



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week was a busy week for the junior pupils. On Monday the children in Y3 enjoyed their *Greek Day* workshop and the Y4 pupils enjoyed their "Saxon Day" workshop. The Y3 children made mini clay pots and then "smashed" (their words!) olives to make olive oil; they also made bracelets using string and clay. The children in Y4 made scary goblin faces out of clay to frighten off the goblins who would turn the milk sour. They made warrior bracelets and also got to see a bow and arrow. These workshops really brought the topics alive and the children were incredibly enthusiastic about the experience. I would like to thank the parents who volunteered to support the children during the workshops on the day.

On Wednesday, the Y6 pupils visited the RAF museum in Colindale as part of their topic on World War II. They experienced what it was like to be a pupil in a wartime classroom; they took part in a 1940s lesson complete with a strict teacher, arithmetic and an air raid. Once again, thank you to all the adults who made this trip possible.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is *Growing Together*. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt; trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. In next week's newsletter we will let you know what activities the children were involved in.

A reminder to please send all your used bottle tops into school. In line with Pope Francis' plea in his open letter to the world (*Laudato Si*) for us all to consider how we are treating planet Earth, to encourage re-cycling, we are going to create a piece of art work made entirely of bottle tops. We will be launching a competition after half term for the children to enter a design for the piece of art. The winning design will be recreated using the bottle tops and displayed – so watch this space for further details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

VA – Building Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the building fund this year. Over the years, this money has contributed to the cost of various building projects – our current one being the redevelopment of the Reception outdoor area. If you have not yet made a donation, and would like to, please see the office staff. All contributions are very gratefully received.

The Wednesday Word

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter (after a night of failed fishing) is finally successful and realizes his true calling because he listens to and follows Jesus' instructions. It's important to make the right choice about who or what we follow in life. Simply following our desires and feelings, which often change, can leave us feeling unsatisfied. Jesus invites each and every one of us to make following him our most important priority.

We follow Jesus whenever we are kind, try to make peace, and make others feel welcome. Choosing to follow him is not always easy but it really does guide and help our families to keep growing in wisdom and love.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is FOLLOW.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&cv=51.7>

Online Safety

On Tuesday, Education Child Protection (ECP) Ltd visited St. Theresa's to deliver Online Safety workshops to the children. The sessions included the following at an age appropriate level: understanding of how to report concerns online; online safety films relevant for age range; clarification of personal information including privacy settings within games and within apps; how to respond to cyber-bullying and an explanation of grooming and how it may occur online.

The workshop leader was concerned to hear that some of our pupils are playing *Grand Theft Auto*; this online game has an age rating of 18 – no child at St. Theresa's should have access to it. A number of children across the school are also playing *Fortnite*, or have *TikTok* and *Snapchat* accounts. Again no child in primary school is old enough to use these apps/games. We are urging parents to regularly monitor their child's use of the internet and ensure parental controls are in place.

Education Child Protection Limited are returning to St. Theresa's to provide an "Online Safety" workshop for parents on Monday 7th March. COVID precautions allowing, the parent workshop will start at 3pm and finish at 4pm in the school hall (a crèche will be available for young children). The presentation will provide parents with an insight into the wide array of apps, games and websites that children are using. This session is a 'must' for all parents whose children have a presence in the digital world. The outcome is to empower parents to keep their children safe when using technology. There are four areas to be covered in the parents' session:

- What children are taught about Online Safety
- Latest trends of what children are doing online
- The issues and dangers children face online
- How we can make children safer online

We would like to stress how important this meeting is and to ensure we have the best possible turn-out we are going to award the class with most parents attending a non-school uniform day!

COVID-19 update

People who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test.

There are a few exceptions to this revised approach; for further information regarding the exceptions please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results>

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 5 and day 6 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The DfE has clarified that this approach applies to staff and students in schools and education settings to ensure that children can return to their education as soon as possible after isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting.

My child has one or more of the three main symptoms, what should I do?

Your child must take a PCR test and isolate (and not come to school) until the results are received.

You need to forward the PCR results from the NHS to the school office.

If the result is negative, your child may return to school.

If the result is positive, your child must self-isolate and not attend school.

My child has no symptoms but has received a positive result on a lateral flow test – what should I do?

You must report the positive result on

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and forward the confirmation email/text from the NHS to the school.

Your child must self isolate and not come to school.

My child has been isolating (following a positive test result), and has now received a negative lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6, can they return to school?

Both negative test results must be reported on

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and the email/text confirmation of the results from the NHS must be forwarded to the school office before your child returns to school.

Message from Non Stop Action

Non Stop Action are running holiday camps during February Half Term! Choose between Multi Sports at Moss Hall Junior (N3 1NR) and Dance or Football at Millbrook Park Primary (NW7 1JF). For ages 5-12 years, prices start from £30 and you can choose to book flexibly with day bookings, or save money by booking a week block! Book online at www.NonStopAction.co.uk or email on info@nonstopaction.co.uk for more information.



Reception	Daniel T for his enthusiasm in phonics when using the interactive whiteboard. Liana for using the 3D shapes to build a home for Jesus.
Year 1	Melody C for always listening, trying her best, in all her lessons and for quietly getting on with her work. Arlys for settling in very well to the Year 1 class.
Year 2	Gabrielle for being a Have-a-Go Mo and always concentrating during lessons. Maya for enjoying her learning and being a positive role model for the rest of her class.
Year 3	Kourtney for an amazing description of a mythical creature in literacy. Francesco for a brilliant persuasive letter written from the viewpoint of Pandora to Zeus.
Year 4	Arthur for producing a fantastic kenning poem Olivia D for making a great effort with her maths homework and completing the tasks on time
Year 5	Euan for tackling some challenging Maths questions last week. Maya for her enthusiasm for our Maths learning.
Year 6	Jordan for your great learning attitude. Very well done. Lena for your wonderful manners. You are a fantastic role model.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Govind (Y6) Elzana (Y1)	

Dates for your diary

Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 8 th Feb	Safer Internet day
Wed 9th Feb	Y2 Pirate Day
Wed 9th Feb	Y1 Superhero Day
Mon 14 th Feb - Fri 18 th Feb	Inclusive – Half term
Fri 25 th Feb	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight check
Wed 2nd March	Ash Wednesday
Thurs 3rd March	World Book Day
Mon 7th March	*3pm -4pm Parent Online Safety Workshop
Fri 1 st April	Last day of Spring term 1pm finish
Tues 19 th April	First day of summer term
Mon 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Mon 30 th May - Fri 3 rd June	Inclusive – Half Term
Mon 6 th June	Staff Inset – School Closed for children
Thurs 21 st July	Last day of Summer Term – 1.30pm finish
*New dates in bold	