



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

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SUMMER TERM 2022

Friday 10th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everybody after what I hope was a good half term holiday.

The children had a great day celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on the last day of term. The bouncy castle and the ice-cream van were clearly the highlights of the day. Please do visit the school twitter account to see some photos taken on the day. Thank you very much to the Friends who funded all the children's ice-creams.

On Tuesday, Father John celebrated Mass for the feast day of St. Marie-Therese de Soubiran who founded the Sisters of Marie-Auxiliatrice, and who our school is named after. Thank you to Father John.

A reminder that on Thursday, 16th June, at 3.45pm in the school hall, we will be holding a meeting for all the current Reception parents. This meeting will give you information about your child's transition into Year 1 in September. Please make the effort to attend this meeting as routines, procedures, curriculum content and the learning environment in Y1 are very different to the provision in Reception. Your child's time in the EYFS is coming to an end and it is important for you to understand how different the teaching and learning in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will be. A crèche will be available during the meeting should you wish to use it; if your child does stay in the hall for the duration of the meeting please ensure they remain seated and quiet. A similar meeting is being held for our current Y2 parents on Monday 20th June at 3.45pm in the Year 2 classroom. The meeting will explain how the transition from Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) to Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) works at St. Theresa's.

There are a number of pupils attending school wearing the incorrect uniform. Could I please remind all parents that the school uniform is a crucial part of our identity and is communicated to parents when children join the school. The uniform has not changed and all parents are expected to ensure their child is wearing the correct items. Parents can visit the school website for a complete uniform list (<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/uniform/>). If any parents is struggling, for whatever reason, to purchase the uniform, please do speak to a member of staff and the school will try and support you in whatever way it can.

The school has received complaints from local residents of parents of St. Theresa's dropping litter into their front gardens; can I therefore please ask everybody to be respectful of our neighbours.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Friends of St Theresa's News

Dear Parents / Carers

Hello, we are busy planning for the school fair and BBQ on Saturday 9th July at school.

Sign-up sheets should now be on display. We have allocated each class a stall, so please do check and volunteer to help at the fair. If you don't come into school to drop off/pick up, but would still like to volunteer on a stall, please speak to your class rep.

You should also have received a donations letter, outlining the items that we would like each class to donate. Boxes have been placed in each classroom, so please make sure all donations are sent into class with the children by the date stated on the letter.

This is our first school fair in two years and the biggest event of the school year, so we need all your help to make this a great success! Without enough helpers, we cannot run these types of events.

Please do reach out to your class rep if you have any questions about the fair.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Friends

The Wednesday Word

"The Trinity is Father, Son and Spirit of love. God is a communion of love and the family is its living reflection." Pope Francis

Who did Jesus say would come to guide the disciples into truth? This coming Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of The Most Holy Trinity. The Gospel gives us an insight into God's true nature, which is one of love. We read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us, so that we can share in the life and loving relationship of the Holy Trinity – forever. Ask your child what the words 'Holy Trinity' mean to them. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about the Holy Trinity.

"Every time that we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity." Pope Francis

Language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding. However, we remember the Holy Trinity each time we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross – a reminder that God is always with us, wherever we are. Ask your child if they know the words that complete this blessing: "In the name of the Father, and of the . . . ?" Loving families are also a communion of persons. Each of you choose a way in which you can reflect the joyful love and togetherness of the Holy Trinity in your family relationships this week.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=7&cv=61.20>

Design Fusion Art Club



Tuesday 26th April – Tuesday 12th July 2022

3.30pm – 4.20pm, £88 for the term (including materials)
Design Fusion Art Club gives your child the opportunity to discover their creative side, be inspired, and learn through art in a fun environment with experienced designers.

From painting to collage, from drawing to clay modelling, from paper mâché to jewellery making and so much more – expressing yourself has never been so much fun!

info@designfusionartclub.co.uk/07515928699

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

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.

Please ensure you pay for breakfast club charges in advance of your child attending, or on the morning.

Match Funding from your Employer

Match funding is a fantastic scheme whereby employers provide funding for organisations such as primary schools.

It is a very simple and easy means of extra funding. As an employee it doesn't cost you anything, except maybe a little help at an event but could mean *hundreds of pounds* of extra money for the Friends of St. Theresa's, which directly benefits the children.

In many cases it is as simple as approaching your HR department and finding out about their scheme (the name of the scheme may differ depending on the company).

If you think you may be able to help us, then please do contact the school office and you will be put in touch with the Friends of St. Theresa's.

School Attendance

Term Time Holiday Requests

We have received requests for leave of absence during school time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Please note that children are expected to attend school for at least 96% of the year. Attendance is regularly checked by the EWO who may fine parents for any unauthorised absence.

Illnesses that will not prevent your child from coming to school

- Mild cough
- Cold/Sneezes
- Tiredness

Online Safety – *Discord*



Discord is a popular voice and text chat tool that allows players to talk to each other in real time while they play games. Whilst it is extremely popular and an excellent tool if in the right hands, the app is aimed primarily at adults and does pose some potential risks for children.

Using Discord, you can add friends using a code from an email invite but you can also find users near you (strangers) if location settings are turned on.

Users can also join a Stage channel where up to 1,000 users are listening to (and sometimes participating in) a live audio broadcast which in the past have been found to contain extreme political views or share explicit content.

Although Discord does apply settings which can prevent abusive language, harmful content can still come through. It is therefore recommended that primary aged children do not use the app at all.

St. Theresa's School Website

A reminder to all parents and carers that you can find the end of year expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths, for each year group on the school website. Please do visit your child's class page for further information.

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/pupils/classes/>

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Irish Dancing Club at St. Theresa's – £7 a session

Every Thursday 3.30–4.40pm

Please contact Fiona Haran for more information 07534 240990

Dates for your diary

Mon 13 th June	Y3 pupils singing at the Arts Depot (Y3 only)
Thurs 16 th June	3.45pm Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting for Reception parents
Mon 20 th June	3.45pm Y2 to Y3 transition meeting for Y2 parents
Wed 22 nd June	2pm New Reception Parents' Meeting
Wed 29th June	Y2 Trip to London Zoo
Fri 1st July	Y5 taster day at Bishop Douglass
Thurs 7 th July	7pm Y6 Summer Show
Sat 9 th July	Friends of St. Theresa's Summer barbeque
Tues 12 th July	Sports Day at Bishop Douglass (more details to follow)
Thurs 14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass (more details to follow)
Thurs 21 st July	Last day of Summer Term – 1pm finish
Mon 5th Sep	First day of Autumn term

*New dates in bold