



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

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**SPRING TERM 2021**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, after what seems a lifetime, the Y6 pupils visited Lee Valley White Water Centre for an action packed day of paddle boarding, kayaking and water wipe-out. We were very lucky with the weather and the children behaved really well throughout the day; they were exhausted by the time we arrived back at school!

With half term upon us and summer holidays being planned, Barnet Public Health strongly support the Government's advice on travel within the UK and overseas. It is also important as restrictions continue to ease that we all remain vigilant keeping COVID safe practices in mind : Hands, Face, Space.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area. As restrictions begin to lift, some families may be looking to take holidays.

Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and not take children out of school on holiday during term time. If you wish to take your child out of school for whatever reason, you must apply for a leave of absence and demonstrate why you believe the circumstances are exceptional; the applications for leave of absence during term-time can be collected from the school office.

The school has been provided further funding to distribute as part of the COVID-19 Fund Scheme; this funding is available to support families/households affected by COVID-19. The funding is being used to provide supermarket vouchers for the May half term holiday period for identified families, including those whose children are entitled to free school meals. If you received this funding over the Easter holidays, you will be receiving it again now; you should have received an email from WONDE for the amount of £17.90 per child. Please follow the instructions included in the email.

Please find below a link to an online questionnaire for parents. The questionnaire is really important as it gives the school, the parents' views. Please take the time to answer the questions, it should not take more than 10 minutes and the more responses we get, the more accurate the results will be. The link will stay live until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 3pm.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1\\_qUE8X0Gk-a6x3oegK2bqo5CX-YX7OjHBhL-PxrtZf0/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_qUE8X0Gk-a6x3oegK2bqo5CX-YX7OjHBhL-PxrtZf0/edit)

I hope you all have a lovely half-term holiday.

*Barbara Costa*

## Could you foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Harrow, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas & place a high premium on the quality of support & care that they provide to every one of the foster carers &, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in London & surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email [foster@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:foster@nexusfostering.co.uk).

## News from the Friends of St. Theresa's

### **Summer BBQ Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

Please save the date - **\*\*Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:friendsofsttheresa@gmail.com) or contact your class rep for more details.

## **The Gospel in Church - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

*"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."* St. Thomas Aquinas

What did Jesus tell the disciples to remember? Before his death, Jesus was deserted by his friends. In this Sunday's Gospel we read how, after his resurrection, he assured his friends that he would be with them always, regardless of their weakness and faults. The same promise of eternal friendship is also offered to each one of us. Friendship is one of life's great blessings. Ask your child what the word 'friendship' means to them. Which friends do they spend the most time with? What is it that they like about them? Then, as a family, talk about the qualities that make a good friend (e.g. kindness, honesty, trust, loyalty, etc.) What could we do to be better friends this week?

*"If Jesus dwells in a person as their friend, they can endure all things, for he helps and strengthens us. He is a true friend."* St.

Teresa of Avila

Jesus wants to be our friend for all time. As a family, name ways in which we can recognize and experience Jesus' friendship. Perhaps it's through: the love we receive from our families and other around us; reading the Gospel; receiving the sacraments; sitting with Jesus in prayer, alone or with others gathered together in his name. Come and celebrate the Feats of the Holy Trinity in church this Sunday.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday?pid=MTA101634&p=3&v=29.11>

The Wednesday Word



Rec	<b>Elzana</b> for successfully settling into her new class. <b>Ted</b> for working really hard on the presentation of his writing.
Year 1	<b>Daniyal</b> for making a great effort in learning his spellings. Well done. <b>Thea</b> for having a go this week in writing full sentences with capital letters and full stops.
Year 2	<b>Alan</b> for enjoying his learning and sharing his knowledge with others. <b>Avash</b> for concentrating during lessons and for always having a go.
Year 3	<b>Ola</b> for being a great role model in class and always offering support and guidance to her peers. <b>Krissy</b> for always working hard and producing amazing work in literacy and maths.
Year 4	<b>Year 4</b> on the tremendous effort they put into their training and executing today's class fundraiser, "Miles and Smiles".
Year 5	<b>Mamie</b> for the excellent work ethic she is showing in class. Well done. <b>Jago</b> for the great progress he is making in all subjects. Well done.
Year 6	<b>All of Y6</b> for their excellent behaviour on our trip to Lee Valley this week.
<p><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i></p> <p><i>Theo Y1 and Achiike Y5</i></p>	

### 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

### 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.

### Dates for your diary

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June Half term

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June Children back at school**

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> June 7pm Reception to Y1 transition meeting for Reception parents**

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2pm-5pm Summer BBQ**

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Trip to Chessington World of Adventures

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July Last day of Summer Term

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept First day of term for existing pupils

**\*New dates in bold**