



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

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Friday 24th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the Westminster Diocesan questionnaire (issued last week and attached again 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 1st 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/1FAIpQLSdeBzZqNH5w3ldJWb9iz2BQG5MSprjivrGJnAlgzJ7eLoFrNQ/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.

Thank you to Father John Dermody, from the parish of St. Philips, who came to the school on Monday afternoon to celebrate the first Mass of this school year with the children and staff; it has been a very long time since we have heard all the children singing and we hope it continues for a long time to come!

On Wednesday 13th October, we will be celebrating Harvest at school and are therefore appealing for food donations (tins, jars or dried food) which will all be given to the local Finchley Food Bank; any donations of toiletries are also welcome. Please ensure all food is unopened, in date and in its original packaging. Please drop off any donations, at the school office.

A reminder to all Year 5 parents that on Monday (27th September) at 3.45pm we will be holding an information meeting (in the Y5 classroom) about the March 2022 Y5 residential trip to Hindleap Warren. The Year 5 children are welcome to stay for the meeting.

By the time this newsletter is published we will have hosted our annual Macmillan coffee morning; we will let you know how much money was raised in next week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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

The Wednesday Word

God's gift of goodness is here, now – for free – for everyone! This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder that, just like Jesus, we can rejoice in God's goodness – wherever it is found.

Our Catholic schools are diverse and enriching communities, founded by people with a desire to serve God and to help our children to be the best they can be. Parents, school and parish working together help our children grow in goodness, and unite all of us, enriching and enhancing the life of our school community. St Basil the Great reminds us, "Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others." Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is GOODNESS.

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

Members of the School Governing Body

Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and raising of standards including the appointment of key staff, overseeing the budget and monitoring progress in the curriculum. Since there have been some changes within the Governing Body, we thought it would be useful to update parents and carers on its members (you can also find this information on the school website).

Foundation Governor

Fiona Kerin (Chair)

Foundation Governor

Gerry Costello

Foundation Governor

Father John Dermody

Foundation Governor

Christine Fleming

Foundation Governor

Jane Goring

Parent Governor

Halina Gibson

Parent Governor

Nick O'Donnell

Local Authority Governor

Liz Cormack (Vice-Chair)

Staff Governor

Nikki Dias

Headteacher Governor

Barbara Costa

Clerk to the Governors

Helen Holloway

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Routines

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.

Please do not use the car park as a pedestrian route.

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



Year 1	Faith for all her hard work in all her learning. Tyson for his excellent effort in maths.
Year 2	Kamo for being a polite and diligent student. Maya for her positive attitude towards learning and beautifully presented work.
Year 3	Albert for making good choices. Kourtney for her excellent behavior in class.
Year 4	Nathaniel for settling into his new class with a great attitude. Gabriella for always making the right choices.
Year 5	Jan for his excellent effort in Maths. Maja for her brilliant diary entry.
Year 6	Ben for his wonderful knowledge in RE. Zuzanna for her informative and well presented non-chronological report.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

*Nea (y5)
Elena (y5)*

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

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.

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 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

Dates for your diary

Mon 27th Sept 3.45pm Hindleap Warren Residential Trip meeting for Year 5 parents (in Y5 class)

Wed 6th Oct **Y4 Timestable Rockstar Day (more details to follow)**

Fri 8th Oct **10am Y1 and Y2 attending Mass at St. Philips**

Wed 13th Oct **Harvest Celebration**

Fri 15th Oct **10am Y3 and Y4 attending Mass at St. Philips**

Wed 20th Oct **Y4 trip Museum of London**

Fri 22nd Oct **Y6 trip Natural History Museum**

Mon 25th –Fri 29th Oct **HALF TERM**

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

Wed 17th 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.