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**AUTUMN TERM 2021**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

## Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that 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. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Yesterday your child should have brought home the "Happy School Bag" collection bags. We ask that the bags are filled up with unwanted clothes (adult and children's clothing), paired shoes, fashion accessories, handbags, belts, hats, scarves and jewellery that are in good re-usable condition. Please bring the bags back to school at drop off time on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The pre-loved garments collected by Happy School Bag are sold to secondhand markets abroad for the purpose of reuse and provides affordable quality clothing to disadvantaged people in need. The Happy Bags company will weigh the items collected and donate 30p per kilo (current rate) to the school – the more we collect the more the school earns!

Next week, from 7.30am Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November to 7.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, St. Theresa's will be competing in the TT Rockstars "England Rocks" tournament – a times table competition for all schools in England. The hours of play are 7.30am – 7.30pm and there is a daily 60-minute limit per player. Once a player goes beyond 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm on a given day they will no longer earn points towards the competition. Those 60 minutes do not need to be played in one block - they can be spread throughout the competition hour. The three highest scoring primary-age classes in England will win Amazon gift vouchers. Good luck children!

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## All Saints and All Souls

In secular society, November is announced with a fanfare of pumpkins, skeletons, ghouls and ghosts. But the word 'Halloween' actually comes from the word 'hallowed' meaning 'blessed' or 'holy'.

'Hallowe'en' is actually a shortening of 'All Hallows' Eve.' Just like Christmas Eve is the day before Christmas, 'All Hallows' Eve' is the day before 'All Saints' Day' on the 1st November. And like how in Advent we prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming at Christmas, on All Hallows' Eve Christians often prepare by praying or fasting, and worshiping God. This week, we celebrated the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. These two special days remind us that God has a special plan for everyone: to live with Him forever and be part of His special family called the Communion of Saints.

Saints are real people who said 'yes' to God's plan for them and are now in heaven. Some were children and young people, some were mothers and fathers, some were monks, priests or nuns, and some were single people.

On All Saints' Day, we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people and the example they set for us. We can also ask them to pray for us, that we might love God and our neighbour the way Jesus taught us.

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you that God has a plan for us to live with Him forever and be part of His special family.*

*Thank you for the example of the Saints who show us how to love others and do the work of Jesus.*

*Fill us with your light and your love so that we too can say 'yes' to God's plan for us.*

*Amen*



## "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 22<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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!**



*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Nia (y3)**  
**Christina (y4)**

#### **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.



#### **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.

#### **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](mailto:Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk)  
Telephone: 07968 498 364

#### **Applications for Reception**

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

1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

*Foundation Governor*

Fiona Kerin (Chair)

*Foundation Governor*

Gerry Costello

*Foundation Governor*

Father John Dermody

*Foundation Governor*

Christine Fleming

*Foundation Governor*

Jane Goring

*Parent Governor*

Halina Gibson

*Parent Governor*

Nick O'Donnell

*Local Authority Governor*

Liz Cormack (Vice-Chair)

*Staff Governor*

Nikki Dias

*Headteacher Governor*

Barbara Costa

*Clerk to the Governors*

Helen Holloway

#### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y3 TT Rockstar Day</b>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.45pm Multiplication Check meeting for Y3 and Y4 parents
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Infant Movie Night
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.45pm Phonics Meeting for Rec/Y1 and Y2 parents
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Photographer (individual photos)
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open day tours for prospective parents 9am, 1.30pm, 7pm
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Happy School Bags Collection</b>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Junior Movie Night
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Christmas Jingle Mingle (details to follow)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7pm Y5 Carol Concert
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day (school closed for children)
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children back at school

**\*New dates in bold**