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AUTUMN TERM 2021

Friday 10th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School; I hope everyone had a restful, and safe, summer holiday. A very warm welcome to all the new families who are joining our school community this autumn – we hope you and your children will be very happy here.

Following the removal of many legal restrictions imposed by the Government during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is clear that the children are greatly enjoying being with each other again. Just before the summer holiday, all parents were emailed the updated "FAQ-Guidance for Parents and Staff"; this document outlines how the school is operating within the current relaxed restrictions. Please do familiarise yourselves with its contents; it can be found on the school website here:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/FAQ-Guidance-for-Parents-and-Staff-St-Theresas-September-2021.pdf>

Today your child is bringing home an information pack containing a number of important letters and forms. Please look in your child's book bag for the following documents which must be completed and returned to school as soon as possible:

- **Student details Form** – the school will be updating all the pupils' details
- **The Home-School Agreement form** - 2nd page to be signed by the parents and 3rd page to be signed by pupils in Y3-Y6
- **Pupil Acceptable Use Policy** – re. online safety (to be completed by the pupil)
- **Parent Acceptable Use Agreement** re. online safety (to be signed by parents)

Also included in the pack for your information is:

- **The Importance of Good Attendance and School Procedures. Please read this very carefully as leave of absence during term time will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. If you take unauthorised leave, you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £120 per parent, per child**
- **School opening times and punctuality information**

Please read all the information very carefully!

Over the next couple of weeks, parents are invited to attend class curriculum meetings at 3pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The class teacher will explain routines, talk about what the children will be learning, expectations for the year group and ways you can help at home. The times and dates of these meetings can be found overleaf in the "Dates for your Diary" section of this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Staff News

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Jessica Porcu (Y1 teacher) and Caroline O'Hara, Silviya Sharlack, Angela Craggs, Trusha Alaiya and Lien Hien Cam Lo who will be supporting the children in the classes. A warm welcome too to Ling Tsui, the new school secretary.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.30am in the school hall for £3.50. Please let the school office know if you would like your child to attend.

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

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Routines

Now that the school car-park is being used as a car-park for the staff cars, it is no longer safe for parents or children to use it either as a space for waiting, or as a route to get to the playground.

The pedestrian gate will open at 8.30am.

You and your children may walk down the path straight into the playground.

You may wait in the playground until 8.40am.

At 8.40am, a member of staff will ring the bell and your child may then access their classroom.

Parents are then asked to walk all the way around the back of the school building, to exit the premises.

Children (and adults) should not be riding their scooters in the playground.

At home-time, parents and carers are again asked to use the pedestrian path to enter the playground. You may wait in the playground. At 3.30pm the class teachers will dismiss their children directly to parents from the classroom doors. Please refrain from waving through the windows, or distracting your child at the end of the day when the teacher is still addressing the class.



This year, Certificate Assembly will be on Monday mornings. Our first certificate assembly is on Monday 13th September. The names of the children awarded certificates will be in next week's newsletter.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 24th September

On Friday 24th September we will be participating in the MacMillan Coffee morning. It is MacMillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Macmillan's goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

The coffee morning will run from 9am-10am in the multi-purpose room and parents will be able to come and have a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake! The children will be able to buy a cake and a cup of squash for a donation of £1 to enjoy in their classrooms.

If you are able to support this event in any way (donations of cakes/biscuits, or even offering your time to help run the event) – please let the school office know. We would be very grateful of any support.

Parent Volunteers

Are there any parents who would like to volunteer to come into school and hear children read? If you are interested in spending some time every week hearing children read, please do come and speak to Mr Troy. We would be grateful of any offers of help.

Children's Belongings

Please ensure your child's belongings are named; this includes items of clothing, book bags, water bottles etc. Thank you.

Non Stop Action After School Clubs

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Football Club
Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Y1 and Y2 Football Club

The after-school Non-Stop Action football clubs have now started.

If you would like your child to attend one of the after school football clubs please visit www.NonStopAction.co.uk to book a place.

Please note you will need to be logged in, to be able to see bookings for St. Theresa's. If you haven't already created an account, you will need to create one. You can contact Non Stop Action by phone 020 8446 0006 or by email

info@nonstopaction.co.uk

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

This week, all Year 6 parents should have received an email from the school office with information regarding the process of applying for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child.

The online application system is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk

All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651.

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form – this will have been sent to you by the Barnet SEN team.

The deadline for submitting your application is Sunday 31st October. If you submit your application after the deadline, it will be considered after all on-time applications have been processed and you will not receive an outcome email on National Offer Day, 1st March 2022. However, if there is an exceptional reason why you could not return your application by 31st October, it may be considered as if received 'on time' providing it is submitted by 9th December 2021 and the reason for the lateness is fully explained on the Reason for Late Application form and accepted by the Local Authority.

Most schools are planning to hold the traditional face-to-face open evenings this year, but may need to resort to virtual events in response to the pandemic and Government guidelines; please check individual school websites for the latest information.

Dates for your diary

Mon 13th Sept 3pm Y6 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Tues 14th Sept 3pm Y5 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Wed 15th Sept 3pm Y4 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Thurs 16th Sept 3pm Y3 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Mon 20th Sept 3pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Tues 21st Sept 3pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Wed 22nd Sept 3pm Reception Curriculum Meeting for parents

Thurs 23rd Sept 3.45pm Grosvenor Hall residential trip meeting for Year 6 parents

Fri 24th Sept 9am-10am Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mon 27th Sept 3.45pm Hindleap Warren Residential Trip meeting for Year 5 parents

Mon 25th – Fri 29th Oct HALF TERM

Mon 1st Nov INSET Day (school closed for children)

***New dates in bold**