



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,
we grow together in the love of God**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday the children had the online NSPCC assemblies; the theme was "*Speak out Stay safe*". *Speak out Stay Safe* is a safeguarding programme for primary school children and it helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and that they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including Childline

Of course, children can also speak to any member of staff if they are worried or scared about anything.

You may have noticed that in the past few newsletters we have been sharing thoughts from the *Wednesday Word*. The *Wednesday Word* is a weekly family-friendly, double-sided A4 resource containing the coming Sunday Gospel. It includes quick, easy to read, contemporary, 'bite-sized Catholic material'. It seeks to encourage and enable even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children and with each other, through spending a very special *Family Time* together. The *Wednesday Word* also aims to inspire and enable parents and carers to think seriously about God and the love that Jesus Christ and his Church offers them. The *Family Time* custom is discussion-based and designed to be suitable for families with primary school children of all ages. The suggested *Family Time* theme (or 'word') for each week is taken from the Gospel of the subsequent Sunday or from the liturgical season. There is normally a cost to schools for providing the *Wednesday Word* to families, however, it is currently being offered online to all families for free; please visit the website for further information -

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/index.html>

A reminder that on Monday (24th May) at 7pm we will be holding our secondary transfer meeting for the current Year 5 parents. Parents will be given important information regarding the application process to secondary schools for the current Year 5 children. The meeting will be delivered via Zoom and the invitation link will be sent to all Y5 parents by the end of the school day today. Please be aware that some of the deadlines for applications to sit entrance exams, or aptitude tests, are approaching; this information has already been emailed to all Y5 parents.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

News from the Friends of St. Theresa's

Summer BBQ Saturday 3rd July 2021

Please save the date - ****Saturday 3rd July 2-5pm**** - the **Summer BBQ & Fair** is back!

We are planning our first school event in over a year and can't wait to bring the St Theresa's families and community together again. There will be delicious food – a Polish BBQ + burgers and hotdogs – as well as lots of family fun with a bouncy castle & slide, stalls and games organised by Non-Stop Action.

Can you volunteer some of your time to support the event?

We need volunteers for the food & bar, stalls and activities.

Please let us know, if you can spare an hour or so of your time and be part of a fantastic get together!

Email: friendsofsttheresa@gmail.com or contact your class rep for more details.

Cars on on East End Road

A reminder to all parents to consider our community's safety at drop off and pick up times. No parent should be driving into the school car park to drop off their child in the mornings; the car park is for pedestrian access only at drop off and pick up times. We are using this space as a result of the COVID-19 social distancing regulations in order for the children and their families to wait safely. Parents must not park or overtake on the white zig-zags outside the school; this would block the view for pedestrians and oncoming traffic. If you do park on the white zig-zags, you are risking a fine and penalty points.

The Gospel in Church - Sunday 23rd May

This coming Sunday the Church celebrated Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus offers his disciples the Holy Spirit and inner peace. True peace (the removal of all anxiety, worry and envy) comes only from God. God's peace is not dependent on peaceful conditions; we can experience it even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque reminds us, "Peace if heart is more valuable than any treasure." Even if you may sometimes doubt, or feel distant from God, be assured that God is very close to you and wanting you to be filled with his peace.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **peace**.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/peace?pid=MTA101634&v=28.9>

The Wednesday Word

Please visit our website where you will find our weekly newsletter, diary dates, curriculum information and lots more! <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>



Rec	Nikolay for making a very nice Henry Matisse inspired collage. Gabriela for drawing a very detailed picture of Jesus' Ascension in RE.
Year 1	Kevin for making a great effort in his reading and having a go at sounding out the unfamiliar words. Rafael for trying so hard this week with his phonics and making the right choices with his behavior.
Year 2	Nia for having a go and for concentrating during lessons. Lucas for working diligently in all of his lessons and striving to improve his handwriting.
Year 3	Olivia D for excelling in Mathematics and having a positive attitude to her learning. Samyar for impressing Miss Barber & Mrs Katin with his positive attitude to learning.
Year 4	Julia for her concentration and persistence in her money knowledge. Nea for her "Have a Go" attitude in all of her learning.
Year 5	Klaudia for consistently putting 100% effort into every lesson. She's a star. Sophia for challenging herself in all areas of the curriculum. Well done.
Year 6	Robbie Y6 for his fantastic attitude to all of his learning. Anjola Y6 for her handwriting and overall presentation in all her books.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Nikola Yr 1 and Isabel Yr5

Dogs on School Premises

The school recognises that dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may (and do) find the presence of dogs in the school car park and grounds stressful, even frightening, particularly with younger children; even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment. The school's priority is the safeguarding of its children and staff and therefore dogs will no longer be allowed onto the school premises, including the car park, unless the dog is being used as an aid to visual impairment or disability.

Ordering COVID-19 rapid lateral flow tests

Everyone is now able to order free packs of rapid lateral flow tests. A pack of tests contains 7 tests. You can order one pack per household each day.

Lateral tests are for people who are not showing symptoms of COVID-19.

You can order rapid lateral flow tests if:

- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you're 11 or older
- you have not been told to self-isolate
- you cannot get tests from your work, school, college or university (ask them for rapid lateral flow tests)

Where can you order the tests?

From <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition>

Other ways to get rapid lateral flow tests

You might be able to:

- collect tests from a test site
- collect tests from a pharmacy
- get a test at a site

If you're collecting tests, you can collect 2 packs at a time (14 tests in total).

To find your nearest test collection point, please visit

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

You are advised to do a test twice a week.

Primary school-age children and younger do not need to test.

Little Saints After School Club

Where? St Theresa's School (multi-purpose room)

When? Every day after school until 6pm

Please contact Vicky for further information.

email: vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk

telephone: 07968 498 364

Dates for your diary

Mon 24th May 7pm Secondary transfer meeting for Y5 parents (zoom)

Wed 26th May Y6 Trip to Lee Valley

Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June Half term

Mon 7th June Children back at school

Thurs 17th June 7pm Reception to Y1 transition meeting for Reception parents

Fri 16th July Y6 Trip to Chessington World of Adventures

Thurs 22nd July Last day of Summer Term

Thurs 2nd Sept First day of term for existing pupils

***New dates in bold**