



**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 14<sup>th</sup> October

## Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in assembly, the children learnt about World Mental Health Day - which has been celebrated annually since 1992. World Mental Health Day is a chance to talk about mental health in general, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to talk about things and get help if we are struggling.

Thank you so much to the Friends for organising the used-uniform sale after school this week, and to all the parents who donated items of clothing. We are really pleased that £266 was raised and we hope that many of you benefitted from the sale.

The Friends are back in action on Thursday evening (20<sup>th</sup> October) when they host the Halloween Disco 6pm – 8pm. This event was very successful last year and we are hoping for the same success this year too. All children, siblings and cousins etc. are welcome but all children must be accompanied by an adult for the evening. Entry is £3 per person but children under 3 are free. A prize will be awarded for the best Halloween costume – we are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, we continue to support the Friends with a non-school uniform day. All children may come to school on that day in non-school uniform for a donation of £1.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents/carers who organise the Friends' events; it is thanks to them, and your support, that they are able to purchase resources for the children. So far this year, the Friends have purchased a significant number of reading books and resources to help with the teaching of phonics; they have also given each class, sets of Numicon (Maths resources). These resources are very high quality and will enhance your child's experience in the classroom, so we are very grateful.

Earlier this week, parents will have received an email about this year's Harvest Festival. This harvest festival, we are supporting the Finchley Foodbank by providing food for people in our local community who are experiencing food poverty. A list of the donations we are appealing for, is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please ensure that all donations are given to the school office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Thank you to all the parents who came to yesterday evening's parent consultations. Please note that the online booking system for the second consultation evening (Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October) will close the day before on Monday evening (17<sup>th</sup> October) at 6pm. After this time, any further appointments will need to be made via the school office. Parents/carers will be meeting and talking to their child's class teacher in the hall, but will also be able to look at their child's books in their child's classroom.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

We are looking forward to seeing you all next Thursday 20 October at our Halloween Disco - see posters for more details.

Our 2nd hand uniform sale raised £266 which is fantastic. A big THANK YOU to the volunteers who sorted and prepared the uniform - your efforts are greatly appreciated!

## Non-School Uniform Day - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

All children are invited to join in with our non-school uniform day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October for a donation of £1. All money will go to the Friends of St. Theresa's who organise fun events for the children over the year.

## In-School Mini London Marathon Challenge

St. Theresa's is participating in the In-School Mini London Marathon challenge.

The challenge is for children to run, jog or walk 2.6 miles in school by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October; it can be done in one go or broken up into smaller chunks. It is to encourage our children to be active and healthy.

All participants will receive a free TCS Mini London Marathon pin.

## School Attendance and Punctuality

Can I please remind all parents that the registers are marked by 8.50am and **close at 9:30am**. Attendance after the register closes (9.30am) will receive a mark to show that the child is on site, but it will count as an absent mark.

If no satisfactory reason is given for a pupil's late arrival to school (after 9.30am) this absence will be unauthorised. If a pupil has six unauthorised absences due to arriving after the register closes at 9.30am, in any four-week period, parents may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN).

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	97%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is back in the lead with 98.9% attendance with Y4 now in second place!

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

### The Wednesday Word

"Dear Parents, teach your children to pray. Pray with them. Prayer strengthens family life." Pope Francis

What was Jesus teaching his disciples? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that God is not like the unjust judge who is irritated by the woman pestering him. No matter how much we pray to God, he doesn't think we are pestering him - he is our loving Father. There are many kinds of prayer. This Gospel reminds us about the value of 'Asking Prayer' and not giving up in our prayer requests. Ask your child what the word 'prayer' means to them. Does your child like to pray aloud or quietly, alone or with others? What is their favourite prayer?

"Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another." Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Prayer, at its simplest, is spending time with God - talking, listening, being together - telling God all about our lives. We can trust that God always hears our prayers and will always do what is best for us and those we pray for. We can pray anywhere, anytime. Each of you say when and where you like to pray (e.g. at home, in bed, at church, at school, outside, elsewhere). What would you like to pray and ask God for this week?

Who can you pray for throughout the coming week (e.g. a family member, a friend, your teacher, your priest, a poorly, hungry or lonely person)? How else can you help that person?

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>



<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Emmanuel</b> for trying really hard in his Maths lessons. <b>Liliana</b> for being a Have-a-Go Mo.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Leonardo</b> for settling into his new school so well and for being very kind. <b>Lily</b> for displaying sensible behaviour throughout the school. Many adults have commented on her lovely manners.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Alice</b> for continuing to make progress in her learning and for trying her best. <b>Arthur</b> for being a kind and caring member of the Year 3 class.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Nia</b> for making a great effort with her writing and having good ideas. <b>Jonathan</b> for showing good understanding of negative numbers.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Ava</b> for her continuous effort in Maths. Always Trying her best and pushing herself to do better every time. <b>Olivia D</b> for consistently working hard. Olivia is a role model for her class.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Euan</b> for the great work ethic you are showing in class. Well done! <b>Arshida</b> for settling into St. Theresa's so well. Well done!
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <i>Jennifer (Y6)</i> <i>Lily (Y2)</i>	



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

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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!



### 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>

### 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

Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y5 Trip to Petrie Museum
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6pm-8pm Halloween Disco
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Non-school uniform day
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Y3/4 at 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church</b>
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term holiday
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	INSET day - school closed
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Flu vaccination (Rec-Y6)
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y4 Rock Star Day (details to follow)</b>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	3.45pm Phonic Meeting for parents in Reception, Y1 and Y2
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y5 trip to Charterhouse Museum</b>
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y3 Rock Star Day (details to follow)</b>
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y5 Rock Star Day (details to follow)</b>
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Day tours for prospective parents (9am, 1.30pm, 7pm)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual pupil photo day
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Infant Movie Night (more details to follow)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Junior Movie Night (more details to follow)

\*New dates in bold



## Foodbank shopping list

• Cereals	• Soap
• UHT milk	• Baked beans
• Tea	• Tinned tomatoes
• Tinned meat – corned beef, pies, ham etc.	• Tins of custard/rice pudding
• Tinned fruit	• Pasta
• Tinned vegetables	• Pasta sauce
• Toilet rolls	• Biscuits
• Rice	• Soup
• Tuna, sardines & mackerel	• Washing tablets/capsules
• Jars of coffee	• Oil
• Sugar	• Honey & jams etc.
• Crackers	• Sanitary wear
• Toothpaste	• Deodorant
• Shampoo (2in1's)	• Shower gel