



**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 4th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to the Friends for organising Wednesday's Movie Night – the children thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon Christmas film, and their snacks! We are very grateful for your support of the event and we will let you know how much money was raised in due course.

On Wednesday 16th 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!

On Thursday 17th December the children will be having their Christmas parties. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 you will have already received a letter asking for a voluntary donation towards the cost of the food. The school staff will organise the food for the children in the infant classes. If your child is in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6, since under the current circumstances we are trying to avoid the bringing in and sharing of food, we are asking the children in the juniors to bring in their own "party picnic bag". The children can bring in their own snacks etc. (no nuts please) from home to eat at their party.

At this time of year the children would normally be writing their Christmas cards and handing them out to their friends. We are keen for this tradition to go ahead but we need to ensure that the risks of bringing in paper from home etc. and limiting the spread of COVID-19 are managed. Therefore, if your child does bring in Christmas cards, we will ask them to put their cards in a box in the classroom for a few days to quarantine. The school staff will manage the distribution of the cards and we ask the parents to ensure children are not doing it before or after school in the playground or car park.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Y6 Pupils Bringing Phones to School

The school understands that a large number of Y6 children walk to and from school and carry a mobile phone to stay in contact with their parents, or to use in the event of an emergency.

Can we please ask that all Y6 (or any other) pupils who bring a mobile phone to school, give the phone to their class teacher who will lock it away for the duration of the day; the phone will be returned at home-time.



Save the Children Christmas/Red Jumper Day Wednesday 16th December

The children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 16th 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.

School Attendance

A reminder to all parents and carers that the expectation for children's school attendance is 96%. Any child whose attendance falls below 90% (non COVID related) is considered a "persistent absentee" and will trigger formal monitoring from the Barnet Educational Welfare Team.

Parking Considerately

For the safety of all our children can we ask all parents and carers to please park with consideration at drop off and pick up times. No cars should be parked across the main school gate and obstruct the entrance. Thank you.

Staying Safe Reminder for Pupils

In these dark early evenings, please can parents please remind their children – where possible – to:

- Walk on main roads
- Keep to well-lit routes
- Tell a trusted adult if they feel unsafe



Reception	Katy – For always being happy to support other children in the class. Radek – For his continued effort in phonics and handwriting.
Year 1	Kimberly – For being the Star of the week. Bruno – For trying his best in all Maths lessons.
Year 2	Francesco – For the high standard of his work across the board and for being so helpful. Arvena – For her positive attitude towards her learning and her lovely manners.
Year 3	Alice – For always working consistently in class and writing a fantastic Diary Entry. Mya – For trying really hard in class and writing a lovely Diary Entry.
Year 4	Maja – For her cooperative attitude in class this week, especially with out Timetables Rock stars competition on! Julia – For her wonderful perseverance with her writing and always giving her best.
Year 5	Achike – For challenging yourself in lessons. Well done! Darcy – For your fantastic behaviour and great work ethic. You are a natural role model for others.
Year 6	Carmen – For your progress in Maths. Joanna – For your excellent behaviour in class.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are
Lottie Y6 and Seamus Y4*

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.

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 16th Dec School Christmas Lunch

Wed 16th Dec "Save the Children" Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 17th Dec Class Christmas Party day

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

Mon 15th Feb – Fri 19th Feb Inclusive – Half Term

Wed 31st March Last day of Spring Term 1pm finish

New dates added in bold