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Dear Parents,

On Monday evening the Prime Minister announced a 4-step plan to ease lockdown in England; he confirmed that pupils would be returning to face-to-face education from Monday 8th March.

We are finalising arrangements for the re-opening of St. Theresa's to all pupils, and parents will be sent the updated **Frequently Asked Questions** on Monday. In the mean time I can confirm that we will be opening the school for all our pupils on Monday 8th March and that there will only be a very few minor updates to the COVID-19 safety procedures that were in place before Christmas.

Daily Zooms

The children have now had a week of the daily registration Zooms in addition to their weekly class Zoom; I hope everyone has managed to log-on without too many difficulties and that the children are enjoying the increased contact with their peers and class teacher. Here are the timings of the Zoom meetings again, should you need to refer to them.

	Daily Registration Zoom	Weekly Class Zoom
Rec	9am	Friday 11am
Year 1	9am	Thursday 1pm
Year 2	9.20am	Wednesday 2pm
Year 3	9.40am	Days will alternate (please see correspondence from class teachers)
Year 4	9.40am	Friday 2pm
Year 5	10am	Thursday 1.30pm
Year 6	10am	Thursday 2pm

Well-Being afternoons

A reminder that we have introduced a weekly well-being afternoon (whilst the school is still closed) where the children will not be required to use their screens. Activity suggestions were given in the update for parents on 12th February which can be found here:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Update-12th-February-2021.pdf>

Supermarket Vouchers

When the school reopens on Monday 8th March, the families whose children are entitled to free school meals will no longer receive the supermarket vouchers. The school kitchen will operate as normal and will resume serving hot lunches to the pupils.

St. Theresa's Talent Show

We are enjoying watching the auditions for the St. Theresa's Talent Show! The children have one week left to upload their talent onto their class Seesaw page. If your child has entered the talent show and has not received a message from either myself or Mr Troy acknowledging their entry, please do let the class teacher know via Seesaw and they will pass the message on.



World Book Day

On Thursday 4th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day and the activities posted onto Seesaw by the teachers - on Thursday 4th March - will be related to this theme. We hope the children enjoy the day.

Comic Relief

On Friday 19th March the school will be participating in Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Since Comic Relief began in 1985, it has helped support 105.6 million people across the UK and around the world. The charity works to improve mental health, create safe places for everyone, help children to survive and thrive, and work to help people to speak out and seek help to escape fear and discrimination.

In the week beginning Monday 15th March, the children will be able to purchase a red nose from the school for £1.50 – should they wish to. Each child will only be able to purchase one red nose in the first instance, but may be able to purchase more if we have any red noses left over once everyone has had the opportunity to buy one.

On Friday 19th March (Red Nose Day) the children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation.

Support from the school

If you and your family are struggling during this lockdown and need support (i.e. food/money/clothes etc.) please do let the school know and we will try and help you. You can let us know by either emailing the school office or by emailing us at covidhelp@sttheresas.barnetmail.net.

School communication with parents

Members of the support staff have continued to phone parents; these phone calls are to see how families are getting on during the lockdown and if there is anything the school can do to support you further.

Please remember that all letters from the school are posted onto the school website on the *Newsletters* page (<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/calendar/newsletters/>).

Do contact me if you have any further questions – and keep yourselves safe.

Thank you,

Barbara Costa

Barbara Costa
Executive Headteacher



Learners of the Week



Reception	Mia: for designing a wonderful poster to tell everyone how to be kind during Covid time.
Year 1	Natan: for showing great enthusiasm in all the learning that he has done in school. He has even helped his peers when they get stuck without any hesitation. Well done
Year 2	Dori: for working conscientiously in all of his subjects and for his well thought out answers in R.E.
Year 3	Olivia D: for consistently working hard and putting lots of effort into her work
Year 4	Jeremiah: for his wonderful progress in learning his spellings.
Year 5	Vinnie; for showing a fantastic understanding of multiples and factors this week. He challenges himself and even completes the extension activities.
Year 6	Lottie: for some excellent writing in our poetry lessons this week.



St. Theresa's Talent Show

Got a talent and want to show it?

- ★ singing
- ★ playing an instrument
- ★ magic
- ★ dancing
- ★ juggling
- ★ comedy
- ★ Etc...

Rules

1. All pupils at St. Theresa's can enter
2. You can only submit ONE entry
3. Talent must be videoed
4. Entries need to be uploaded onto Seesaw by Friday 5th March 3pm
5. Each entry must have the title "talent show"
6. We will confirm we have received your entry
7. Miss Costa and Mr Troy will be the judges; their decision is final
8. Winners will be announced on Friday 12th March
9. There will be 2 categories (Infants and Juniors)
10. There will be one winner in each category