



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

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**AUTUMN TERM 2021**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who has already returned last week's forms; it is much appreciated. If you have not yet returned all the necessary paperwork, please do so at your earliest convenience.

At St. Theresa's, we are committed to establishing a strong partnership with the parents and carers of the children in our care within the Catholic ethos of the school. We are asking parents to complete the Westminster Diocesan questionnaire (attached to the bottom of this email). This questionnaire is solely focused on the Religious Education and Catholic life at St. Theresa's School. Please complete the questionnaire as fully as possible and return it to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Should you wish your responses to remain anonymous you may return your questionnaire to the box labelled "Questionnaire" in the main school entrance, just outside the school office. Should you prefer to complete the questionnaire online please visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeBzZaNH5w3ldJWb9iz2BQG5MSprjtrGJnALgzJ7eLoFrNQ/viewform>. The more questionnaires returned, the more accurate the results will be, so we are urging parents to please take the time to complete and return them.

Next week, we are continuing to invite parents to the 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. The Y3 meeting (cancelled this week) has been rescheduled for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3pm in the Y3 classroom.

A reminder to all Year 6 parents that on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3.45pm we will be holding an information meeting about the May 2022 Y6 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall, in the Year 6 classroom. The Year 6 children are welcome to stay for the meeting.

Next Friday morning (24<sup>th</sup> September), we will be hosting the annual fundraising Macmillan Cancer Coffee morning. Parents are very welcome to come and have a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake in the multi-purpose room after morning drop off, up until 10am. 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; I hope to see many of you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## The Wednesday Word

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus once again, reminds the disciples - and us too – that a life of service is the best life to live. Life can be so busy, full of the things we really like doing, that it's quite easy to forget about serving others. The Church teaches that we grow in the love of God through serving each other. One of the oldest titles for the Pope is "The Servant of the servants of God". This emphasises the importance which the Church places on service. Jesus lived a life of service. Family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' example and live as God intends. So enjoy your week together – bring peace and joy into your home and community by spreading God's love – through **servicing** each other.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/serving?pid=MTA101634&v=37.18>

## 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](mailto: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.



Year 1	<b>Shazia</b> for working really hard and paying attention in class. Always trying to answer questions. <b>Benjamin</b> for trying really hard on his first week and giving all lessons his best.
Year 2	<b>Theo</b> for concentrating during lessons and enjoying his learning. <b>Martin</b> for being a "Have a Go Mo."
Year 3	<b>Joelle</b> for being a great helper in class <b>Albert</b> for sharing his knowledge of the skeletal system with the class
Year 4	Well done to <b>Y4</b> for a great start to the new year and adjusting well to new rules and routines
Year 5	<b>Sofia</b> for her excellent attitude to her learning <b>Euan</b> for showing a mature attitude in class
Year 6	<b>Achike</b> for putting 100% effort into everything he does. Very well done. <b>Klaudia</b> for her great work ethic. She's made a fantastic start to Year 6.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

*Arthur (Y4)  
Hayley (Y4)*

## Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

Last 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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. However, if there is an exceptional reason why you could not return your application by 31<sup>st</sup> October, it may be considered as if received 'on time' providing it is submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:info@nonstopaction.co.uk)

### Dates for your diary

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 3pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for parents  
3pm Y3 Curriculum Meeting for parents (in classroom)

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 3pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for parents

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 3pm Reception Curriculum Meeting for parents

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 3.45pm Grosvenor Hall residential trip meeting for Year 6 parents

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am-10am Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 3.45pm Hindleap Warren Residential Trip meeting for Year 5 parents

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> –Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct HALF TERM

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov INSET Day (school closed for children)

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov Open day for prospective parents 9am, 1.30pm, 7pm**

**\*New dates in bold**

# Westminster Diocesan primary school questionnaire for parents and carers of St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School



Please read the following statements and tick the answer which best fits what you think about the school. Please only tick one box per statement. If you cannot answer leave it blank.

Religious education	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
1. The school keeps me informed of what is taught in religious education lessons				
2. My child is making good progress in religious education				
3. There is regular and appropriate homework for my child's age and ability in religious education				
4. Religious education is challenging and exciting				

The Catholic life of the school	Agree strongly	Agree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
5. The school offers a distinctively Catholic education				
6. The school provides clear moral teaching				
7. The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development				
8. There are regular sacramental celebrations of Mass and Reconciliation				
9. The school ensures that there are opportunities for daily prayer				
10. There are opportunities for my child to serve others and support those in need				
11. The school actively promotes strong partnership with parents				
12. There are strong links between the school and our local parish(es)				
13. The school invites parents to attend school assemblies and liturgies.				

14. If you want to explain any answers, or if there is anything else you want the school to know, please tell us here.