



**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 12th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that on Tuesday (16th November) in the school hall 3.45pm-4.30pm, Helen Cheung will 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.

A huge thank you to all the parents who support the school by accompanying the children on all the various trips they make; this can range from trips into central London, to walking the children to St. Philips for morning Mass. We could not provide these opportunities without your help. As we continue planning educational visits I would like to bring your attention to some of the changes we are making to our risk assessments. Moving forward, when parents/carers volunteer to accompany a class on a trip, we will be prioritising the adults who have a DBS (police) check issued by the school. If you are interested in applying for a DBS check from the school (they are free of charge to you), please speak to either Mrs Orsi or Mrs Ling in the school office and it can be organised. We will also, when assigning adults to groups of children to supervise on trips, not be allocating a parent to their own child's group (unless there are exceptional circumstances); it can be distracting for both the child and the parent to be in the same group. We hope all parents understand and support these changes.

Next Thursday (18th November), the school will be celebrating "Go Green" day in support of CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). As the world leaders in Glasgow continue to discuss the climate crisis and the future of our planet and its people, the Go Green day will encourage our school community to unite together and fundraise to support communities around the world who are protecting the planet. The children may wear green clothes on Thursday in exchange for a voluntary donation of £1. After school, Y4 will be holding a jumble sale in the school hall and all proceeds from the sale will be given to CAFOD.

I am sure the infant children are looking forward to their movie night on Monday and I look forward to seeing lots of them there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

News from the Friends of St. Theresa's

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Halloween Disco. It was such a fun evening and we raised an amazing £1,150 for the school! It was so wonderful to see so many families attending and everyone seemed to have a enjoyable time!

We are very excited to announce that we will be holding our Christmas Jingle Mingle (party and disco) on Friday 3rd December from 6pm-8.30pm! We look forward to welcoming you to this fabulous, fun and festive event. DJ Captain Fantastic will once again be providing the live music and we will have food available (including the return of our doughnut wall), drinks and some festive stalls. Every year we ask parents / carers to support our fundraising efforts by contributing specific items to our Christmas event. It is the continued generosity of the St Theresa's parents / carers that helps us reach our fundraising targets and ensure that our children have enriched learning experiences at St Theresa's.

This week, all children should have received a letter in their school bags from The Friends requesting donations for the event. Please check the letter for the items selected for your child's class. If you are unsure what is required, please ask your class representative. Also, a big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the running of the event. If you can spare some time to help us on the evening, please contact your class representative for more details.

Please keep the evening of Friday 3rd December free to come along and enjoy some festive fun! We would love to see you all there! Thank you!

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 15th – Friday 19th November

Poster Competition – "One kind word"

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event, held in the third week in November which aims to raise awareness of bullying of children and young people, in schools and elsewhere, and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it.

It started in 2002 and has since grown to become a significant event in the calendars of children, families and schools with an estimated 80% of schools in the UK taking part reaching over 7.5 million children and young people.

This year the theme is "One Kind Word". We would like the children to design an anti-bullying poster around this theme. All entries must be presented as hard copies – no photos on seesaw will be considered!

The deadline for all entries is Monday 29th November 3.30pm.

An Amazon gift voucher will be awarded to the best design!



Year 1	Saman for excellent effort and doing really well in lessons and trying hard in his work. Gabriela for doing great writing in English; she used lovely descriptive language.
Year 2	Laura for enjoying her learning and never giving up. Max for listening carefully and working hard.
Year 3	Olivia for impeccable manners in class. Annaliese for always giving 100% in everything she does.
Year 4	Evie for making a fantastic effort in learning her spellings every week. Well done! Shirley for producing lovely writing and making sure the presentation is always neat.
Year 5	Imina for her mature and sensible attitude both in and out of class. Davy for his excellent attitude to his learning.
Year 6	Luke for his impressive understanding of BIDMAS in maths. Chimdi for working hard and always trying her best.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Arvin Y4
Mya D Y4

Safeguarding at St.Theresa's

A reminder to all parents that if you have any concerns about the safety of your child, or the safety of another child you can call the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) for support and advice on 0800 800 5000. Alternatively, parents can ring the Barnet Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 020 8359 4066 or speak to the school.

Miss Barbara Costa is the Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school; Mr James Troy and Miss Barbara Folan are members of the safeguarding team. However, Safeguarding and Child Protection at St. Theresa's is EVERYONE'S responsibility and is taken extremely seriously.

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.

TT Rockstars "England Rocks"

Well done to all the children who competed in the TT Rockstars "England Rocks" challenge this week. We will let you know how St. Theresa's performed, in next week's newsletter.

"Travelling Books" Book Fair

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing. We are hosting a Book Fair to bring reading to the heart of our school.

WHEN: Monday 22nd November to Friday 26th November.

TIME: From 3:30p.m. to 4:00p.m.

WHERE: In our school library.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, we hope that everyone will be able to find a suitable book. For further details please see the invitation which has been uploaded on Seesaw.

You can either pay for the books you purchase in cash or online. Please see the payment instruction flyer for further details.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

It's the perfect place to begin your Christmas shopping!

Dates for your diary

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
Thurs 18th Nov	Go Green Day
Thurs 18th Nov	3.30pm Y4 Jumble Sale in the school hall
Mon 22nd Nov	Happy School Bags Collection
Mon 22 nd Nov	Junior Movie Night
Wed 1st Dec	Y3 Westminster Cathedral Advent Service
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**