



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

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Friday 26th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody for supporting the Travelling Book Fair this week. We will let you know how much was raised for the school when we have been given the total. A thank you also to everyone for supporting the Friends' Movie Nights – there were a large number of children at both events. We will let you know how much was raised when we have the final figures.

A reminder that on Monday 29th November 3.45-4.30pm, in the hall, Mr Troy will be delivering a maths Fractions Workshop for our infant parents. Mr Troy will be sharing tips on how parents can support their children with their maths learning at home. On Monday 6th December, 3.45-4.30pm, Mr Troy will be holding a similar workshop for our junior parents on the teaching of fractions; I am sure that any parent with children who have gone through KS2 (Y3-Y6), knows how difficult learning about fractions can be! A crèche will be available (for both meetings) 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.

Monday 29th November is the last day for parents to make any comments on the draft Behaviour Policy. The draft policy was emailed to all parents on Monday 15th November; please read the draft policy and if you would like to make any comments please do so by emailing the school office (email: office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net) with the subject heading *School Behaviour Policy* by Monday 29th November.

Parents may be aware that we are redeveloping the Reception outside area. Over the summer holidays, the first stage of the project was completed and some of the tarmac was laid down. The next stage is to replace the existing canopy, the 3rd stage is to re-tarmac the whole area and the final stage of the project is to install new fixed climbing equipment. We have been informed that the second stage of the project (replacing the canopy) will commence early Monday morning. Since the contractors will need access to the Reception outside area, parents will need to walk the **other** way to drop their children off (i.e. turn right at the bottom of the carpark).

On Monday, Y6, Y5, and Reception pupils will enter and be dismissed via the hall doors. Y6, Y5 and Reception parents will need to drop off and pick up their children at the hall doors. Year 1 parents will need to use the side door to drop off and pick up. Parents will not be permitted entry to the playground. As the work continues, these arrangements may be amended and we will keep parents updated. The children will still be using the playground for playtimes but the Reception outdoor area will be out of use until the canopy has been replaced.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

News from the Friends of St. Theresa's

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out at our recent infant and junior movie nights. It was great to see so many children there and I hope they all enjoyed watching the movie. We will let you know shortly how much money the event raised.

Also a big thank you to everyone who donated bags for 'Happy School Bags'. We raised £118.50 from our recent collection! Don't worry if you didn't get a chance to clear out and donate on this occasion- please save your items for another collection next term.

The Friends are busily preparing for our Jingle Mingle Christmas party event, on Friday 3rd December from 6pm-8.30pm. **The Jingle Mingle will be open to all children currently on roll, their younger siblings and parents/carers ONLY. Therefore, please do not invite older siblings not on roll at St. Theresa's or any other family members (i.e. grandparents etc.). This will help the school reduce any COVID risks.**

There will be food, drinks, Christmas stalls and music from Captain Fantastic. Please do try and come along to support the event. All money raised will go towards ensuring that our children have enriched learning experiences at St Theresa's. Thank you for all the class donations that we have been given so far for the event. All children should have received a letter from the Friends detailing the donations that we are kindly asking each class to donate. If you are unsure of what is required, please speak to your class rep.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Friends

Please see page 3 of this newsletter for an important COVID-19 update.

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Show Friday 10th December 9.30am

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 are currently busy rehearsing for their Nativity; parents have been invited to come and watch on Friday 10th December at 9.30am.

The school is responsible for implementing measures to manage the transmission of COVID-19 day to day. With this in mind, we will be inviting only parents/carers and younger siblings (not attending school) to come and watch the show.

Therefore, please do not invite older siblings not on roll at St. Theresa's or any other family members (i.e. grandparents etc.).

Thank you.



Reception	Gabi for challenging himself in Maths when subitising numbers to 10. Turhan for his positive attitude towards learning.
Year 1	Lili for putting in a lot of effort in her work, especially in Maths. Excellent effort Lili! Katy for doing great work in her Maths and always helping out. Well done Katy!
Year 2	Laura for all her hard work during lessons. Nikola for being a "Have a Go Mo", and working diligently.
Year 3	Alan for improved listening and attention in class. Rachel for excellent contributions during class discussions.
Year 4	Whole class for being fantastic charity workers and raising over £300 for CAFOD!
Year 5	Seamus for working hard on his spellings this week. Manuela for taking great care with her handwriting.
Year 6	Connor for the valuable contributions you make during lessons. Well done! Lily for your interesting and well written biography. Well done!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:
Krissy (y4)
Melody C (y1)

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 0808 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.

What is bullying?

Bullying is behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. It can happen anywhere – at school, at home or online. It's usually repeated over a long period of time and can hurt a child both physically and emotionally. If you think your child is being bullied, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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.

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!

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

Dates for your diary

Mon 29 th Nov	3.45-4.30pm Maths Workshop for Rec-Y2 parents
Wed 1 st Dec	Y3 Westminster Cathedral Advent Service
Fri 3 rd Dec	6pm-8.30pm Christmas Jingle Mingle
Mon 6 th Dec	3.45-4.30pm Maths Workshop for Y3-Y6 parents
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
Wed 15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
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
Thurs 20 th Jan	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight check

***New dates in bold**

St. Theresa's COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents,

We have a rising number of suspected COVID-19 cases in the school and we are therefore asking parents to please take extra precautions when sending their child/ren to school.

Routine Lateral Flow Tests

Whilst all children under the age of 11 are not required to routinely test for COVID-19, we are strongly recommending all parents carry out lateral flow tests twice a week on their children. You can order rapid lateral flow home test kits here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Or you can get up to 2 packs of 7 rapid tests from a local pharmacy; please visit <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits> for further information.

If the lateral flow test result is negative, your child can continue with their normal daily activities.

If your child gets a positive lateral flow test result – you must then get book a PCR test immediately to confirm the result. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the PCR test result – they can only leave home to have the test. Please visit <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker> for further information on how to book a PCR test. We do not recommend postal test as these take longer for the results to arrive – and we are advising parents use the walk-in test centres wherever possible.

If the PCR test result is negative your child can continue with their normal daily activities.

If the PCR test is positive your child will need to self-isolate until the date specified by the Test and Trace team - who will contact you following the positive test result.

If your child has symptoms – PCR tests

If your child has any of the following symptoms DO NOT send your child into school and get a PCR test (not lateral flow) immediately:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

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If a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19

Children can still attend school if some-one in the household tests positive for COVID-19 however it is advised that everyone in the household takes a PCR test as a precaution and continues to take the lateral flow tests.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.