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**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the Y4 parents who attended the Zoom meeting yesterday evening; we hope you found it useful and informative.

On Wednesday we will be having the Friends of St. Theresa's *Movie Night* for the children; information regarding the event was sent home with the pupils. Due to the COVID restrictions, the children will be staying to watch the films in their own classrooms with their class teachers. **If your child is not attending the event, you will need to collect your child at the normal dismissal time in the usual way. Otherwise, the children who are attending the movie night will be dismissed at the following times from their classroom doors:**

Reception: 4.30pm

Year 1: 4.35pm

Year 2: 4.35pm

Year 3: 4.40pm

Year 4: 4.40pm

Year 5: 4.45pm

Year 6: 4.45pm

We would like to say thank you to George and his team at Finchley Nurseries Garden Centre, Burton Hole Lane in Mill Hill for their generosity in helping us to spruce up the flower beds in our car park. Hopefully you will have seen that a number of flowers have now been planted and we hope this will make the outside area look more attractive!

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we will be supporting **Save the Children** by inviting all the pupils to wear a Christmas (or red) jumper for a donation of £1; the children are replacing just the top part of their uniform with the festive sweater. This is the same day as the school Christmas lunch and we are sure it is going to be a very festive event!

Today is the last day for parents to respond to the COVID-19 survey, so if you haven't already please do spend a few minutes answering the questions – thank you. Here is the link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1D9emf4wl2dNAXcbJfq4nx3EfJOTrOTthkuQiDvovldU/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1D9emf4wl2dNAXcbJfq4nx3EfJOTrOTthkuQiDvovldU/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

The parish of St. Albans in North Finchley is inviting applications for First Holy Communion preparation to be submitted by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Children must be in Year 3 or above and living in the parish of St. Albans. The application form can be accessed through the parish website, <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>



## Save the Children Christmas/Red Jumper Day Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

The children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December replacing just the top part of their uniform with a Christmas, or red, jumper in return for a donation of £1. The money raised will be given to *Save the Children*. Save the Children's work saves and improves children's lives in the UK and around the world. They tackle problems like pneumonia, hunger, protecting children in war etc.

## Safeguarding Reminder

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.

## 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>Lili</b> – For her effort in phonics. <b>Luca</b> – For improving the presentation of his learning.
Year 1	<b>Theo</b> – For amazing work in maths lessons. <b>Kamo</b> – For his excellent effort in maths,
Year 2	<b>Olivia</b> – For always working diligently and doing so with a smile on her face. <b>Alan</b> – For having a more positive attitude to his learning and working very hard all week.
Year 3	<b>Lily-Rose</b> – For her improvement in Mathematics. <b>Summer</b> – For trying to stay focused and engaged in class.
Year 4	<b>Imina</b> – For her thorough enjoyment of learning, especially at this weeks Thanksgiving! <b>Euan</b> – For his incredible focus and perseverance in his literacy – both in writing and reading.
Year 5	<b>Dominykas</b> – For the great effort you are showing In class. <b>Isabel</b> – For the fantastic vocabulary you included in your newspaper article.
Year 6	<b>Aidan</b> – For your improved writing in English. <b>Shayan</b> – For your excellent contributions to class discussion this week.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are</i> William Yr1 and Arvin Yr3	

### 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

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Friends of St. Theresa's Movie Night  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec School Christmas Lunch  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec "Save the Children" Christmas Jumper Day  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Class Christmas Party day  
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  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Inclusive – Half Term  
Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March Last day of Spring Term 1pm finish

**New dates added in bold**