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AUTUMN TERM 2022

Friday 4th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the autumn term – I hope you all had a good holiday.

On Tuesday, Father John came to school to celebrate a Mass with the children for All Saints Day. Saints are real people who said 'yes' to God's plan for them and are now in heaven. Some were children and young people, some were mothers and fathers, some were monks, priests or nuns, and some were single people. On All Saints' Day, we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people and the example they set for us. We can also ask them to pray for us, that we might love God and our neighbour, the way Jesus taught us.

Thank you again to everybody who supported the Friends' Halloween disco and the non-uniform day; £1,964 was raised! The Friends are hoping to raise enough money this year to purchase another set of iPads for the children – so please do support their events. We use iPads a great deal in school; they are very effective in supporting the class learning.

Yesterday we held a parents' meeting around the teaching of phonics for the parents in Reception and Year 1. A copy of the presentation used during the meeting has been uploaded onto the school website; <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Phonic-Meeting-3rd-November-2022.pdf>. We hope you find it useful.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Friday 11th November – Remembrance Day

We will be selling poppies, and other items, next week 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.

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 supported our October fundraising efforts as we are delighted to let you know that we raised £1,964!

The next dates for your diaries are the Movie Nights (16 & 23 Nov) and the Christmas Jingle Mingle (1 Dec) - further details to follow.



Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day – Monday 14th November



Anti-Bullying Week is taking place Monday 14th – Friday 18th November and this year's theme is "Reach Out". It is co-ordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at the National Children's Bureau. The theme "Reach Out" is a positive message about it always being possible to reach out and ask for help if you are worried about bullying.

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless - but if we challenge it, we can change it and it starts by reaching out.

To mark the start of anti-bullying week we are inviting the children to come to school on Monday 14th November wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day is about fun and laughter but more importantly, they deliver a message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance.

We will also be participating in the Odd Socks Day school competition by sharing a photo of the day on Twitter; the winning school will receive a visit and performance from Andy and the Odd Socks in 2023 – stars of the CBBC comedy drama Andy and the Band.

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	96.7%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is still in the lead with 98.3% 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

"In your work or troubles, never forget that we have a great reward stored up for us in heaven. God does not forget our good works." St. John Bosco

Throughout the gospels, Jesus reminds us that heaven is real. In the Bible, heaven is described in many ways. It is likened to a city, a beautiful garden, a kingdom and a place of great beauty and happiness. Ask your child what the word 'heaven' means to them. Ask them what they think heaven is like. It may help your child to tell them some of your own thoughts about heaven.

"We are all of the same stock and members of the one human family; we have the same Father in heaven and we are all his children." Pope Francis

We were created for heaven! Jesus' resurrection is the promise of eternal life – to live in complete harmony and happiness with God and each other – forever! Until that time, we can pray for all our loved ones who have left this world, that they may share in all the joys of heaven. Why not end tonight's Family Time by offering a prayer for those loved ones? Then come along to church this Sunday to light a candle.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/heaven?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=73.5>

What is bullying?

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

It can happen face to face or online. It is behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. If you think your child is being bullied, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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.

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

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.

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>

Dates for your diary

Mon 7 th Nov	Y3 Rock Star Day
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Tues 8th Nov	Y6 trip to London Zoo
Wed 9 th Nov	Y5 Rock Star Day
Fri 11th Nov	Reception and Y6 height and weight check
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 25th Nov	*Rec-Y6 Dance Festival
Mon 28th Nov	2.45pm Trumpet concert for Y3 parents
Thurs 1st 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 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 15th Dec	Class party day
Fri 16 th Dec	Last day of term 1pm finish

New dates in bold

**All parents welcome*