



**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 18th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody for supporting Odd Socks Day on Monday – the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event, held in the third week of November which aims to raise awareness of bullying of children and young people, in schools and elsewhere, and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. Research shows that 30% of children have been bullied in the last year alone and 17% of children have been bullied online. If you are worried your child might be being bullied, please speak to your child's class teacher.

On Monday, the Mini Vinnies took all the Harvest Festival food donations to the Finchley Foodbank at St. Mary's Catholic Church. They spent time learning about how the foodbank is organised and where the donations come from; thank you to Mrs Maughan from the foodbank for spending time talking to the Mini Vinnies and answering all of their questions. An even bigger thank you to the parents who accompanied me and helped transport all the food – and the children – to and from the foodbank.

On Wednesday, the Friends hosted a very successful Movie Night for the infant children, thank you to everyone who supported the event. The children in Y3 to Y6 will be having their movie night on Wednesday (23rd November) 3.30pm-5pm. Please see the office team if you would like to book a place for your child; it costs £5 and your child will be given a snack of crisps, sweets and biscuits.

Over the past couple of months, the children in Y1-Y6 have been having weekly dance lessons with the Non-Stop Action dance teachers. Each class has been practising a choreographed routine and will be performing it to the rest of the school on Friday (25th November) at 9am. All parents are warmly invited to attend this Dance Festival. The best routine (as chosen by myself and Mr Troy!) will go on to represent St. Theresa's at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival in March. We look forward to seeing you then.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Applications for Reception

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2023** – this is for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th January 2023. The forms are available to download on the school website. Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet. The on-line system is already open.

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

THANK YOU to everyone who bought their child's Christmas card, coasters, mugs, etc. - we raised £134!

HAPPY BAGS: please bring your bags to school, filled with your unwanted/unused items, at drop off on Thursday 1 December only!

CHRISTMAS JINGLE MINGLE: Information about each class' donation has been shared - all donations are to be brought to school by Wednesday 30 November 2022 (except for doughnuts which need to be brought in on 1 December). We look forward to seeing you all on 1 December from 6-8pm to kick off the run up to Christmas.

MOVIE NIGHTS: KS1 had a great time at our movie night on Wednesday, here's hoping that KS2 enjoy their movie next week. Please bring in your permission slip and money in an envelope.

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.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	96.4%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is back in the lead with 98.5% 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!

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/>



The Wednesday Word

“Read the gospels! This way we will learn what is most essential in our lives: love and mercy.” *Pope Francis*

Mercy is a virtue. Ask your child what the word ‘mercy’ means to them. You may want to share with your child what the word ‘mercy’ means to you. Ask your child who they know to be a ‘merciful’ person. Can you or your child remember a time when you have been merciful – when you gave someone another chance? How did it feel?

“God is so merciful towards us. We too should learn to be merciful.” *Pope Francis*

Each time we show ‘mercy’, we open ourselves to receive mercy from God. Being compassionate, being patient with others even if we are being treated unfairly, forgiving others (even if we feel they don’t deserve forgiveness), sometimes giving people more than they deserve, these are just some ways of showing mercy. Is there someone to whom you could show mercy? Each of you choose one way in which you will try to show mercy at home, at school or in the community in this coming week.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/mercy?pid=MTA101634&v=75.7>

Dismissing children from After-School Clubs

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

Safeguarding at St. Theresa's

A reminder to all parents that if you have any concerns about the safety of your child, or the safety of another child, you can call the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) for support and advice on 0800 800 5000. Alternatively, parents can ring the Barnet Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0208 359 4066 or speak to the school. Miss Costa is the Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school; Mr Troy and Mrs Folan are members of the safeguarding team. However, safeguarding and child protection at St. Theresa's is everyone's responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Parents can find the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy on the school website:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2022.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.**

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 1	Andreas for listening carefully and being a Have a Go Mo in maths lessons. Gabi for thinking carefully about his sentences before writing them down independently.
Year 2	Arlys for coming to school with a positive attitude every day. Melody C for never giving up and showing fantastic perseverance with each piece of work.
Year 3	Gabriela for being an independent learner and always trying her best. Daniyal for being resilient in his learning.
Year 4	Kezie for working hard on our USA topic. Chisom for producing great home-learning on our Road to USA topic.
Year 5	Amelia for working hard on growing her mindset and seeing what she can achieve when she pushes herself. Christina for being an inspiring learner who is always eager to aim high. Christina always pushes herself.
Year 6	Jan for your improved work ethic. I can see you are trying hard. Zoe for the great effort you put into writing your biography. Well done!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Bruna (y4)

Kamo (y4)

Parent Volunteers

Are there any parents who would like to volunteer to come into school and hear children read? If you are interested in spending some time every week hearing children read, please do come and speak to Mr Troy. We would be grateful of any offers of help.

In line with Government safeguarding advice for all schools, the school will complete police checks, and request references, for volunteers before they start working with the children.

Dates for your diary

Wed 23 rd Nov	3.30pm-5pm Junior Movie Night
Fri 25 th Nov	*9am Rec-Y6 Dance Festival
Mon 28 th Nov	2.45pm Trumpet concert for Y3 parents
Thurs 1st Dec	Happy Bag drop off
Thurs 1 st Dec	*6pm-8pm Jingle Mingle
Fri 9 th Dec	*9.30am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas show
Mon 12 th Dec	6pm Year 5 Christmas Carol Concert
Wed 14th Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
Wed 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 15 th Dec	Class party day
Fri 16 th Dec	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 3rd Jan	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
Wed 4th Jan	Children return to school

New dates in bold

**All parents welcome*

Supporting
local charities

11th Annual

Frost Fair



Over 30 stalls...

Local honey, jams, homemade cakes,
gifts, arts and crafts, jewellery,
face painting, hair braiding
and so much more...

Sunday 27th November 2022

10.30 am - 5.00 pm

Avenue House at Stephens House & Gardens
17 East End Road, N3 3QE



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