



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

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Friday 3rd December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the parents who attended Mr Troy's maths workshop earlier this week; we hope you found it useful. 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. 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.

Thank you to everybody for adapting so quickly to the temporary drop off and pick up routine. We are hoping that the installation of new Reception canopy will be completed by Friday afternoon. If all goes to plan, we can resume our normal routine on Monday morning.

Could I please remind everyone that no parent should be entering the building or classrooms unless invited to do so by the class teacher or a member of staff. If you would like to speak to the class teacher please make an appointment.

On Wednesday the Christmas season truly started when Y3 visited Westminster Cathedral for the Advent Carol Service. The event was to raise money for the Catholic Children's Society (CCS); founded in 1859 the CCS is one of the oldest charities supporting disadvantaged children and families in the UK and we were delighted to support them. The Year 3 children enjoyed listening and watching as the angels told us the Christmas story; we even saw Clover the donkey and Lily the goat! Thank you to the parent/carers who accompanied the children.

As you are all aware, the Friends have decided to cancel this evening's Jingle Mingle. Whilst we know many of you will be disappointed, we hope their fundraising activities will resume in the new year and that you will continue to support them in their efforts to raise money for the school.

On Wednesday 15th December, we will be supporting **The Passage** by inviting all the pupils to wear a Christmas (or red) jumper for a donation of £1. The Passage offers a wide range of services, all year round, to meet the needs of homeless and vulnerable people; their aim is to help people to address the issues that have contributed to them becoming homeless, and to enable them to move on to live safe, happy and fulfilling lives. The children are replacing just the top part of their uniform with the festive sweater. This is the same day as the school Christmas lunch and we are sure it is going to be a very festive event!

Well done to all the children who entered the Anti-Bullying Poster completion – we received lots of entries. Congratulations to Ola in Y4 whose design was based on this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme "One Kind Word" – she wins an Amazon Voucher. You can see her winning design on the school Twitter feed. We will be putting the entries up on display around the school. Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Please visit our website where you will find our weekly newsletter, diary dates, curriculum information and lots more! <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>

News from the Friends of St. Theresa's

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased Christmas cards & gifts and supported the November Infants and Juniors Movie Nights. The total raised from these activities was an amazing £845! This is really fantastic and we'd like to mention that this year the Christmas cards & gift order was almost double compared to 2020! Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

The Friends are sorry that the Jingle Mingle Christmas party has had to be cancelled due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 at this current time. We are grateful for the generous support given by so many volunteers and members of the St Theresa's community and school staff in getting plans in place, but we think it is better to postpone and organise something next year. All the class donations that you have kindly given will be safely stored away and kept for the next event.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Friends

COVID-19 Update

Face coverings

Following the announcement made by the Prime Minister last weekend, all parents and visitors are required to wear face coverings when they are inside the school building unless exempt; face coverings do not need to be worn outside.

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

We are inviting only parents/carers and younger siblings (not attending school) to come and watch the show. Please do not invite older siblings not on roll at St. Theresa's or any other family members (i.e. grandparents etc.).

All adults in the audience will be required to wear a face covering unless exempt.

Omicron variant

Please see page 3 of this newsletter for further important COVID-19 updates.

Thank you.



Christmas/Red Jumper Day Wednesday 15th December

The children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 15th December replacing just the top part of their uniform with a Christmas, or red, jumper in return for a donation of £1. The money raised will be donated to 'The Passage'. The Passage runs London's largest voluntary sector resource centre for homeless and vulnerable people.



Reception	Zoe for learning all of her Phase 2 tricky words. Marko for the good language used to explain the size of the bears in maths.
Year 1	Ryan for excellent effort with his writing; he is using his sounds and trying really hard. Emily for trying really hard with her learning; she always puts in a lot of effort.
Year 2	Darius for working hard and never giving up. Kevin for working so hard and presenting his learning so well.
Year 3	Victoria for being a Have-a-go Mo and trying even when she finds something tricky. Chisom for her improvement in maths – particularly with ‘bus-stop’ division.
Year 4	Ava and Shianne for both settling into St. Theresa’s so well.
Year 5	The whole class for their enthusiasm during their Tudor workshop.
Year 6	Jago for the great progress he is making, especially with his writing. Tanisha for her fantastic behaviour and great listening skills.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Brendan Y4 Sebastian Y5	

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.

Non Stop Action

Bookings for Non Stop Action clubs are now open! Following feedback from the St. Theresa’s school council pupils, for Spring Term these clubs will be Multi Sports clubs, which will offer lots of different sporting choices for your children to enjoy! Please see information about Multi Sports below:

Multi Sports - We offer a variety of sports and activities for the children to enjoy and develop several key skills. A big focus is placed upon improving children's ABC's, enabling them to be confident and understand the importance of skills such as movement, ball striking, throw & catching, dribbling linked into the various sports the children will be playing. We want the children to be individually confident, but teach the importance of teamwork, participation, respect, and fair play. In KS1, these sports will be themed differently and age appropriate, by simplifying activities linked to the sports. In KS2, we can offer a range of different sports, based on what the children in the club would like to do - these can include Football, Cricket, Basketball, Tennis, Athletics and more!

To book these clubs, please go to www.NonStopAction.co.uk and click **BOOK NOW** in the top right corner - please be aware that you will need to be logged in to see these clubs. If you haven't booked with Non Stop before, just register an account and make sure you list your child as attending St Theresa's.

If you have any issues, speak to Non Stop Action directly on info@nonstopaction.co.uk or 020 8446 0006!

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 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 15 th 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.

Omicron Variant

All contacts of suspected Omicron cases must self-isolate, regardless of their vaccination status. They will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.

Returning from abroad

All international arrivals must take a Day 2 PCR test and self-isolate until they receive a negative result.

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

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 to use the walk-in test centres wherever possible.

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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.