

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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SUMMER TERM 2022

Friday 24th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday was Spirituality Day at St. Theresa's – a day to allow children the time to reflect and pray. This year the focus of the prayer was guided meditation and also the Five Finger Prayer (which has been popularised by Pope Francis). The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. The next finger is the index finger. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you, and heal you. They need God's help as they offer direction for others. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders and others who have authority. They need God's guidance. The fourth finger is the ring finger, our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest and most vulnerable; the sick, the poor, those excluded from society. And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you have prayed for the other four groups, you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

On Monday morning we welcomed pupils from St. John's N20, Our Lady of Lourdes and Akiva to participate in a Maths Problem Solving morning. We also had a group of St. Theresa's children from Y5. The children worked in their teams on a number of maths problems. The children had a great morning and we are very grateful to Mr Troy for organising, and hosting, the event.

The Friends are currently getting ready for the school summer fair and barbeque on Saturday 9^{th} July 2pm-5pm. We are hoping that this will be a great success following its absence over the last few years. The Friends contribute enormously to the school and the barbeque is one of their biggest events – please support them.

On Wednesday morning at 9.15am, Father John is coming to celebrate Ss Peter and Paul Feast day Mass with the help of the children who have recently made their 1st Holy Communion. Parents are very welcome to come and join us for this celebration.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Polite notice to all parents and carers

Please ensure we all treat our neighbours with respect and that we park our cars, at drop off and pick up times, with consideration. Thank you.

Friends of St Theresa's News

Dear Parents / Carers

Hopefully by now, you will have seen the sign- up sheets displayed in school asking for volunteers for the school fair and BBQ on Saturday 9th July at school.

We have allocated each class a stall, so please do check and volunteer to help. If you can only spare a short time to help, please still put your name down, as this will make a huge difference on the day! Volunteering is a great way to meet new parents in your child's class and Friend's members will be around on the day to help with any questions etc. so please do come forward and help.

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.

This is our first summer school fair and BBQ since 2019 and the biggest event of the school year, so we need all your help to make this a great success! Without enough helpers, the fair will not be able to go ahead.

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

Good choices are not always easy to make. Ask your child what the word 'choices' means to the. Can your child remember a time when they made a good choice – something that would have pleased God? How does it make your child feel when they choose to do the right thing? How do they decide what is right and what is wrong? Who (or what) helps them to make good choices? It may help your child if you tell them about a time when you had an important choice to make and how you went about choosing well.

God loves us, and sent Jesus to help us make good and wise choices. Whenever we have difficult or important choices to make, we can ask ourselves 'What would Jesus do?' – and then try to do the same ourselves. In this coming week, what else can we do to help us choose wisely – to do the right thing? Perhaps we can: pray for God's guidance; look for what the gospels tell us; consider what effect our choices might have on ourselves and others; choose to turn away from anything which we know is wrong or which feels wrong; always check important choices with our parents, carers, teachers or a wise and trustworthy person.

https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/choices?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=63.4

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/

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

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.

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.

School Attendance

Term Time Holiday Requests

We have receive 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



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| Reception | Kaci for his great attitude towards learning. | |
| | Gabi for his wonderful singing during our | |
| | assembly. | |
| Year 1 | Nikolay for always being very sensible and | |
| | responsible – and for being a kind friend. | |
| | Ted for always being a kind and caring friend. You | |
| | always look after people if they are sad or hurt. | |
| | Well done! | |
| Year 2 | Amber for trying hard in all her learning. | |
| | Helios for being a Have-a-go Mo. | |
| Year 3 | Emanuelle for her great effort in our PE lessons. | |
| | Denys for making such an improvement in our | |
| | Maths lessons. | |
| Year 4 | Nathan for doing so well in acting out of the story | |
| | of the Good Samaritan. | |
| | Mya B for working so hard in learning her times | |
| | tables and being prepared for the test. | |
| Year 5 | Sebastian for showing continued improvement in | |
| | his learning and his quality of work. | |
| | Nea for her outstanding home learning and | |
| | positive attitude. | |
| Year 6 | Tanisha for the thoughtful and valuable | |
| | contributions you make during lessons. | |
| | Connor for your politeness ad wonderful manners. | |
| | You are a great role model. | |
| The Golden Ticket Winners are: | | |
| Shíanne Y4 | | |
| Isabel Y6 | | |
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| Dates for your diary | | |
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| Wed 29 th June | Y2 Trip to London Zoo | |
| Wed 29 th June | *9.15am Ss Peter and Paul Mass to celebrate the Holy Communicants | |
| Thurs 30 th June | 1.30-2.30pm Open afternoon for new September 2022 Reception pupils | |
| Fri 1 st July | Y5 taster day at Bishop Douglass | |
| Tues 5 th July | Y3 visit to Mutton Brook | |
| Thurs 7 th July | 7pm Y6 Summer Show | |
| Sat 9 th July | 2pm-5pm 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) | |
| Fri 15 th July | 2pm Reception Class graduation ceremony (for Reception parents only) | |
| Wed 20 th July | 9am Y6 Leavers' Assembly | |
| Thurs 21st July | Last day of Summer Term – 1pm finish | |
| Mon 5 th Sep | First day of Autumn term for Y1 to 6 pupils | |

*New dates in bold