



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

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Friday 16th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who has already returned last week's forms; it is much appreciated. If you have not yet returned all the necessary paperwork, please do so at your earliest convenience.

We have had a great second week back. On Monday the Year 3 pupils had their first cornet lesson! This is part of a project led by Barnet Educational Arts Trust which aims to encourage young people to learn to play a musical instrument. The Year 3 pupils will have a further 9 lessons, finishing with a concert for the parents. We will let the Year 3 parents know the date of the performance in due course. On Wednesday, as part of their "Pirates" topic, the Y2 children visited The Golden Hinde - the first English ship to circumnavigate the Globe. They had a great time exploring the ship; thank you to all the staff and adults who accompanied the pupils and made this trip possible.

Next week, we are continuing to invite parents to the class curriculum meetings. At the meetings, the class teacher will explain routines, talk about what the children will be learning, expectations for the year group and ways you can help at home. The times and dates of these meetings can be found overleaf in the "Dates for your Diary" section of this newsletter. Please note, that due to the bank holiday on Monday, **the Y2 curriculum meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 20th September at 2.30pm.**

A reminder to all Year 6 parents that on Thursday 23rd September at 3.45pm we will be holding an information meeting about the May 2023 Y6 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall, in the Year 6 classroom. The Year 6 children are welcome to stay for the meeting.

On Monday 26th September at 2.30pm, Father John will be celebrating Mass for the children in Y1-Y6 to mark the start of the new academic year; you are all very warmly invited.

Have a lovely weekend

Barbara Costa

October Camp!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to October Camp 2022! We are running Multi Sports at Moss Hall Junior School (N3 1NR) and Football and Dance at Millbrook park school (NW7 1JF)

We will be running for 1 week, from Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October. Bookings made before Saturday 8th October will automatically get our Early Bird discounts, and you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as £27.50 for a day, or £99 for a week!

Head to our website to book now:

<https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>



Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

On the date of the Queen Elizabeth's funeral, it will be a national bank holiday. Therefore the school will be closed on Monday 19th September.



Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 30th September

On Friday 30th September we will be participating in the MacMillan Coffee morning. It is MacMillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Macmillan's goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

The coffee morning will run from 8.30am-9.30am in the multi-purpose room and parents will be able to come and have a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake! The children will be able to buy a cake and a cup of squash for a donation of £1 to enjoy in their classrooms. If you are able to support this event by donating cakes/biscuits etc. please drop your contribution off to the school office. We are very grateful for your support.

School Lunches

Y3-Y6 Parents: your child could be entitled to free school meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please speak to a member of the school office team if you think your child may be eligible for free school meals.

Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parents

All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are offered school lunches free of charge, under the Government's Universal Infant School Lunch scheme. However, if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above, please let the school know because it might help the school claim for further funding. If successful, it could mean an extra £1385 per identified child. This additional funding is called the Pupil Premium. This extra funding is used by the school to fund many school activities.

The Wednesday Word

“Put your trust in God, dear young friends! He knows and loves us.”

Pope Francis

Being a trustworthy person and also knowing who to trust is really important. Ask your child what the word ‘trustworthy’ means to them. A friend who can be trusted is a gift from God! Who are the most trustworthy friends in your child’s life and why do they trust them? What do their friends do which shows they are trustworthy? Perhaps you can tell your child about those people in your life whom you trust the most, and say why they are trustworthy.

“Those who trust in God can do all things.”

St. Alphonsus Ligouri

We can show God and others that we are trustworthy by making the most of our gifts – to make the world a better place. In this coming week, what can each one of us do to show that we are trustworthy people? Perhaps we can: be generous with our God-given gifts of time, talent and money; always try to tell the truth; say our daily prayers asking God to guide us to do the right thing; keep our promises.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/trustworthy?pid-MTA101634&cp-2&v-68.9>

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.

Expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths

In addition to the Class Curriculum meetings being offered to parents over the next couple of weeks, there are also a number of documents on the class pages of the school website which provide further information. You can access the school website here: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/> Each class page of the website (you can find individual class pages under the *Pupils* tab on the home page) has links to descriptions of what is expected in Reading, Writing and Maths, by the end of the year.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk

All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651.

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form – this will have been sent to you by the Barnet SEN team.

The deadline for submitting your application is Monday 31st October 2022. Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late. Late applications will not be considered until after the on-time applicants have been allocated their school places. This means that late applicants are unlikely to be offered one of their preferred schools. If there is a good reason as to why your application is late; for example the serious illness of a close relative, or you moved to the area after the closing date, you must submit a Reason for Late Application Form at www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions by 9 December 2022 at the latest.

For further information about the secondary school application process please read the “A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet 2023” which can be found here:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-09/Barnet%20-%20Guide%20to%20Secondary%202023%20FINAL.pdf>



Year 1	Gabi for working so hard during literacy lessons. Narvin for being a Have-a-Go Mo in all of his lessons and helping others too.
Year 2	Tyson for his effort with his handwriting Andrew for settling into his new school and class really well.
Year 3	Emily for trying her best in all her learning. Callum for being a great student and working really hard.
Year 4	All of Year 4 for settling into Year 5 so well and quickly. Well done!
Year 5	Hayley for her great effort and trying really hard in all of her lessons. Samyar for his great effort in his guided reading.
Year 6	Allegra for making a fantastic start to Year 6. Very well done! Sebastian for the excellent effort you showed in class last week. Well done!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Ava (Year 5)
Anita (Year 4)

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

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Dates for your diary

Mon 19th Sept	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tues 20th Sept	Y6 Trip to Natural History Museum
Tues 20th Sep	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for Y2 parents
Tues 20th Sept	2.30pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for Y1 parents
Wed 21st Sept	Y3 Trip to Pizza Express in Highgate
Wed 21st Sept	2.45pm Reception Curriculum Meeting for Reception parents
Thurs 22nd Sept	3.45pm Residential Trip meeting for Y6 parents
Mon 26th Sept	2.30pm Whole School Mass to celebrate the start of the year
Tues 27th Sept	Y5 trip to Petrie Museum
Fri 30th Sept	8.30am – 9.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning
Tues 4th Oct	Y4 Trip to London Mithraeum
Thurs 13th Oct	Parent Consultations
Tues 18th Oct	Parent Consultations
Mon 24th-Fri 28th Oct	Half term holiday
Mon 31st Oct	INSET day – school closed
Tues 1st Nov	Flu vaccination (Rec-Y6)
Wed 16th Nov	Individual pupil photo day

*New dates in bold