



**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 15<sup>th</sup> October

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who donated food for the school Harvest Festival on Wednesday. The children learnt about how important it is to take care of our planet to ensure it can continue to provide us with our food. Next week we will be delivering all your donations to the local Finchley Food Bank. On Monday, a representative from CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) will be following up our Harvest Festival by coming to talk to the children about the work CAFOD is currently doing to support farmers around the world.

This week in assembly, the children learnt that Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October was World Mental Health Day. The children watched a short video (created by the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families) entitled "Talking Mental Health"; the video helps children understand what mental health is and the difference between every day small feelings and a big feeling that stops us from doing the every day things we enjoy.

On Wednesday, the Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their Egyptian workshop. They explored the ancient Egyptian lifestyle and learnt about the mummification process. They also role-played what life might have been like being ruled by the Pharaoh!

Next Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup> October) we have our second Parent Consultations in the hall; by now, all parents will have received their appointment times. When you arrive for your appointment, we will ask you to wait in the Y3 or Y4 classroom until the class teacher is ready to see you.

The children are really looking forward to the Halloween Disco next week and I am sure you have been busy getting costumes ready. Now that Test and Trace is being dealt with entirely by the NHS, the school is no longer responsible for informing parents of positive COVID cases. There have been a number of confirmed COVID cases in the school over the past few weeks (although not enough to hit the threshold for further action) and with this in mind we have decided that it would be sensible to take precautions for the Halloween Disco. **For this reason, the disco will only be open to the children who currently attend the school; it is with regret that siblings or cousins who are not on roll, will not be able to come to the disco. We hope that, whilst this may be disappointing, parents will understand the reasons this decision has been made, and we thank you for your support.**

On Monday (8<sup>th</sup> November) at 3.45pm we are inviting all the Y4 parents to a meeting regarding the national Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) for all pupils in Y4 which will be taking place in June 2022. We will be discussing how the test will be administered and what you can do to support your child at home. Y3 parents are also very welcome to attend. The Y3 and Y4 pupils may stay for the meeting, but must remain seated and quiet.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## The Wednesday Word

It is natural to want to be great. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are great qualities. It's not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way that God wants us to live, to become the best that we can be. Ask your child what the word 'greatness' means to them. Who does your child know at home, at school or in the community who shows true greatness by putting others' needs first? It may help your child if you tell them about someone you know to be 'great'.

God is great and He made us to be great too. Through spending lots of his time serving others, Jesus shows us the way to true greatness. Each of you at home can share one thing about other family members which you think makes them great. Then choose a way in which you can be 'great' for each other this week. Perhaps you can: look for new ways to serve someone at home or at school; offer help at mealtimes, preparing the food and clearing up afterwards; avoid being bossy; resist pushing in and let others go first instead; given your time or money where needed.

[www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3](http://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3)

## Black History Month

October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years.

The month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations. Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but black people in general.

To celebrate Black History Month this month, the children are being introduced to a variety of different black history heroes. Year 6 have been practicing a recital of the poem "Britain" written by Benjamin Zephaniah. Dr Benjamin Obadiah Iqbal Zephaniah, a musician, writer and poet, was born and raised in Birmingham; his poetry is strongly influenced by the music and poetry of Jamaica. Mr Troy uploaded a video of Year 6 reciting the poem on the school Twitter feed (it was a very early attempt!) and we are delighted that Benjamin Zephaniah himself has seen the video and commented on it.

The Year 5 pupils have been learning about the hidden black figures in the world of mathematics and have been looking at the work of Dr Nira Chamberlain. Nira Chamberlain campaigns for more diversity within the mathematical sciences and has also commented on the school Twitter feed.



Dr Benjamin Zephaniah



Dr Nira Chamberlain

Please do visit the school Twitter account to see all the Black History learning the children have been doing.



Year 1	<b>David</b> for excellent effort in class and always putting his hand up to answer questions. <b>Elzana</b> for trying really hard and pushing herself to do even better.
Year 2	<b>Amber</b> for concentrating during lessons and being so diligent. <b>Amilia</b> for having a go in all her lessons and never giving up.
Year 3	<b>Karo</b> for showing kindness to his classmates. <b>Anita</b> for her behavior and attitude in class.
Year 4	<b>All of Year 4</b> for embracing the first ever Rockstar Day and working really hard on multiplication.
Year 5	<b>Elizabeth</b> for her beautiful handwriting and presentation. <b>Nathan</b> for an excellent report on Ancient Egypt.
Year 6	<b>Michal</b> for the great knowledge and enthusiasm he has shown for the Y6 current topic. <b>Alexia</b> for the wonderful poem she wrote for National Poetry Day.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Manuela Y5**  
**Oliwia W Y4**

### Registration for First Holy Communion at St Mary's, East Finchley 2021/22

Registration for the next round of First Holy Communion preparation classes is now open. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to prepare to make their First Holy Communion next year, please email Holly Graham [finchleyeastcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:finchleyeastcat@rcdow.org.uk) for an application form. Classes will be on Sunday mornings in term time.

### Signing of Secondary School Transfer Forms at St Mary's, East Finchley:

If your child needs their Catholic Certificates of Practice stamped and signed, and your family are parishioners at St Mary's East Finchley, please attend one of the Sunday Masses with your child, bringing their secondary school transfer forms. Please make sure you have completed address and dates of birth and see Fr Peter after Mass.

### 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).

<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Fiona Kerin (Chair)
<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Gerry Costello
<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Father John Dermody
<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Christine Fleming
<i>Foundation Governor</i>	Jane Goring
<i>Parent Governor</i>	Halina Gibson
<i>Parent Governor</i>	Nick O'Donnell
<i>Local Authority Governor</i>	Liz Cormack (Vice-Chair)
<i>Staff Governor</i>	Nikki Dias
<i>Headteacher Governor</i>	Barbara Costa
<i>Clerk to the Governors</i>	Helen Holloway

### 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.  
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### 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.

### Dates for your diary

Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations 4pm-6.30pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y4 trip Museum of London
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	6pm-8pm Halloween Disco
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Y6 trip Natural History Museum
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)
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>4pm – 6.30pm Parent Consultations for Y2 parents only</b>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>3.45pm Multiplication Check meeting for Y3 and Y4 parents</b>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Infant Movie Night (details to follow)
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open day for prospective parents 9am, 1.30pm, 7pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Junior Movie Night (details to follow)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Christmas Jingle Mingle (details to follow)

**\*New dates in bold**