



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 £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 1<sup>st</sup> April to return the boxes.

On Monday (7<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Barbara Costa*



**Pope Francis #PrayTogether #Ukraine**

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

## 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**



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> March (Red Nose Day) the children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation.

## 2022-2023 Term dates

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

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

## 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! <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>**

## 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:

- 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.



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

### Dates for your diary

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 and Y4 visit to St. Philips Church (am)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 and Y6 visit to St. Philips Church (pm)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> March	3pm - 4pm Parent Online Safety Workshop
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Barnet Dance Festival at the Arts Depot (Y4 only)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 and Y2 visit to St. Philips Church (am)
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception sight and hearing check
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 at Hindleap Warren
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception visit to Akiva
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Class Photos
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter play
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of Spring term 1pm finish
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of summer term
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Inclusive – Half Term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Staff Inset – School Closed for children
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> September *School Closed for staff development*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September *School Closed for staff development*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September *Children return to school*

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October *Half term*

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October *School closed for staff development*

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November *Children return to school*

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December *END OF AUTUMN TERM*

## Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January *School closed for staff development*

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January *Children Return to School*

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February *Half term*

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February *Children return to school*

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March *END OF SPRING TERM*

## Summer Term 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April *Children Return to School*

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May *Bank Holiday*

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June *Half term*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June *School closed for staff development*

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June *Children return to school*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July *END OF SUMMER TERM*

**Term Dates 2022/2023**