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**SUMMER TERM 2021**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the Reception parents who attended yesterday evening's Zoom meeting regarding the transition from Reception to Year 1; we hope you found the information useful. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm we will be holding a similar meeting for our existing Y2 parents. The meeting will explain the how the transition from Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) to Key Stage 2 (Years 3/4/5/6) works at ST. Theresa's. A zoom invite will be emailed to all the Y2 parents nearer the time.

On Monday and Tuesday next week, Pantelis Hapeshis (who visited the school in the Autumn term to take photos for the school website) will be returning to St. Theresa's to video the children, for a short promotional film for the school website. The school already holds a list of names of pupils whose parents do not wish for them to be filmed; if there are any others, please let me know as soon as possible.

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to three very longstanding members of staff who will be retiring at the end of this academic year. After a magnificent 41 years of service to St. Theresa's, **Terry Sweeney** will be leaving our school family. She has been described as the "hub of the school" and "as always looking out for other members of staff". How do you pay homage to someone who has given so much of their life to the school, and do justice to the contribution she has made to the hundreds of families and children who have been touched by her kindness and her no-nonsense attitude. There are not enough words to express the school's gratitude for this "one in a million" member of staff.

After 16 years of being at the school, we will also be saying goodbye to **Mandy Hamerton**. She is our forward planner who always makes sure the school is ready for different events! Mrs Hamerton accompanied many sporting trips and has always been so well loved by the children she has cared for. Breakfast club has been run by Mrs Hamerton for years and we cannot imagine it without her calm presence!

**Sally Cole** has been a member of the office team for the last 14 years. We will greatly miss her dedication, her hard work, honesty and her strength of character. Mrs Cole is responsible for a great many jobs behind the scenes, including organising all the residential trips. Mrs Orsi will miss her lovely Monday morning coffees!

We will also be saying goodbye to **Katherine Jackson** who will be returning home to Australia in July. We would like to thank Miss Jackson for frequently going above and beyond to address the needs of the children in her classes.

We will thank these members of staff again before we break up for the summer, but in the meantime we wish them the best of luck!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

**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/>

## News from the Friends of St. Theresa's **Summer BBQ Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021- cancelled**

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday evening, informing us that the easing out of lockdown was to be delayed for a further 4 weeks, we are sorry to have to say that the school summer BBQ, scheduled for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, has therefore been cancelled.

Whilst the COVID regulations now do allow for groups of more than 30 to meet outside at certain events, people do need to be seated; this would not be possible at the BBQ.

We are very disappointed that we are not able to go ahead with our plans but we hope you all understand and continue to support the Friends in their tremendous fundraising efforts.

We are very much hoping that we will be able to come together as a community very soon.

Email: [friendsofsttheresa@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsttheresa@gmail.com) or contact your class rep for more details.

## Face Coverings on School Grounds

Could the school please remind all parents to wear a face covering when present on school grounds, unless exempt; this includes the car park. A large number of parents are no longer wearing a face-covering and we would ask you to please respect the school's regulations. Thank you.

## **The Gospel in Church – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

The more we get to know God, the more at peace and calmer we become. In this Sunday's Gospel, when the storm starts tossing the boat around, the disciples still don't seem to recognize that Jesus is in control. But, with just a few words, he shows his divine power by calming the wind and the sea.

Storms, stress and upsets can sometimes be part of our lives. Yet, when they pass and we look carefully we can often learn something about the world, about ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there to bring peace and calm.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, listening to your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is CALM.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/calm?pid=MTA101634&v=31.12>

The Wednesday Word



Rec	<b>Emily</b> for her kind and caring attitude to her classmates. <b>Max S</b> for his great effort in writing about the Good Samaritan.
Year 1	<b>Theo</b> for trying so hard in his maths learning and working on bigger numbers for place value. <b>Frank</b> for making a great effort in learning all his initial sounds.
Year 2	<b>Chisom</b> for being a have-a-go Mo and for her hard work this week. <b>Matylda</b> for her determination and for striving to improve her work.
Year 3	<b>Mya B</b> for excellent work in gymnastics. <b>Arthur</b> for excellent home learning.
Year 4	<b>Elena</b> for being a good friend to her classmates this week. <b>Imina</b> for her wonderful loud and proud voice when she present her knowledge about castles!
Year 5	<b>Luke</b> for the excellent effort he is showing, particularly with his writing. Miss Georgious is very impressed with him. <b>Darcy</b> for her great work ethic. She has a fantastic learning attitude and enjoys challenging herself.
Year 6	<b>Gerardas</b> for the excellent answers he gives during class discussion. <b>Maja C</b> for her handwork and dedication to her learning.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:  
Fatima Yr 5 and Sophia Yr 5*

### Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, Barnet Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge is back! Wild World Heroes takes you on a trip to Wilderville with help from WWF, for a special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet. With amazing books, amazing rewards and lots of ideas for taking care of the environment, why not join us?

To complete the challenge, all children have to do is read at least six library books of their choice; collecting special stickers and other exclusive rewards along the way; and it's **FREE** to take part! Please see the registration form at the bottom of the newsletter.

### 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

### 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.

### 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).

### Dates for your diary

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> June 7pm Meeting for new Reception Parents (via Zoom)**

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

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> July Taster day at Bishop Douglass for Y5 pupils (more details to follow)

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> July 7pm Transition from Y2 to Y3 Parents' Meeting for existing Y2 parents (via Zoom)**

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day (TBC more details to follow)

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> July 7pm Leavers' Mass

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**

# WILD WORLD Heroes

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

**Saturday 10 July – Saturday 11 September**  
in Barnet libraries!

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**Read 6 books – collect stickers and prizes for each one!**

**There will be lots of fun events in your local library**

***Sign up from Saturday 10 July!***

**For details of how to sign up & the latest on our summer events programme,**



**visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/wildworldheroes](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/wildworldheroes)**

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE LIBRARY REGISTRATION CARD	
Name <input type="text"/>	
Address <input type="text"/>	
Post Code <input type="text"/>	Telephone <input type="text"/>
Parent's email <input type="text"/>	
Age <input type="text"/>	Please tick Boy <input type="checkbox"/> Girl <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/>
Your school <input type="text"/>	
New school in Sept (if you're changing school) <input type="text"/>	
How did you find out about the Challenge? School <input type="checkbox"/> The library <input type="checkbox"/> Posters/adverts <input type="checkbox"/> Family/friends <input type="checkbox"/> Taken part before <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> If other please give details: <input type="text"/>	
FIRST NAME <input type="text"/> SURNAME <input type="text"/> Library card number <input type="text"/> Branch/Library code <input type="text"/> Tick if joined library in order to take part <input type="checkbox"/> Tick if doing the Mini Challenge <input type="checkbox"/> Date/Stamp <input type="text"/> 1 <input type="text"/> 2 <input type="text"/> 3 <input type="text"/> 4 <input type="text"/> 5 <input type="text"/> 6 <input type="text"/> Tick if completed the Challenge <input type="checkbox"/> We may send you details of events and services of interest to library members and may contact you by phone, mail, e-mail or text message. Please tick this box if you, or the child, AGREE to receive details in this way: <input type="checkbox"/>	

Cut out and complete this registration card today and bring it to any Barnet library during staffed hours from Saturday 10 July and we will sign you up for Wild World Heroes! You can also apply online at

[www.barnet.gov.uk/WildWorldHeroes](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/WildWorldHeroes)



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