, the car park begins to feel crowded, please queue along the wall on East End Road. Thank you for your kind attention to this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

## Staff News

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Shilpa Gulab (Y2 teacher) and Melis Rogers, Dinah Boateng and Dorca Oyejola who will be supporting in the infant classes.

Congratulations to Mr (and Mrs) Troy on the birth of their baby girl during the summer holidays; we are all very much looking forward to meeting Hattie Troy!

## Pencil Cases

**As part of the school's COVID-19 safety procedures we are asking all the children to bring in their own pencil cases/pencils etc. to help us reduce the sharing of equipment. We would be very grateful if parents could ensure their child has one to use in class. We will, of course, provide equipment for any children who are unable to bring their own pencil cases to school.**

## Y5 and Y6 PE Kits

Can all Y5 and Y6 pupils please wear their PE kits to school on Mondays, in addition to Thursdays.

## Ultimate Primary Sports After School Club

If you are looking for after school child care, Ultimate Primary Sports run an after school club in the portacabin classrooms Monday to Friday term-time. If you are interested in registering your child, please email [info@ultimateprimarysports.co.uk](mailto:info@ultimateprimarysports.co.uk) for further information.



Please check here every week to see which children's achievements are being celebrated.

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

Safeguarding and Child Protection at St. Theresa's School is EVERYONES responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Please contact a member of the safeguarding team at any time if you have concerns. The members of staff in the safeguarding team are: Miss Costa, Mr Troy and Mrs Folan.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**



On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September we will be participating in the MacMillan Coffee morning. It is MacMillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Macmillan's goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone. Unfortunately, this year we are not able to invite parents to the traditional coffee morning due to the social distancing restrictions however we hope the children will be able to participate. More details to follow.

### **A Prayer for our School**



This is our school,  
A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.  
Let our school be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.  
Help us to learn, play, pray and grow together in the love of God.  
May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love.

Amen

### **Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information**

This week, all Year 6 parents should have received an email from the school office with information regarding the process of applying for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child.

Due to COVID-19 it is possible that the scheduled open evenings will not go ahead and therefore parents are strongly advised to check school websites before attending any events.

The online application system is now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651.

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form - this will be sent to you by the Barnet SEN team.

Many schools have delayed their selection test dates due to COVID-19, which means you may not get the results of tests until after 31<sup>st</sup> October. Where a test result might affect the outcome of an application, parents will be able to change their preferences up until 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Dates for your diary**

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.40am Y3 pupils start school
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.50am Y1 pupils start school
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> group of Reception pupils start
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2 <sup>nd</sup> group of Reception pupils start
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Staff INSET – school closed for children
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Staff INSET – school closed for children