



**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 21st October

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, a Cafod (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) volunteer spoke to the whole school about the work of Cafod: *We are there in an emergency*. She spoke about the Common Good (thinking of everyone) and Solidarity (showing we care). In emergency situations (e.g. earthquakes, typhoons, drought, refugee crisis), people need food and shelter. Cafod's fundraising supports our sisters and brothers around the world who are hungry.

On Wednesday, the Year 5 pupils visited the Petrie Museum – a university museum in central London – as part of their learning on Ancient Egypt. The museum holds a large number of antiquities from Egypt and the Sudan, with some pieces dating back to 5000BC. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children on this visit.

Whilst I was not present at the Halloween disco yesterday evening, I have been told that it was an enormous success. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event, and to the Friends for organising the disco; we will let you know how much money was raised after the half-term holiday. Today we are holding our Non-School Uniform Day and all proceeds will go to the Friends; we will let parents/carers know the total sum of money collected after the holiday.

You will see from the Dates for Your Diary section of the newsletter, that a number of classes are being invited to participate in *Times Table Rock Star* days. On these days, the children will engage in various Maths activities, in particular, the times tables and they will use the app TT Rock Stars. Y4 pupils are having their Rock Star day on Wednesday 2nd November; all children in Y4 may come to school dressed as a rock star on that day – the rockier, the better!

On Thursday 3rd November 3.45pm in the hall we will be holding a parents' meeting around the teaching of phonics. In June 2023, all Year 1 children will be taking the national Year 1 Phonic Screening Test – the results of which will go home to parents at the end of the Summer term. We will be talking to parents about how best to help children at home and the expectations of children's phonic knowledge by the end of Reception, Year 1 and Y2. This meeting is for all parents in Reception and Y1; I am strongly encouraging you to make the time to attend this meeting. A crèche will be available for the younger children if you wish to use it. If your child stays in the meeting, it remains the responsibility of the parents to ensure your children remains seated and quiet.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Finchley Foodbank. After the half-term holiday, the Mini Vinnies will be helping me bring all the donations to the Food Bank.

On Tuesday 1st November at 9.15am, Father John will be coming to the school to celebrate All Saints Mass. You are all very welcome to join us.

Have a lovely half-term holiday.

Barbara Costa

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/>

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Halloween Disco last night - it was great to see everyone's fantastic costumes. A big thank you to the Year 5 parents and carers who organised last night's party. With the help of the Friends Committee and it's volunteers, each class will be organising an event this year. More details will be shared by your class representative when it's your turn. Watch this space!

Dismissing children from After-School Clubs

From Tuesday 1st November, all after school clubs (e.g. Karate, Football, Art, Lemon Jelly, Maths etc.) with the exception of Little Saints, will dismiss the children from the main office entrance. The side gate will remain closed. We ask parents/carers who are collecting their child from an after school club to wait outside the main school office entrance.

Friday 11th November – Remembrance Day

We will be selling poppies, and other items, from Monday 7th November to Friday 11th November. After the First World War in 1921 the sale of red silk poppies raised money to help the WW1 veterans find employment and housing. The following year, the Poppy Factory was set up, employing disabled ex-Servicemen to create the poppies to sell during the appeal; today the factory still produces millions of poppies each year. We now wear the paper poppy on our chest as a symbol of Remembrance; to remember the fallen Service men and women killed in conflict. If your child would like to buy a poppy, they can bring in money from Monday 7th November – we are asking for a minimum donation of 50p.

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	96.9%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is still in the lead with 99% attendance and Y4 is 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

"When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things." Pope Francis

Whose prayer was pleasing to God: the humble tax collector's or the proud Pharisee's? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we should be humble – especially when we pray. Ask your child what the word 'humble' means to them. (Parent help – humble people do not think that they are better or more important than others; they are honest about their weaknesses and not afraid to say 'sorry' to God if they have done wrong). Who does your child know who is talented, but does not boast or show-off? It may help your child if you give an example of a humble person that you know.

"God speaks to those who are truly humble of heart"

St Pio of Pietrelcina

God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God. As a family, name one of each other's special God-given gifts, something that you admire in the other person. Then each of you name a gift that you are especially grateful for – it could be a quality, skill or attitude. Decide on a way that will use the gift to help someone in this coming week. You may like to finish this evening's special Family Time in humble prayer, each thanking God for the gift that he has given you to share with others.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=5&v=72.4>



Year 1	Liana for trying really hard to sound out words when writing her ideas down in literacy lessons. Timon for trying really hard during his Maths lessons.
Year 2	Cece for always putting 100% effort into her learning. Radek for trying his best and for being a great role model.
Year 3	Carlos for trying his best during lessons and for working hard. Natan for being a positive learner and a supportive member of Year 3.
Year 4	Karo for being a absolute superstar during our Battle Romans V Celtics. Christina for being a Have-a-Go Mo during assessment week and not giving up.
Year 5	Miki for putting a lot of effort into his English work; he has worked really hard. Well done! Lily for displaying a positive and responsible attitude to her learning. She is always trying hard. Well done!
Year 6	Lucas for the fantastic vocabulary you included in your adventure story. Barbara for your excellent effort in class; you always try your best.

Online Safety Advice for Parents and Carers



Snapchat is a picture sharing app, where users can share images with friends they have added and can also post pictures to their story for all their friends to see. Like many other social networks, the minimum age to use Snapchat is 13 and it can pose many risks. Primary school aged children should therefore not be using the app, even if supervised. It is important that if older children are using the app, they are: only sharing with their friends; never posting to spotlight they have location services switched off and they are aware of how to remove or block anyone that upsets them. The spotlight feature poses additional risks as videos from people who are not necessarily in your friend list appear on your feed. This means children could easily come across harmful or upsetting content.

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

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>

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

Mon 24 th -Fri 28 th Oct	Half term holiday
Mon 31 st Oct	INSET day – school closed to the children
Tues 1st Nov	9.15am All Saints Mass
Tues 1 st Nov	Flu vaccination (Rec-Y6)
Wed 2 nd Nov	Y4 Rock Star Day
Thurs 3 rd Nov	3.45pm Phonic Meeting for parents in Reception, Y1 and Y2
Fri 4 th Nov	Y5 trip to Charterhouse Museum
Mon 7 th Nov	Y3 Rock Star Day
Wed 9 th Nov	Y5 Rock Star Day
Tues 15 th Nov	Open Day tours for prospective parents (9am, 1.30pm, 7pm)
Wed 16 th Nov	Individual pupil photo day
Wed 16 th Nov	Infant Movie Night (more details to follow)
Wed 23 rd Nov	Junior Movie Night (more details to follow)
Fri 9th Dec	9.30am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas show
Mon 12th Dec	6pm Year 5 Christmas Carol Concert
Wed 14th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 16th Dec	Last day of term 1pm finish

*New dates in bold