



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

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Friday 30th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, as part of their "Toys" topic, the children in Year 1 enjoyed a *Toys Through the Eras* workshop. They learnt about the history of the teddy bear and observed how toys have changed over time.

This morning, we celebrated Macmillan Coffee Morning – thank you to everyone who supported the event. A huge thank you to Mrs Gibson who organised the entire morning, both for the adults and the children. We will let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter.

A reminder to all parents that St. Theresa's School is a nut free school and therefore **packed lunches must not contain any nut products; this includes Nutella**. The school requests that all parents adhere to the school packed lunch guidelines; a copy has been added to the end of this week's newsletter.

You will see from the attendance box below, this year we are rewarding the class with the highest attendance with a non-school uniform day. It has been proven that children who achieve well at the end of Y6 have higher attendance rates than those who do not achieve well; all parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. The school expects all pupils to attend school at least 96% of the school year and we ask parents to support us in achieving this for the children in our care. Therefore, if your child has a cold, or a mild cough, or they are tired – they should be at school; absences for these reasons will not be authorised. The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) visits the school every half term to monitor the children's attendance and parents whose children have high unauthorised absence rates could be fined.

On Wednesday (5th October) at 6pm, Mr Troy and myself will be holding a meeting for the Year 6 parents. We will be explaining the expectations for the end of year national tests that all children in Y6 in the UK will be sitting in May 2023. This meeting is for the Y6 parents who were not able to attend the Y6 curriculum meeting on Wednesday 14th September. We ask that parents make every effort to attend and look forward to seeing you then.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	96.5%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is still currently in the lead with 98.9% attendance so far but Y4 is close behind!

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

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/>



Used-Uniform Sale

The Friends of St. Theresa's are organising a used-uniform sale and are asking for any donations from parents of items of St. Theresa's uniform, that is in good condition but that you no longer need. All donations can be dropped off at the school every morning next week.

The used-uniform sale will take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October after school.

This is a really good way to get uniform at a much lower cost and most items will cost no more than £1!



**Come to the fantastic St Theresa's
Halloween disco!**

**Thursday 20th October 2022
from 6 - 8pm!**

**All Children, brothers, sisters, cousins etc are
welcome
(children must be accompanied by an adult for the
evening)**

- **Entry fee £3 per person (3's and under free!)**
- **PRIZE for the best Halloween costume!**
- **Disco with DJ Captain Fantastic!!!**
- **Fun disco accessories for sale**
- **Sweet shop**
- **FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT**

We look forward to seeing you there!



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



The Wednesday Word

“The family is the place where parents become their children’s first teachers in the faith.”

Pope Francis

Faith greatly enriches our lives. Ask your child what the word ‘faith’ means to them. Who do they know who has great faith in God? Who helps them to grow in faith and learn more about God? You may want to tell your child about someone in the family, at school or in the parish who helped you to grow in faith when you were young. “Faith the love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these.”

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Faith and love are inseparable. Having faith in God helps happiness and love to grow in our families. What can we do to help our family’s faith to grow, in little ways, as we celebrate ‘Little Way Week’? Perhaps we can: perform a little act of goodness each day; talk about God together and with others; read The Wednesday Word together; say morning and bedtime prayers; ask God to help us grown in faith. For more ideas please see: [missiontogether.org.uk](https://www.missiontogether.org.uk)

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/faith?pid=MTA101634&cp=2&v=70.2>

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.

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	Esther for taking pride in her work and trying to sound out words independently. Ryan for his positive attitude and hard work.
Year 2	Arel for improvement in his listening, and his enthusiasm in completing his tasks. Emily for challenging herself during spelling sessions to look at complex words and spelling patterns.
Year 3	Lydia for having a wonderful first week in St Theresa’s and always trying her best especially in a new environment. Thea for caring for her classmates and making everyone feel welcome.
Year 4	Albert for doing extra work at home for his biography on Albert Einstein. Olivia for being a Have-a-Go Mo when producing a biography about Julius Caesar.
Year 5	Kristiana for producing great work especially in maths; she consistently tried hard. Ola for consistently working hard and helping others. She always goes above and beyond with her work.
Year 6	David for a great first week of school. Very well done! Manuela for your positivity and your have-a-go attitude.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

*Leona (Y4)
Francesco (Y4)*

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.**

Dates for your diary

Wed 5 th Oct	Y4 Trip to London Mithraeum
Wed 5 th Oct	6pm Meeting for Y6 parents (Year 6 National Tests)
Tues 11th Oct	3.30pm Used-Uniform Sale
Wed 12th Oct	3.30pm Used-Uniform Sale
Thurs 13 th Oct	4-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Tues 18 th Oct	4-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Wed 19th Oct	Y5 Trip to Petrie Museum
Thurs 20 th 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 3 rd Nov	3.45pm Phonic Meeting for parents in Reception, Y1 and Y2
Tues 15 th Nov	Open Day tours for prospective parents (9am, 1.30pm, 7pm)
Wed 16 th Nov	Individual pupil photo day
Wed 16th Nov	Infant Movie Night (more details to follow)
Wed 23rd Nov	Junior Movie Night (more details to follow)

*New dates in bold

Good Practice Packed Lunch Guidelines

Packed lunches should include	Packed lunches should NOT include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad every day • Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein, every day. Non-dairy sources of protein include lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel • An oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks • A starchy food, such as bread or pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals, every day • A dairy food, such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day • Water, still or sparkling, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies • Acceptable snacks includes: seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisps • Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets • We are a nut free school – please do not send in any food containing nuts. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads.

You may also include

- Cakes and biscuits are allowed but these should be part of a balanced meal
- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages / chipolatas should be included only occasionally