



**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 6<sup>th</sup> November

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday I emailed parents the latest government guidance around the new national restrictions; if you did not receive the email you can read it on the school website here: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/New-National-Restrictions-5th-November-2020.pdf>

The school is remaining open throughout the lockdown; breakfast club and Little Saints after school club will operate as normal (since their primary purpose is to provide childcare) but all other after school clubs are cancelled until further notice.

Now that we are officially under the new restrictions it is even more important that all parents follow the social distancing guidelines on the school grounds. We are still concerned that not all adults are moving on quickly enough after drop off and pick up, and that the path around the school building is becoming crowded. Please remember to wear a face mask/covering - if social distancing cannot be maintained - and show consideration for other parents. Please also bear in mind that some adults are exempt from wearing face masks for a range of reasons which may not be apparent.

The class teachers have completed their first round of parent phone consultations and will speak to the remaining parents next week. 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 1<sup>st</sup> emergency mobile contact number that we hold for your child. If this is not the appropriate number, please contact the class teacher.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Pumpkin Carving Competition; Mr Troy and I really had fun looking at all the photos. I am amazed at how diverse and imaginative the carvings were. Congratulations to Avash from Y2 and Margaret from Y5 who were the winners and a huge thank you to the Friends for organising the competition.

Have a lovely weekend.

*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	Friday	Tuesday
Year 1	Thursday	Monday
Year 2	Friday	Tuesday

## Update from the Friends of St. Theresa's

Thank you very much to all who took part in the pumpkin competition. Together we raised £360 for the school. The winners are Avash from Y2 and Margaret from Y5!



All next week, the Friends will be collecting good quality school uniform for a second hand uniform sale to parents. Please donate any uniform items you no longer need and leave them on the outside bench next to the kitchen door. Thank you for supporting the Friends and the school. The Friends of St Theresa's

## Timetable Rockstar Battle - OLOL V St. Theresa's

Whilst St. Theresa's were pipped to the post in this tournament, we are particularly pleased with the Y5 and Y3 pupils who achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place respectively out of the 12 classes competing! Well done children.

## Staying Safe Reminder for Pupils

As the nights are drawing in, can we please remind everyone of the need to be more alert and follow the staying safe and stranger danger rules.

### 8 ways to be safe while walking to school

- When crossing roads, look both ways and use zebra crossings.
- Never assume drivers can see you. Be alert and make eye contact with the driver.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Eyes up, phones down.
- Walk on pavements or paths.
- Cross with an adult.
- Be a good role model.
- Be visible.

### Stranger danger

- Never stop to talk to anyone on the way to school or going home from school.
- Ignore any drivers who might slow down to speak to you.
- Never accept a ride from anyone that is not expected to take you home.
- Always tell a trusted adult if something has happened that upsets you or makes you feel uncomfortable.



Reception	<b>Shazia</b> – For her great effort in handwriting. <b>Arel</b> – For good sharing and effort in learning his tricky words.
Year 1	<b>Theo</b> – For good behaviour and amazing answers in maths lessons. <b>Alice</b> – For good listening in all sessions and lessons.
Year 2	<b>Anita</b> – For the improvement she has made in all areas of her learning, including her attitude towards her learning. <b>Rachel</b> – For approaching her learning with enthusiasm and entertaining us with her silly sentences.
Year 3	<b>Maia V</b> – For consistently working hard in maths. <b>Lilla</b> – For staying focused and working hard in maths.
Year 4	<b>Manuela</b> – For her wonderful independent maths work this week with a calculator! Let's keep working hard! <b>Jeremiah</b> – For a wonderful start to Autumn 2 and a positive attitude in class.
Year 5	<b>Sophia</b> – For your great work ethic. You always try your best in every single lesson. <b>Govind</b> – For the fantastic understanding you've shown when multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
Year 6	<b>Amy</b> – For your helpful and caring attitude to your classmates. <b>Arya</b> – For your excellent progress in your spellings.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are Shervin (Y1) and Dominykas (Y5)*

#### 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 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.

#### Remember 'Hands. Face. Space.'

**Hands:** Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds

**Face:** Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet

**Space:** Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors)

#### Dates for your diary

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent Consultation phone calls for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y6

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent Consultation phone calls for Y3, Y4 and Y5

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Flu immunisation (going ahead as planned)

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**