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**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

## Dear Parents and Carers,

It is important, as a school, to take steps to gain the views of parents regarding the school's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to reflect on successes and identify any opportunities for learning. Therefore all parents are being given a link to an online survey that the school will use to gather information about different aspects of the school's actions during the partial closures etc. The more responses we have, the more accurate the results will be and therefore we are asking all parents to please spend a few minutes answering the questions; the survey will close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. You can access the survey by following this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1D9emf4wl2dNAXcbJfq4nx3EfJOTrtOTtkuQiDvovldU/edit>

A reminder to all parents that 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 phone call to the next emergency contact, the school still does not know the reason for the absence, after a discussion with either myself or Mr Troy, the school may inform the police. This procedure is to ensure the school knows the whereabouts of every child.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7pm, we will be holding a zoom meeting for all Year 4 parents to discuss the national Y4 multiplication check in June 2021. Parents will be given information about how the Y4 pupils will be tested and how you can support them at home. Zoom details will be sent out nearer the time.

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
<b>Rec</b>	Friday	Tuesday
<b>Year 1</b>	Thursday	Monday
<b>Year 2</b>	Friday	Tuesday

## Anti-Bullying Week: United Against Bullying

Anti-Bullying Week 2020 will take place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The theme this year is "United Against Bullying."

To kick start the week we are inviting all the children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The odd socks symbolise our differences and highlight that we are all unique. If you would like further information about Anti-Bullying Week, please visit <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>



## 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>Faith</b> – For her enthusiasm and motivation in handwriting. <b>Taybah</b> – For completing her first week at St Theresa’s Primary School.
Year 1	<b>Thea</b> – For trying her best in all maths lessons. <b>Helios</b> – For doing his very best in all work.
Year 2	<b>Nia</b> – For always having a go and striving to do better each day. <b>Albert</b> – For being so enthusiastic about his learning and setting a good example to the rest of his peers.
Year 3	<b>Emilia</b> - For working hard and focusing on her reading comprehension. <b>Hayden</b> – For working hard and showing great improvement in mathematics,
Year 4	<b>Genevieve</b> – For her independent and con-do attitude in class. <b>Tomas</b> – For his wonderful focus and enjoyment of learning this week.
Year 5	<b>Tanisha</b> – For making a fantastic start to Year 5. <b>Charlie</b> – For your interesting and informative biography about Henry VIII.
Year 6	<b>Daniel</b> – For being an amazing member of Year 6 and always putting 100% into everything. <b>Julia</b> – For her excellent progress in your maths this week.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are Chisom Year 2 and Lena Year 5*

#### Little Saints After School Club

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

To book 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

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** “Odd Socks” Day for Anti-Bullying Week

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

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** Individual pupil photos

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** 7pm Y4 Parents Meeting  
Multiplication Check

**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**