



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

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AUTUMN TERM 2022

Friday 23rd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the class curriculum meetings; we hope you found them useful. We are repeating the Y6 curriculum meeting on Wednesday 5th October (6pm) - all Y6 parents should have received a letter about this.

On Tuesday, the Y6 pupils visited the Natural History Museum as part of their "Dinosaur" topic. They all got the chance to be paleontologists and explore dinosaur skulls! On Wednesday, our Y3 children went to the Pizza Express in Highgate to make their own pizza as part of their food topic. They learnt about the history of Pizza Express and how the pizza Margarita got its name! Thank you to all the staff, and parent volunteers, who organised and supported these trips.

A reminder to everybody that it is the Macmillan Coffee Morning next Friday. All parents/carers are warmly invited to come and have tea/coffee and cake in the multi-purpose room from 8.30-9.30am. The children will also be given a snack and we ask them to kindly bring in a donation of £1.

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 welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Attendance

Excellent attendance is very important. We receive requests for leave of absence during school time. Please note that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. Attendance is regularly checked by the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) who will fine any unauthorised absences. Many thanks for your support.

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2022-2023 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	96.2%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is currently in the lead with 99% attendance so far!

At the end of the year, in July 2023, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!



SAVE THE DATE – HALLOWEEN DISCO, THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER!

The Friends of St Theresa's will be holding a Halloween Disco at school on Thursday 20th October (6-8pm). Food and drink will be available on the night and there will be plenty of entertainment and fun to be had! There will also be a prize for the spookiest fancy dress so it's time to get planning! Please put this date in your diaries and do come along to support the Friends in their ongoing fundraising for our school!



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

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing."

St Gregory Nazianzus

Ask your child what the word 'sharing' means to them. Ask them to talk about a time when they shared something. Is it easy or difficult for them to share things, and why? Sharing is a part of everyday life, particularly family life. Talk about when your family shares with others. Who has recently shared something with your child? How did your child feel to be on the receiving end of someone's generosity?

"For it is in giving that we receive."

St. Francis of Assisi

Jesus told the story of Lazarus so that we would understand how important it is to share and to be kind. True happiness comes from sharing and giving, just as much as it comes from receiving. Even small, everyday acts of sharing around the home, school or in the workplace are most valuable in God's eyes. What difference would it make to our school and to the world if we shared more? Each of you choose a way in which you can share at home, at school or in the community in the coming week.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/sharing?pid=MTA101634&sp=2&v=69.10>

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.

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/>

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	Daniel C for listening carefully and striving to do well in all his lessons. Vanesa for listening carefully and having-a-go in all of her lessons.
Year 2	Shazia for her effort with her phonics and handwriting. Mia for putting 100% effort into whatever she is doing. She is a creative writer with neat handwriting and presentation.
Year 3	Rafael for being resilient and working hard. Maya for helping her classmates.
Year 4	Elizabeth for settling into Year 4 really well and being part of our family. Lucas for producing a fantastic piece of creative learning for our "I am Warrior" topic.
Year 5	Shianne for trying really hard in all her subjects. She is pushing herself to do better every time. Gabi for making an effort in lessons - putting his hand up to answer questions and trying hard on his play script.
Year 6	Nathan for your excellent behavior in class and great writing skills. Elizabeth for presenting all of your learning beautifully and neatly.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Tomas (Year 6) Francesco (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.

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Dates for your diary

Mon 26 th Sept	2.30pm Whole School Mass to celebrate the start of the year
Fri 30 th Sept	8.30am - 9.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wed 5 th Oct	Y4 Trip to London Mithraeum
Wed 5th Oct	6pm Meeting for Y6 parents (Year 6 National Tests)
Thurs 13 th Oct	Parent Consultations
Tues 18 th Oct	Parent Consultations
Wed 19 th Oct	Y5 trip to Petrie Museum
Thurs 20th Oct	6pm-8pm Halloween Disco
Mon 24 th -Fri 28 th Oct	Half term holiday
Mon 31 st Oct	INSET day - school closed
Tues 1 st Nov	Flu vaccination (Rec-Y6)
Thurs 3rd Nov	3.45pm Phonic Meeting for parents in Reception, Y1 and Y2
Tues 15th Nov	Open Day tours for prospective parents (9am, 1.30pm, 7pm)
Wed 16 th Nov	Individual pupil photo day

*New dates in bold