



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

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Friday 22nd October

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week with the children out and about on various educational visits. Last Friday the Y2 pupils visited Stephens House and Gardens for a morning of planting and hunting for flowers and leaves. On Wednesday, the Y4 pupils went to the Museum of London to enhance their learning on the Romans. As this newsletter goes out to parents, the Year 6 pupils will be enjoying their day out at the Natural History Museum. A huge thank you to all the staff who arranged the trips and the parent volunteers who accompanied the pupils; we would not be able to provide these experiences for your children without your help.

Yesterday evening was the Halloween Disco and it was wonderful to have an opportunity for the school community to finally gather. There was a huge turnout and it was clear that the children - and families - had a great evening. A huge thank you to the Friends for organising this event and to all the volunteers who supported the evening.

You will see that we have now added all the Christmas events to the "Dates for your diary" section on the back of the newsletter. Historically, at St. Theresa's, all the classes have performed something at Christmas for the parents. Our school has - unfortunately - only one hall which doubles up as a dining room. The hall space is used all day on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for PE and cannot be used by the children immediately after lunch until the floor has been cleaned. This has a significant impact on rehearsal times for the classes when preparing for any type of performance. Therefore, from this year onwards, the Christmas Story will be performed by the Y1 and Y2 pupils and the Y5 pupils will host the Christmas carol concert. The Y3 and Y4 pupils will perform the Easter Story in the Spring term and the Y6 pupils will perform the end of year production in the Summer term. The Reception pupils will also have a end of year celebration for the parents at the end of the summer term.

A reminder that on Monday (8th 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. Y3 parents are also very welcome to attend. The Y3 and Y4 pupils may stay for the meeting, but must remain seated and quiet.

On Tuesday 16th November in the school hall 3.45pm-4.30pm, Helen Cheung be holding a "Teaching of Phonics" meeting for the Reception, Y1 and Y2 parents. Helen has provided consultancy support for National Projects including the *National Oracy Project*, *The National Literacy Project*, and the *Communication, Language and Literacy Programme*; she currently works as an Early Years Consultant for Barnet. Helen will be explaining how phonics is taught and how parents can support their children at home. We are strongly encouraging all infant parents to attend this meeting; children's phonic knowledge is the basis of their reading and writing skills. A crèche will be available for parents who have young children. If your child stays in the hall, it will be your responsibility to ensure they remain seated and quiet for the duration of the meeting.

Have a lovely half-term holiday.

Barbara Costa

The Wednesday Word

"To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that." St Teresa of Avila

Ask your child what the word 'courage' means to them. When was the last time they needed courage? Have they ever needed the courage to: go somewhere new or try something new; tell the truth; admit a mistake; stand up for someone; speak up for something that was right; resist peer pressure or go against the crowd and say that something was wrong? Is there anything they are afraid of right now? Who do they know who has shown courage or shows courage?

"Be brave. Let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that the Lord never fails to give his support." Pope Francis

The word 'courage' comes from the Latin word for 'heart' and it basically means that you are brave. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit – it makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. We can try to remember this Sunday's Gospel and ask Jesus to help us whenever we need courage. How can we have more courage? Perhaps we can: pray to God for more courage; support and encourage each other always to do what we know to be right – even if we are afraid.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=5&v=41.5>

Black History Month

This week the children learnt about the life and achievements of different sporting heroes: Nicola Adams (Olympic gold medal for boxing); Viv Anderson (the first black England International Footballer) and Paul Ince (the first black player to captain the England Team).



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

Young Interpreters

The Young Interpreter Scheme® recognises the huge potential that exists within each school community for pupils of all ages to use their skills and knowledge to support new learners of English so that they feel safe, settled and valued from the start. Young Interpreters (YI) undergo specific training to prepare for this role and are selected on the basis of different personal qualities they may have. The support they can offer to a newly-arrived pupil can be very reassuring from a parent or carer's point of view at a time when their child may be adapting to substantial changes. It also supports school staff in a variety of ways at different points during the school day.

We have 13 YIs who have all been creating posters celebrating their language and sharing helpful information to new students of the school. They have all been issued with YI badges and pencils as part of their role and once they have completed their training will be awarded certificates.



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Year 1	Arel for trying really hard in his work. He has put in effort and is doing really well. Taybah for doing really good work and putting in effort. I have been really impressed.
Year 2	Alice for being a conscientious student and for her exemplary behaviour. Natan for being such a diligent student and for always having a go.
Year 3	Lucas for always contributing to class discussions and asking relevant questions to extend his learning. Emmanuelle for outstanding behaviour and manners in class.
Year 4	Erin for being a Have-a-Go Mo in everything she does. Oliwia W for making a great effort in learning her spellings every week and scoring 10/10.
Year 5	Nea for improvements in her handwriting. Jeremiah for being very helpful around the classroom.
Year 6	Mamie for the perseverance and determination she's been showing in maths. Rio for being a star pupil and a fantastic role model. Very well done!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:
Manuela (y5)
Faith (y1)

Monday 1st November - Reminder to all parents

Monday 1st November is a staff training day and therefore the school will be closed for the children.

Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications

The deadline for all applications to secondary schools must be submitted by midnight 31st October. Late applications will not be included in the first round of offers on 1 March so it is vital that parents apply **before midnight on 31st October**.

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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Applications for Reception

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2022** – this is for children born between

1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th January 2022.

The forms are available to download on the school website.

Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet - the on-line system is already open.

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

Dates for your diary

Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 1 st Nov	INSET Day (school closed for children)
Tues 2 nd Nov	4pm – 6.30pm Parent Consultations for Y2 parents only
Mon 8 th Nov	3.45pm Multiplication Check meeting for Y3 and Y4 parents
Mon 15 th Nov	Infant Movie Night
Tues 16 th Nov	3.45pm Phonics Meeting for Rec/Y1 and Y2 parents
Wed 17 th Nov	School Photographer (individual photos)
Wed 17 th Nov	Open day tours for prospective parents 9am, 1.30pm, 7pm
Mon 22 nd Nov	Junior Movie Night
Fri 3 rd Dec	Christmas Jingle Mingle (details to follow)
Fri 10 th Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Mon 13 th Dec	7pm Y5 Carol Concert
Wed 15 th Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Fri 17 th Dec	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 4 th Jan	INSET Day (school closed for children)
Wed 5 th Jan	Children back at school

***New dates in bold**