St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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



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SUMMER TERM 2021

Friday 25th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday and Tuesday this week, Pantelis Hapeshis (who visited the school in the Autumn term to take photos for the school website) returned to St. Theresa's to film a short promotional video for the school website. We will let you know when it has been edited, approved and uploaded.

This week a number of Year 6 pupils were fortunate enough to take part in Cycle Confident's Bikeability programme. Bikeability is a cycle training programme; it gives the children practical skills and understanding of how to cycle on today's roads; it is completely free to schools. Well done to all the Y6 children who took part and passed the level 3.

Earlier this week, all parents were emailed a letter regarding this year's Sports Day which is being hosted very kindly by Bishop Douglass Secondary School on Tuesday 13th July. All the details regarding the event are in the letter; please contact the school office if you did not receive it. A reminder to any parent who wishes to attend the event to please let the school office know so that we can give numbers of parents attending to Bishop Douglass.

Next Wednesday (30th June) at 7pm, we will be holding a meeting for parents whose children will be starting in Reception this September. The meeting will take place via Zoom and the invitation has already been sent out. If you have a child starting in Reception in September, and you did not receive the Zoom link, please contact the school office.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Summer BACE Holidays

BACE Holidays stands for Barnet. Active. Creative. Engaging. Holidays! A project delivered in partnership by Barnet Council and Young Barnet Foundation and funded by the Department for Education to offer children and young people who *currently receive free school meals* to access enriching activities and a healthy lunch over the holiday periods.

School holidays can be pressure points for some families due to increased costs and reduced incomes. BACE Holidays is an inclusive programme for children and young people in Barnet to experience engaging and healthy activities with an emphasis on physical, emotional, and nutritional wellbeing during the school holidays.

Children and young people will be given the opportunity take part in an activity face to face at one of the Summer BACE Camps and receive a nutritionally balanced lunch. Activities may include; football, cricket, arts and crafts, performing arts and lots more. The Summer Camps are free and for all children currently in receipt of free school meals. The school will be emailing further details to the families whose children are eligible for the programme.

<u>News from the Friends of St. Theresa's</u> Summer BBQ Saturday 3rd 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 3rd 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: <u>friendsofsttheresa@gmail.com</u> 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 27th June

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about how a woman's faith was greatly rewarded. Jesus revealed the wonderful and extraordinary power he had received from his Father, by healing this woman in a remarkable way.

Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father. This transforms how we see the world and can bring healing to us too; it can free us from anxiety and give is confidence and inner strength.

Faith is one of life's greatest blessings. Pope Francis reminds us, "To live by faith means to put our lives in the hands of God, especially in our most difficult moments."

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 FAITH.

> https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesdayword/faith?pid=MTA101634&v=32.13 The Wednesday Word

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



Rec	Rayan for drawing a really detailed treasure			
	map for our Pirates topic.			
	Lili for her effort in Maths when working with			
	numbers 1-20.			
Year 1	Kamo for making a great effort in joining up			
	his writing correctly.			
	Emily for trying so hard in learning her initial			
	sounds and applying the knowledge to her			
	spellings.			
Year 2	Alan for applying himself fully during lessons			
	and for enjoying his learning.			
	Emanuelle for having a go and not giving up			
	during lessons.			
Year 3	Chiamaka for using excellent expanded noun			
	phrases to describe a volcano eruption.			
	Christina for great effort when researching			
	Mount Vesuvius during our topic lesson.			
Year 4	Seamus for the wonderful care put into his			
	work this week!			
	Sofia for her determined attitude in her			
	numeracy work this week, both in morning			
	maths and in lessons.			
Year 5	Alexia for her positivity and the great effort			
	she shows in every lesson.			
	Achike for being a star pupil! His behaviour			
	and work ethic are fantastic.			
Year 6	Arsha for showing great improvement in his			
	presentation in his books this week.			
	Mia for being supportive and understanding			
	to others in the class.			

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

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

You are advised to do a test twice a week.

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

<u>Could you foster?</u>

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 <u>foster@nexusfostering.co.uk.</u>

Dates for your diary

Wed 30 th June	7pm Meeting for new Reception Parents (via Zoom)			
Sat 3 rd July	2pm-5pm Summer BBQ - <i>cancelled</i>			
Tues 6 th July	Taster day at Bishop Douglass for Y5 pupils (more details to follow)			
Tues 6 th July	7pm Transition from Y2 to Y3 Parents' Meeting for existing Y2 parents (via Zoom)			
Mon 12 th July	7pm Leavers' Mass for Y6 pupils			
Tues 13 th July	Sports Day (please see letter emailed on Wed 23 rd June)			
Fri 16 th July	Y6 Trip to Chessington World of Adventures			
Thurs 22 nd July	Last day of Summer Term			
Thurs 2 nd Sept	First day of term for existing pupils			
*New dates in bold				



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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,

LIBRARY REGISTRATION CARD		FIRST NAME SURNAME Library card number	-	Cut out and complete this
ddress		Branch/Library code		registration card today and bring it
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ge our school	Please lick Boy Girl Prefer not to say	1 2 3		from Saturday 10 July and we will sign you up for
New school in Sept (if you're changing school)		5		Wild World Heores! You can also apply online
How did you find out about the Challenge? School The library Posters/adverts Family/friends Taken part before Other If other please give details:		6	E.	at www.barnet.gov.uk/ WildWorldHeroes