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Friday 8th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another reminder that 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.

The Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed their TT Rockstar day on Wednesday and came to school dressed as rockers! Times Table Rockstars is a carefully sequenced online programme of daily times tables practice; we use it at school to ensure the children learn their multiplication tables. Please visit the school Twitter page for further photos from Year 4! @StTheresasCath1



Unfortunately, the school is still receiving complaints from local residents of parents parking across their drives. Please park with consideration; not doing so continues to put the school's good name at risk.

On Thursday 14th and Tuesday 19th October, from 4pm-6.30pm we will be holding Parent Consultations in the hall; this is an opportunity for all parents and carers to speak to their child's class teacher about their child's learning and progress. If you have not returned your appointment slip, please do so at your earliest convenience; it is vital that parents keep up to date with their child's education. When you arrive for your appointment, we will ask you to wait in your child's classroom until the class teacher is ready to see you.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and staff who supported me in running my first London Marathon last Sunday (3rd October); I am so grateful for all the sponsorship and together we have raised over £3000 for the NSPCC.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

The Wednesday Word

Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about a wealthy young man whose love of money and possessions were stopping him finding true happiness. So Jesus lovingly challenges him: if he wants to have the true, lasting happiness for which he is asking, then he must give God first place in his life. The young man went away sad because he was putting his trust in his wealth rather than trusting God to bring him happiness.

Living in the way that Jesus taught us, knowing that we are loved forever by God and responding to that love by loving others leads to everlasting happiness. St. Gianna Beretta Molla also reminds us, *"The Secret of happiness is to live moment by moment, being thankful to God, accepting all that he sends."*

www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3

Friends of St Theresa's News

Dear Parents / Carers

The Friends of St Theresa's play a vital role in fundraising for the school and with school budgets being cut, it is ever more important that we try to help our children by buying the things that the school cannot. We will provide more details in next week's newsletter about what are fundraising priorities are over the coming school year.

We are very excited that we are able to hold our first in-person fundraising event in a long time. Our Halloween family disco will take place on Thursday 21st October from 6pm-8pm. Please book this date in your diaries and get ready for some spooky spectacular fun!

We are also pleased to announce that we are planning a school movie event in November and a Christmas Jingle Mingle event in December. More details of these events will be made available over the coming weeks, but for now, please book these dates in your diaries:

Monday 15th November: Infants School Movie Night (timings tbc)

Monday 22nd November: Juniors School Movie Night (timings tbc)

Friday 3rd November: Christmas Jingle Mingle (timings tbc)

Please contact your class rep, if you are interesting in becoming a Friend of St Theresa's member or volunteer. We are always looking for people to help out with the set up and smooth running of events. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you at the Halloween family disco!

The Friends of St Theresa's

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.



Year 1	Nikolay for trying really hard in his work. He is putting more effort each time. Melody S for doing amazing work. Melody puts in a lot of effort and hard work which is seen in her books.
Year 2	Callum for participating in all his lessons and enjoying his learning. Daniyal for asking when uncertain and striving to improve his work.
Year 3	Filipa for settling in well to Year 3 class. Francesco for an excellent attitude towards learning
Year 4	Brendan for making a fantastic effort in learning his spellings each week. Well done Alice for making sure her presentation is always neat and using cursive handwriting when joining up her letters
Year 5	Axel and Zoe for excellent progress in Maths.
Year 6	Govind for the impressive vocabulary and interesting techniques he included within his story writing. Lena for the great level of focus and concentration she demonstrates in every lesson.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

*Charlie (y6)
Evie (y6)*

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 in 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 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.
Email: Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk
Telephone: 07968 498 364

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

Wed 13 th Oct	Harvest Celebration
Thurs 14th Oct	Parent Consultations 4pm-6.30pm
Fri 15 th Oct	10am Y3 and Y4 attending Mass at St. Philips
Tues 19th Oct	Parent Consultations 4pm-6.30pm
Wed 20 th Oct	Y4 trip Museum of London
Thurs 21 st Oct	6pm-8pm Halloween Disco
Fri 22 nd Oct	Y6 trip Natural History Museum
Mon 25 th –Fri 29 th Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 1 st Nov	INSET Day (school closed for children)
Mon 15 th Nov	Infant Movie Night (details to follow)
Wed 17 th Nov	Open day for prospective parents 9am, 1.30pm, 7pm
Mon 22 nd Nov	Junior Movie Night (details to follow)
Fri 3 rd Dec	Christmas Jingle Mingle (details to follow)
*New dates in bold	