



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,
we grow together in the love of God**

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AUTUMN TERM 2020

Friday 23rd October

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the first half term – already! I would like to thank everybody for the support that the school has received over the past eight weeks; it is greatly appreciated.

Parents should have by now been notified by their class teacher (via Seesaw) of the date for their parent consultation phone call. On the date you have been allocated, between 4pm-6.30pm you will receive a 10 minute phone-call from the class teacher. The teacher will phone the 1st emergency mobile contact number that we hold for your child. If the day you have been allocated is not convenient, or the 1st emergency mobile contact is not the appropriate number, please contact the class teacher to rearrange.

Mr Troy is asking for donations of bottle tops! These will be used for a sports challenge after half term. Please save any bottle tops and send them into school with your child; there will be boxes in the classrooms to collect them.



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Pumpkin Carving Competition; I am really looking forward to seeing the photos of the carved pumpkins on Seesaw!

Next week is half term and therefore no home-learning will be set by the class teachers. **A reminder that it is a staff training day on Monday 2nd November, so the school will be closed to the pupils on that day.** We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 3rd November.

Have a restful half term break.

Barbara Costa

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Reading

To encourage the younger children to develop a love of reading, the class teachers in the infants will be sending home, books for your child to read. Current government guidelines advise a period of 72 hours before books can be shared between different bubbles (in this case, different households).

Therefore please see below the days the books will be sent home, and the days the books need to be returned.

	Books go home on	Books come back on
Rec (starts after half term)	Friday	Tuesday
Year 1	Thursday	Monday
Year 2 (starts after half term)	Friday	Tuesday

Timestable Rockstar Battle - OLOL V St. Theresa's

Pupils from both schools have been battling it out over the course of this week.

The battle finishes this afternoon and we will update you with the results after the half term break.

Update from the Friends of St. Theresa's

All the children who are taking part in the Halloween Pumpkin Carving competition should be going home with their pumpkins today. I hope the children will have fun creating their designs and I am sure Miss Costa and Mr Troy are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful competition entries. Please remember to upload a photo of your completed design on seesaw to your class teacher on or before the 31st October 2020.

We have had a tremendous response to the competition with over 100 children taking part and we would like to say a big thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the school with its fundraising activities. We will share with you the exact figure we have raised in the next newsletter. A special thanks must go to Peach Pubs www.peachpubs.com who have very kindly supported this year's Pumpkin Carving Competition by donating the pumpkins and to Maya's Mum Julia in year 3 for making this all possible.

The Friends will also be collecting school uniform items for the second-hand uniform sale to take place after the half term. More details to follow shortly about how this will operate given the current circumstances.

The Friends of St Theresa's

Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications

The deadline for all applications to secondary schools must be submitted by midnight 31st October. Late applications will not be included in the first round of offers on 1 March so it is vital that parents apply **before midnight on 31st October.**

Families going abroad during October half-term

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office currently advises British nationals against all but essential travel.

If you are having to travel abroad over the half-term, you will need to follow the rules for entering the UK when you return. Depending on the country you are travelling from, you may need to isolate for the first 14 days you are in the UK.

We ask all families to follow the government guidelines re. self-isolating; **this is to ensure all members of the school community (the children, the staff and the parents) are protected. Do not send your child to school if you have been requested to isolate following a trip abroad.**

Please visit our website where you will find our weekly newsletter, diary dates, curriculum information and lots more! <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>



Reception	Max P - For his amazing dance moves in our dance sessions. Nikolay – For his mature attitude in class.
Year 1	Gabriella – For making a great effort in learning her initial sounds. Rafael – For having a go at his phonics.
Year 2	Matylda – For her exemplary behaviour and attitude towards her learning. Joelle – For being ‘Star of the week’.
Year 3	Samyar – For having an amazing talent for times tables and being able to have instant recall. Kristiana – For always giving 100% effort in her classwork and having a positive attitude.
Year 4	Seamus – For his fantastic progress with his timetables test, multiplying by 40, 400 and 4,000. Martina – For her invaluable contribution she has made to Year 4 this year and in the past. We will miss you!
Year 5	Lily-Rose – For all of your fantastic learning this half term. Welldone! Connor – For the spectacular vocabulary you’re included in your mystery story. Well done!
Year 6	Emmet – For an excellent start to Year 6. Marcel - For an excellent start to Year 6.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are
Seamus Yr 4 and Vinnie Yr 5*

Little Saints After School Club

Where? St Theresa’s School
(multi-purpose room)
When? Every day after school until 6pm
How much? £10 per session offer (offer ends December)

To book a place please contact *Little Saints* with the following details: Child’s name, class, your name, telephone number, any allergies or intolerances. Payments with code “LS child’s name” to Mrs V Avraam,
Natwest, Account No: 64134520, Sort code: 51 50 00
email: vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk
telephone: 07968 498 364

Applications for Reception and Nursery

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2021** – this is for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th January 2021.

The forms are available to download on the school website.

Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet - the on-line system is already open.

Please contact the office or visit the school website for an application pack.

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

Your child 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.

Dates for your diary

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct

Half term

Mon 2nd Nov

Staff INSET – school closed for children

Tues 3rd Nov

Parent Consultation phone calls for Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3

Wed 4th Nov

Parent Consultation phone calls for Y4, Y5 and Y6

Tues 10th Nov

Parent Consultation phone calls for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y6

Wed 11th Nov

Parent Consultation phone calls for Y3, Y4 and Y5

Tues 24th Nov

Flu immunisation

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

New dates added in bold