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**AUTUMN TERM 2022**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School; I hope everyone had a restful, and safe, summer holiday. A very warm welcome to the all the new families who are joining our school community this autumn – we hope you and your children will be very happy here.

Today your child is bringing home an information pack containing a number of important letters and forms. Please look in your child's book bag for the following documents which must be completed and returned to school as soon as possible:

- **Student details form**
- **The Home-School Agreement form** – 2<sup>nd</sup> page to be signed by the parents and 3<sup>rd</sup> page to be signed by pupils in Y3-Y6
- **Pupil Acceptable Use Policy** – re. online safety (to be completed by the pupil)
- **Parent Acceptable Use Agreement** re. online safety (to be signed by parents)

Also included in the pack for your information is:

- **The Importance of Good Attendance and School Procedures. Please read this very carefully as leave of absence during term time will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. If you take unauthorized leave, you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £120 per parent, per child**
- **School opening times and punctuality information**
- **Spelling lists for Y3-Y6 (these are spellings the children must learn off by heart)**

## Please read all the information very carefully!

Over the next couple of weeks, parents are invited to attend class curriculum meetings at the school. 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 the swap between Y6 and Y4; the Y4 Curriculum meeting will now be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm and the Y6 Curriculum meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend

Barbara Costa



**Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II  
1926-2022**

A message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols

*On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'*

*Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.*

*Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.*

*At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.*

*In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'*

*This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.*

*Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.*

*Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.*

*We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.*

*God save the King.*

**The children today had an assembly celebrating the Queen's life and service to the country.**

**Further events may be organised in due course; we will keep families informed.**

### Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Applications received after 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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>

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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](mailto:Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk)

Telephone: 07968 498 364

### Staff and Classes for 2022-2023

Reception	Mrs Decuseara, supported by Mrs Fraser and Mrs Sharlak and Mrs Espinosa
Year 1	Miss Gulab supported by Mrs Espinosa and Mrs McGrath
Year 2	Mrs Reimus supported by Mrs Khanom and Mrs Sharlak
Year 3	Miss Managan (new teacher), supported by Mrs Rossi, Miss O'Hara, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Khanom
Year 4	Miss O'Brien, supported by Mrs Tarrant and Mrs Reeves
Year 5	Ms Porcu
Year 6	Miss Georgious, supported by Mrs McGrath
Support teacher	Mrs Katin
Office Manager	Mrs Orsi
School Secretary	Mrs Tsui
Site Manager	Mr Kryst
Mealtime Supervisors	Mrs Ottery, Mrs Espenica, Mrs Jaramillo
Breakfast Club Supervisors	Mrs Espenica Mrs Jaramillo
Mr Troy, Head of School, is not class based.	
Mrs Folan, the Inclusion Leader, is not class based.	

### Dates for your diary

<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Y6 class trip to Houses of Parliament</b>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y4 Curriculum Meeting for Y4 parents
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm Y5 Curriculum Meeting for Y5 parents
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y2 trip to the Golden Hinde
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y6 Curriculum Meeting for Y6 parents
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.45pm Y3 Curriculum Meeting for Y3 parents
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for Y2 parents
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 Trip to Natural History Museum
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2.30pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for Y1 parents
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Y3 Trip to Pizza Express Highgate
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	2.45pm Reception Curriculum Meeting for Reception parents
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	3.45pm Residential Trip meeting for Y6 parents
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>2.30pm Whole School Mass to celebrate the start of the year</b>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y5 trip to Petrie Museum
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am – 9.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y4 Trip to London Mithraeum
*New dates in bold	