St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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



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SPRING TERM 2022

Friday 4th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, St. Theresa's had its Westminster diocesan inspection. The purpose of the inspection is to report to, and advise, the Archbishop on the quality of religious education and the Catholic life of the school. All Catholic schools have them approximately every 5 years. I would like to thank all the parents who spent time talking to the inspectors yesterday morning in the playground - we are very grateful for your support. We are pleased with how the inspection went and we will let you all know the outcome once we have received the final report. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and in particular Miss O'Brien who has shown great commitment and dedication as our RE leader – thank you.

On Wednesday morning, Father John celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass in the school hall and we were delighted to finally have the parents and carers back on site to share the experience with us.

Yesterday, the children enjoyed World Book Day – particularly the hot chocolate and biscuits! Thank you to every one who supported the day by donating $\pounds 1$ – we collected **£177.48** and this will all go to the Catholic Children's Society. Thank you also to those of you who have been returning the CCS Lenten Appeal collection boxes. You have until Friday 1st April to return the boxes.

On Monday (7th March) Education Child Protection Limited are providing an "Online Safety" workshop for parents. The workshop will start at 3pm and finish at 4pm - a crèche will be available for young children). Due to timetabling difficulties, the workshop is now being delivered virtually via the screen in the hall. To encourage the best possible attendance, we will award the class with most parents attending the meeting, a non-school uniform day!

Now that COVID restrictions have been lifted, we are very much looking forward to seeing more parents in school. We hope that many parents will resume offering their time to volunteer hearing children read or with photocopying etc. Please do come and speak to me if this is something you would like to do.

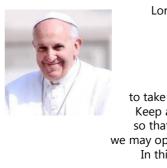
Have a lovely weekend.

Sarbara Cost

2022-2023 Term dates

Next year's term dates are now available to view on the school website: <u>https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-</u> content/uploads/2022/02/Website-St.Theresas-Term-Dates-for-2022-2023.pdf

A copy of the dates has also been attached to this newsletter.



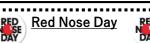
Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say; "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last. Amen

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/



On 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.

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

Living with COVID-19 – updated February 2022

On Monday evening, the Prime Minister announced how the UK was moving towards removing COVID-19 restrictions.

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:

a. Getting vaccinated;

b. Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meeting outside; c. 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;

d. Trying to stay at home if you are unwell;

e. Taking a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if you test positive; and

f. 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	Vladi for his creative writing during playtime.
	Rasta for being such a great role model in the class.
Year 1	Melody S for her great learning attitude. Very well
	done!
	Benjamin for tackling some challenging Maths
	questions last week. Well done!
Year 2	Helios for trying hard in all of his lessons.
	Evan for enjoying his learning, coming up with a
	number of interesting similes and completing the
	challenge in Maths.
Year 3	Therryn for excellent behavior in class. You are a
	great role model.
	Anita for making great progress in Maths – keep it
	up.
Year 4	Lilla for making a great effort in understanding our
	work on fractions.
	Brendan for trying so hard to join up his writing
	neatly.
Year 5	Axel for his excellent attitude to all his learning.
	Jashper for the excellent learning he did in Maths this
	week.
Year 6	Klaudia for her excellent manners and great listening
	skills.
	Ben for his confidence and valuable class
	contributions.
	The Golden Ticket Winners are:
	Brendan (y4)

Ava (y4)

Dates for your diary

	Mon 7 th March	Y3 and Y4 visit to St. Philips Church (am)		
	Mon 7 th March	Y5 and Y6 visit to St. Philips Church (pm)		
Mon 7 th March		3pm - 4pm Parent Online Safety Workshop		
	Thurs 10 th March	Barnet Dance Festival at the Arts Depot (Y4 only)		
	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		
	Fri 18 th March	Red Nose Day		
	Tues 22 nd March	Class Photos		
	Thurs 24 th March	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations		
	Wed 30 th March	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter play		
	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 30th May - Fri 3rd June Inclusive – Half Term				
	Mon 6th June	Staff Inset – School Closed for children		
	Thurs 21st July	Last day of Summer Term – 1.30pm finish		
*New dates in bold				



St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School Dates (September 2022– July 2023)

Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1 st September	School Closed for staff development	
Friday 2 nd September	School Closed for staff development	
Monday 5 th September	Children return to school	
Monday 24 th October - Frida	ay 28 th October Half term	
Monday 31 st October	School closed for staff development	
Tuesday 1 st November	Children return to school	
Friday 16 th December	END OF AUTUMN TERM	
Spring Term 2023		
Tuesday 3 rd January	School closed for staff development	
Wednesday 4 th January	Children Return to School	
Monday 13 th February - Friday 17 th February Half term		
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