



**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 25<sup>th</sup>

November

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends' movie nights; they raised £570. Remember, all the money raised, goes towards buying new iPads for the children.

On Wednesday, Liam Joughin - from the charity organisation 'The Passage' – came to speak to the children in assembly. Their mission is preventing street homelessness by intervening quickly before people reach crisis point. The Passage takes its values and ethos from the teachings and example of St. Vincent De Paul, a Christian and social reformer who co-founded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. Vincent believed in action rather than words and in hands-on service to vulnerable people. We are inviting the children to support The Passage by donating £2 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Jumper Day).

You can now follow St. Theresa's on Instagram! Please search **st.theresas.n3** on the platform and you should find updates on the activities the school and our pupils have been involved in lately. Thank you to Mr Troy who has set up our account and will be adding to our accounts regularly.

Congratulations to the girls' football team for winning 5-1 against Dollis Junior School earlier this week. You can see a photo of our winning team on our Instagram account.

By the time this newsletter is published, the children in Years 1 to 6 will have performed their dances to the parents and the rest of the school. The winning class will be announced in next week's newsletter and will go on to represent St. Theresa's at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival at the Arts Depot in March.

Next Thursday evening (6pm-8pm), the Friends are hosting the *Jingle Mingle*. There will be music by DJ Captain Fantastic, food and drinks and other stalls. Entry is £3 per person. We look forward to seeing many families there next week.

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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Both our movie nights were a big success - the children had a great time. Thank you for supporting our efforts and helping us raise an additional £570 towards 30 new iPads. Also, thank you to Mr Troy and our volunteers who helped set up, supervise and tidy-up.

CHRISTMAS JINGLE MINGLE is fast approaching - remember that this is your last weekend to get your donations before our Christmas event. Your class representatives will send through reminders about this. All donations by Wednesday (doughnuts on Thursday).

HAPPY BAGS collection on 1 December at drop off - every little bit helps!



## Christmas/Red Jumper Day Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December!



*The children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December replacing just the top part of their uniform with a Christmas or red jumper in return for a donation £2. The money raised will be donated to 'The Passage'. The Passage runs London's largest voluntary sector resource centre for homeless and vulnerable people.*

## 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.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	96.6%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y4 is now in the lead with 98.2% attendance and Y2 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

“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in each one of us memories of goodness.”

*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Pope from 2005 to 2013)*

Advent reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world. Ask your child what else they know about Advent. What do they like best about this season which leads up to Christmas? Advent is an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and helps us get ready for Christmas. You may want to share with your child what you know and like best about the season of Advent.

Advent helps us get ready for Christmas. It is a time to make an extra effort to be more loving towards God and our neighbours.

As a family, how can you prepare well through Advent – to ‘stay awake’, to be ready to welcome Jesus? Perhaps you can: always try to be fair, honest, generous and ready to go out of our way to help anyone who is in need; be a peacemaker; put up a crib, Advent wreath and Advent calendar; make a special effort to let other family members know how much you love them – through your words and actions.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=76.8>

### 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.

### 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.

### 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>

### 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.

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<b>Reception</b>	<b>Sofia</b> for settling into her new school and making lots of friends. <b>Florence</b> for her great attitude towards learning.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Allan</b> for trying hard in all his lessons. <b>Zoe</b> for listening carefully and having a go in all her lessons.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Faith</b> for giving 100% effort all week. <b>Max P</b> for showing increasing confidence during tasks.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Theo</b> for consistently working hard in lessons and always trying his best. <b>Kimberley</b> for putting evident effort into her work and continuing to work on being focused during lessons.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Kourtney</b> for producing a great diary entry about a trip to the USA. <b>Denys</b> for continuing to get his spellings correct and putting them into his everyday writing
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Arvin</b> for demonstrating an increasing confidence in Maths. Arvin is trying really hard. <b>Maia V</b> for working really hard and displaying a persistent and positive attitude towards her work.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Sofia</b> for your positive have-a-go attitude. Well done! <b>Jaspher</b> for contributing more in lessons. Very well done.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <b>Christina (y5)</b> <b>Sofia (Rec)</b>	

### 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

<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y4 USA day</b>
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y3 Stone Age workshop</b>
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Happy Bag drop off
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	*6pm-8pm Jingle Mingle
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Y5 and Y6 at 10am Mass St. Philips</b>
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>2.15pm Y5 at Bishop Douglass Xmas Extravaganza</b>
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>2.45pm Y3 Trumpet Concert (this has changed from original date)</b>
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>*2.45pm Violin concert assembly</b>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	*9.30am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas show
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm Year 5 Christmas Carol Concert
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class party day
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school

**New dates in bold**

*\*All parents welcome*



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