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**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who supported the Macmillan Coffee morning last week - we raised £150. Once again we thank the Friends of St. Theresa's for providing the cakes and juice for the children. We are very grateful to the Friends who work all year round to raise funds for our school. We can now also thank them for our new defibrillator. Defibrillators are devices that restore a normal heartbeat by sending an electric pulse or shock to the heart. They are used to prevent or correct an arrhythmia, a heartbeat that is uneven or that is too slow or too fast. This means that it can be used to restore the heart's beating if the heart suddenly stops, so we are very pleased to have one on the school site. We also want to thank the Friends for the "new-look" school website as they funded this upgrade. We hope you find the website informative and easy to navigate. You can visit it here:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>

We would like to welcome Halina Gibson as a new Parent Governor to the St. Theresa's Governing Body. We are very much looking forward to her contribution to the leadership of the school.

This year the flu vaccination is being offered to all children in primary school (Reception to Year 6). Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS. The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected. This year consent must be given electronically by following the link <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. You will then be asked to type in a code: **CL101335**. The immunisations will take place at school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Yesterday, Father John celebrated a zoom whole school Mass. Father John remained in the Y6 classroom whilst all the other pupils participated from their own classrooms - watching on the whiteboard. It is remarkable what computers and technology can help us do!

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"*

## Zoom Parent Meetings

We will be holding a series of zoom parent meetings to provide information about national assessments. Please see below for the details of the first few meetings organised. Please confirm with the office if you are attending, and a zoom invitation will be forwarded to you.

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm Meeting for Y6 parents (Y6 SATs in May 2021)

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm Meeting for Y2 parents (Y2 autumn term phonic screening and Y2 SATs in May 2021)

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm Meeting for Y1 parents (Y1 Phonic Screening in June 2021)



Reception	<b>Max S</b> – Learning his tricky words. <b>Mia</b> – Being such a kind friend to everyone.
Year 1	<b>Theo</b> – Showing great enthusiasm and interest in everything that he has done this week. <b>Maya</b> – For making a great effort in using phonics to help spell unknown words.
Year 2	<b>Arvena</b> – Working hard and taking part in lessons. Excellent behaviour! <b>Francesco</b> – Enjoying learning and striving for excellence in his work!
Year 3	<b>Amelia</b> – For a great attitude towards her learning. She is always happy and smiling in class. <b>Rafael</b> – For always staying engaged in class and being enthusiastic towards his learning.
Year 4	<b>Lucas</b> – For his incredible Gladiator descriptive writing. <b>Elizabeth</b> – For being a wonderful fox in our class food chain!
Year 5	<b>Noah</b> – Your excellent prediction skills during our Science experiment. Well done! <b>Ben</b> – The fantastic poem you wrote for National Poetry day! You used great poetic techniques.
Year 6	<b>Mia</b> – Her efforts in both Maths and English. <b>Sonny</b> – An excellent start to Year 6.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are Helios in Year 1 and Nikola in Year 1*

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Applications for Reception and Nursery**

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

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm Zoom meeting for Y6 parents

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm Zoom meeting for Y2 parents

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm Zoom meeting for Y1 parents

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

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Flu immunisation

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

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Children back at school

**New dates added in bold**