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 16th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week here at school. On Monday the Y6 pupils celebrated their Leavers' Mass at St. Phillip's church. It was a special occasion to mark the children's time at the school and wish them luck in their secondary schools. Thank you also to all the Y6 parents who volunteered to help at last week's Y6 barbecue and to those who have, today, accompanied the Y6 children to Chessington World of Adventures.

On Tuesday the pupils had great fun at their Sports Day! We are very grateful to the PE department at Bishop Douglass for organising and hosting the event; we hope the parents who came on the day, enjoyed it. The results are as follows . . . **Winning team: St. Patrick,** 2nd place: St. George, 3rd place: St. David and in 4th place: St. Andrew. Well done to all the children and particularly the children in the St. Patrick team!

A reminder to all parents that we are having a non-school uniform and crazy hair day on Wednesday 21st July for a voluntary donation of £1; the Friends have offered to pay for treats for the children – thank you! Since we are inviting the pupils to wear their own clothes on Wednesday, it seems unnecessary to insist children wear school uniform on Thursday 22nd July, therefore we will be allowing children to come to school in their own clothes on Thursday 22nd July also.

Whilst the Government has decided to move to step 4 of the COVID roadmap on Monday 19th July, there will be no real changes to the risk assessment and safety measures in place at the school before we break up for the summer holidays. The school will be writing to parents with the updated Frequently Asked Questions in due course.

A final goodbye to Mrs Sweeney, Mrs Hamerton, Mrs Cole, Miss Jackson and Miss Dorca. May those of you moving onto new jobs (or different countries) have the best of luck in your future and to the members of staff who are retiring, we wish you a well deserved rest. We thank you all and hope to see you very soon.

Goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, we wish the Y6 children all the best of luck in their secondary schools. Finally, a farewell to all the other children and families who are leaving us today. May you remember, when you make new friends, your old friends here at St. Theresa's. Thank you to everyone, including all staff, for your continued support during what has been a very challenging year. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

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See you in September!

Goodbye, thank yo	ou and good luck	
It is at this time of year when we have to, sadly, say goodbye to a		
number of families who will be leaving our school community		
after some years		
The Kobylka family	10 years	
The Mariou family	10 years	
The Barber family	9 years	
The Braddish family	9 years	
The McAvoy family	9 years	
The Haji family	9 years	
The Upali family	9 years	
The Whitaker Hobbs family	9 years	
The Sochan family	7 years	
The Sosoli family	7 years	
The Surikovas family	7 years	
The Thomas family	7 years	
The Martin family	7 years	
The Orozco Gambero family	5 years	
The Nikbakht family	3 years	
The Klobuch family	2 years	
The Mendes Coelho family	2 years	
The Garossian family	1 year	
Thank you for all your support over the years and we wish you the best of luck for the future. God bless you all.		

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News from the Friends of St. Theresa's

The Friends would like to say a big thank you for all your Happy School Bags clothes donations, which has helped to raise £277.70 for the school!! A special thank you to our collection day helpers too! The Friends will be having a second hand uniform sale on Monday 19th July after school pick up. Please bring change in coins with you. A good time to start to think about what your children might need for next year!

Ice Creams on Sale - Mon 19th to Weds 21st July

One of St Theresa's much loved summer traditions will make a return next week for 3 days only!

Ice creams will be sold from the side door of the Multi Purpose Room and we ask all parents and children to queue up in the playground following the markers laid out. Ice creams will be charged at £1 and £2 please can you have the correct change available.

The Friends would like thank everyone for their generous fundraising contributions. The total raised so far this year is $\pounds 3,100$. This is a fantastic result considering the limitations on fundraising activities and will be a huge benefit to the children and the school. Thank you!

<u>Thursday 22nd July – school finishes at</u> 1pm

There will be no after school clubs on that day. To ensure we dismiss the children as safely as possible we will be staggering the pick up times as follows:

12.55pm: Year 1 and Year 2, 1pm: Reception, Year 3 and Year 4, 1.05pm: Year 5 and Year 6 The children will have their lunch at school as normal on that day.

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	The Reception class for their amazing
	behaviour and listening during our Sports
	Day.
Year 1	Callum for being a fantastic role model in Y1
	with his behaviour and learning for the whole
	year. Well done
	Natan for producing some amazing work that
	he should be proud of this year. Very
	impressive!!
Year 2	Chisom for always having a go and working
	so hard this year.
	Albert for striving for excellence in his
	learning and being co-operative.
Year 3	Shirley for her amazing focus, being
	resourceful and her excellent comprehension
	in literacy.
	Samyar for his excellent co-ordinates graph
	work; he created a fabulous Garfield!
Year 4	Jan for the wonderful improvement in his
	handwriting!
	Manuela for her fantastic input and
	discussion in this week's RE lessons.
Year 5	The whole Y5 class for a fantastic year! Well
	done, you have all been brilliant.
Year 6	Shayan for the humour he has brought to the
	Year 6 classroom.
	Joannna for her increased confidence in
	asking questions.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Jordan Y5 and Olivia Y5

COVID-19 Update – New Guidance for Schools Issued

On Tuesday 6th July, Health Secretary Sajid Javid, and Education Secretary Gavin Williamson, addressed the House of Commons regarding the changes to restrictions in line with the latest step of the roadmap.

The Department for Education has now published its guidance for schools and in it, outlines how schools need to operate in response to step 4 of the roadmap. You can read the full guidance here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uplo ads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999689/School s_guidance_Step_4_update_FINAL.pdf

Whilst the guidance does state that from 19th July, schools will no longer need to stagger start and end times, or be required to keep the children in separate bubbles, we will continue with most of our current measures until the end of the Summer term.

Parents will be receiving further information about what the lifting of restrictions will look like at St. Theresa's, in due course.

Staff and Classes for 2020-2021				
Reception	Mrs Decuseara, supported by Mrs Fraser			
Year 1	Miss Porcu (a new teacher) supported by			
Mrs	Hartnett and Mrs Rossi			
Year 2	Miss Gulab			
Year 3		day and Tuesday)		
	•	sday, Thursday an	d Friday),	
1	supported by M	rs	Tarrant	
Year 4	Miss O'Brien			
Year 5	Mrs Dias, supported by Mrs McGrath			
Year 6	Miss Georgious,	supported by Mr	rs McGrath	
Support Teache	r	Mr Ruddy and S	ister Jenny	
Office Manager		Mrs Orsi		
School Secretar	у	Mrs Tsui (a new	member	
		of staff)		
Site Manager		Mr Kryst		
Mealtime Supervisors		Mrs Ottery		
		Mrs Espenica		
		Mrs Jaramillo		
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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 <u>foster@nexusfostering.co.uk.</u>

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: <u>Vicky_avraam@Hotmail.co.uk</u> Telephone: 07968 498 364

Dates for your diary

Mon 19 th July	Second hand uniform sale after school	
Mon 19 th July	Ice-cream sale after school	
Tues 20 th July	Ice-cream sale after school	
Wed 21 st July	Ice cream sale after school	
Wed 21 st July	Class parties and non-school uniform day	
Thurs 22 nd July	Non-school uniform day	
Thurs 22 nd July	Last day of Summer Term	
Thurs 2 nd Sept	First day of term for existing pupils	
*New dates in bold		