



**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,

Thank you to the parents who attended the Education Child Protection Limited "Online Safety" workshop on Monday afternoon. We hope the parents who came found it useful. Congratulations to the Y5 parents who attended, as they have won the Y5 children a non-school uniform day on Friday 25th March.

On Wednesday, a letter regarding the school's appeal to support the victims of the crisis in Ukraine, was sent to all families. If you would like to make a donation to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) via the school, you can do so either through SchoolMoney (there is a minimum of £10 donation if you pay via SchoolMoney) or you can donate cash via the school office. All donations will need to be made by Wednesday 23rd March; the school will then forward the total amount to the DEC. Parents, of course, may decide to make a donation directly to the DEC through the DEC's website: https://www.dec.org.uk/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAmpyRBhC-ARIsABs2EAoa4RyV7N9I7UD5j8GKjgYZQ50yH9dWMGFE_zR-DYpA_HeLIK43cGMAiSkEALw_wcB

As the season of Lent continues, the children have been learning about the Stations of the Cross. The stations began as a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, now people pray the stations in church. The Stations of the Cross are prayed during Lent as they tell the story of Jesus from being condemned to death to being buried. As part of their learning, the children in Years 3 to 6 have visited St. Phillip's Church to see the pictures of the stations in the church, and pray them.

The first of our parents' evenings takes place on Tuesday 15th March (the second is Thursday 24th March). You should have received a link to book your appointment with your class teacher; if you have not been able to access the online booking system, please do contact the school office, and we will make an appointment for you. You will meet and talk to your child's class teacher in the hall, but you will also be able to look at your child's books in your child's classroom.

Yesterday evening, the Year 4 pupils represented St. Theresa's School at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival at the Arts Depot in North Finchley. They performed a marvelous routine to "Revoltin' Children" from the musical Matilda. It was an absolute joy to watch the children perform such a polished routine.

Congratulations to the children for rehearsing so hard and to Helen, the dance teacher from Non-Stop Action and Miss O'Brien who spent so much time getting the children ready.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Looking at Mary with her Son in her arms,
I think of young mothers
and their children fleeing wars and famine,
or waiting in refugee camps.
They are many!
May the Queen of Peace
obtain harmony in our hearts
and in the entire world.



Pope Francis #PrayTogether #Ukraine

Ms Frankie Horton

Following the very sad news of the death of Frankie Horton (a member of the St. Theresa's School kitchen staff) earlier this year in January, the family has requested that - should you wish to - a donation to the charity **women's aid**, would be most welcome. You can do this by following this link:

<https://www.womensaid.org.uk/donate/donate-now/>



Red Nose Day



Next Friday (18th March) the school will be participating in Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Since Comic Relief began in 1985, it has helped support over 100 million people across the UK and around the world. The charity works to improve mental health, create safe places for everyone, help children to survive and thrive, and work to help people to speak out and seek help to escape fear and discrimination.

From Monday 14th March, the children will be able to purchase a red nose from the school for £1.50 - should they wish to (the red noses have already been delivered to the school). Each child will only be able to purchase one red nose in the first instance, but may be able to purchase more if we have any red noses left over once everyone has had the opportunity to buy one. On Friday 18th March (Red Nose Day) the children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation.

Travelling Book Fair - November 2021



We are thrilled to let parents know that the total sales at the travelling book fair in November amounted to £1283.43; this means the school now has £770 to spend on books for the school. Thank you everyone.

Living with COVID-19 – updated February 2022

Testing

The guidance for education staff and secondary school pupils to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing has been removed.

Self-Isolation

The legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has been removed. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Contact tracing

From 24th February, routine contact tracing ended. Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Pupils who test positive for COVID should not attend school. Parents will be advised to keep their child at home for 5 full days; the school reserves the right to refuse the pupil until they have had 5 full days at home.

Individuals with COVID-19 Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

If you have any of these symptoms you should order a PCR test. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

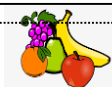
Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause.

Safer Behaviours

Individuals can still reduce the risk of catching and passing on COVID-19 by:

- Getting vaccinated;
- Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside;
- Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet, when rates of transmission are high;
- Trying to stay at home if you are unwell;
- Taking a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if you test positive; and
- Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.

Mid Morning Snacks



A reminder to parents that children may only have fruit as a mid-morning snack. No other snack will be permitted.



Reception	Sebastian for his excellent manners and great learning attitude. Kaci for his excellent Lenten promise in RE.
Year 1	Nikolay for working hard in all areas of his learning and for trying hard to work as independently as he can. Katy for having a fantastic attitude towards all of her learning last week.
Year 2	Shervin for being a Have-a-Go Mo and trying to concentrate better during lessons. Kamo for being a co-operative learner.
Year 3	Nia for an outstanding painting of a whale, based on the story of <i>Jonah and the Whale</i> . Emmanuelle for always making sure the presentation of her learning is neat and tidy.
Year 4	Ola, Miki and Evie for being amazing ambassadors of St. Theresa's by showing the RE inspectors around the school.
Year 5	Allegra for settling into St. Theresa's so well and for being a valuable member of Y5. Elena for her excellent learning in all subjects this week.
Year 6	Chimdi for her positive attitude and for always trying her best. Rio for his excellent work ethic and wonderful manners.
<p><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Melody S (Y1) Saman (Y1)</p>	

Dates for your diary

Mon 14 th March	Y1 and Y2 visit to St. Philips Church (am)
Tues 15 th March	Reception sight and hearing check
Tues 15 th March	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Wed 16 th -Fri 18 th March	Year 5 at Hindleap Warren
Thurs 17 th March	Reception visit to Akiva (pm)
Fri 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Tues 22 nd March	Class Photos
Thurs 24 th March	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Fri 25th March	Y5 non-school uniform day (only Y5)
Wed 30th March	Y2 trip to the Tower of London
Wed 30 th March	7pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter play
Fri 1st April	CCS Lenten Box Appeal ends
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 16th-Fri 20th May	Y6 at Kingswood
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	