



**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 9<sup>th</sup> July

## Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children brought home their end of year reports (Y4 will be given them when they return to school next week). If you would like to discuss your child's report further, please do contact the class teacher.

On Tuesday, the Y5 pupils had a very enjoyable PE taster morning at Bishop Douglass where they were able to visit the fantastic facilities in the PE department. A short video of the Y5 children playing a game at Bishop Douglass has been uploaded onto the school Twitter feed.

On Wednesday, all the pupils took part in "Spirituality Day"; the theme was St. Joseph. The children visited the prayer garden, wrote their own prayers, learnt about "The Passage" (homelessness charity) and created art work around the person of St. Joseph to be displayed in the school hall. Thank you to Miss O'Brien and Miss Barber for organising the day.

A reminder to all parents that the children will be participating in Sports Day (at Bishop Douglass) on Tuesday. All the details regarding the event have been emailed. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be leaving St. Theresa's to walk to Bishop Douglass at 8.30am – please ensure your child arrives on time. The junior children's sports day is in the afternoon and they will be back in time for pick up. The children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits, caps and sun-cream – they will also need a water bottle. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

A reminder to all parents that we are having a non-school uniform and crazy hair day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July for a voluntary donation of £1; the Friends have offered to pay for ice-creams 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July, therefore we will be allowing children to come to school in their own clothes on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July also.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

### **School Uniform in September 2021**

The school would like to remind all parents that we are expecting all pupils to be wearing the correct official school uniform from September 2021. This includes wearing shoes on non-PE days and the correct crested sweatshirts and polo shirts. Trainers may only be worn on PE days.

In September, if the weather is warm enough, pupils may wear the Summer uniform, should you wish. After the October half term, all pupils are expected to return to school in the full winter uniform.

Please visit the school website for further information regarding school uniform.

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/uniform/>

### **COVID-19 Update – New Guidance for Schools Issued**

On Tuesday afternoon, 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/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/999689/Schools\\_guidance\\_Step\\_4\\_update\\_FINAL.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999689/Schools_guidance_Step_4_update_FINAL.pdf)

Whilst the guidance does state that from 19<sup>th</sup> 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, by the end of term.

### **Support from the school**

If you and your family struggled during the pandemic during the pandemic and need support (i.e. food/money/clothes etc.) please do let the school know and we will try and help you. You can let us know by either emailing the school office or by emailing us at [covidhelp@sttheresas.barnetmail.net](mailto:covidhelp@sttheresas.barnetmail.net).

### **Staff and Classes for 2021-2022**

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	Mrs Katin (Monday and Tuesday) and Miss Barber (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), supported by Mrs Tarrant
Year 4	Miss O'Brien
Year 5	Mrs Dias, supported by Mrs McGrath
Year 6	Miss Georgious, supported by Mrs McGrath
Support Teacher	Mr Ruddy and Sister Jenny
Office Manager	Mrs Orsi
School Secretary	Mrs Tsui (a new member of staff)
Site Manager	Mr Kryst
Mealtime Supervisors	Mrs Ottery
	Mrs Espenica
	Mrs Jaramillo

Mr Troy, Head of School, will not be class based.

Mrs Folan, the Inclusion Leader, will not be class based.

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Rec	<b>Katy</b> for her wonderful learning on St. Joseph. <b>Ted</b> for applying his knowledge of 3D shapes in games.
Year 1	<b>Evan</b> for producing great sentences in our phonics lessons. <b>Maya</b> for creating a fantastic piece of art for our R.E display about St. Joseph.
Year 2	<b>Dori</b> for participating and asking questions in all of his lessons in order to improve his understanding. <b>Alan</b> for the positive attitude he has towards his learning and for being so conscientious in his lessons.
Year 3	<b>Gaby</b> for improved concentration when working independently. <b>Summer</b> for thinking of excellent questions to ask a passenger aboard the Empire Windrush.
Year 4	<b>Year 4</b> for their continued persistence in their online learning this week. Ms. Jackson sees you and appreciates the work you have sent her!
Year 5	<b>Aryo</b> for his kind, considerate and helpful nature. <b>Tanisha</b> for the great effort she shows during lessons.
Year 6	<b>Arya and Arsha</b> for being fantastic members of the Year 6 class, and for settling into life at St Theresa's so well.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:  
Callum Yr 1 and Zoe Yr 4*

### 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.

### 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).

### 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](mailto:Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk)

Telephone: 07968 498 364

### Dates for your diary

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> July 7pm Leavers' Mass for Y6 pupils

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day (please see letter emailed on Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> June)

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

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July Class parties and non-school uniform day**

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July non-school uniform day**

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**