



**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 16<sup>th</sup> December

## Dear Parents and Carers,

In last week's newsletter, I congratulated the Y6 team who came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Barnet Primary Schools' Quiz at Queenswell Juniors. Apologies to Joshua in Y6 who was not included in the team names. Therefore, well done to **Joshua**, Luca, Nathan, Genevieve and Jeremiah!

On Monday evening the Y5 children had their carol concert and we were delighted that all the children, and their families, came to the event despite the snow. Thank you to everyone in Y5 for your support.

On Tuesday, a number of Y5 children visited St. Philip's nursery; they sang carols to the younger children and then shared books with them. Well done for showing great Christmas spirit children!

Wednesday was our annual Christmas jumper day in support of The Passage. The Passage offers a wide range of services, all year round, to meet the needs of homeless and vulnerable people; their aim is to help people to address the issues that have contributed to them becoming homeless, and to enable them to move on to live safe, happy and fulfilling lives. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting this cause – we raised £129.50.

Wishing you all a very safe and joyful Christmas - see you all in January.

Barbara Costa



## Non Stop Action

After the successes of the England Lionesses, Non Stop Action are running **girls only football** classes at **Millbrook Primary School in Mill Hill on Saturdays**. We have two classes available between Years 1-4.

Year 3&4s - 10am-11am

Year 1&2s - 11am-12midday.

If you are interested in having a free taster session, please contact our office on 0208 446 0006 or email [jamie@nonstopaction.co.uk](mailto:jamie@nonstopaction.co.uk)

## 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

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners in the Christmas Raffle Draw - all the winners have been contacted. We would like to thank the companies, individuals and parents/carers who donated prizes for our raffle, as without these donations, our raffle wouldn't be possible.

The Christmas Raffle raised £1,250, giving us a grand total of £5,650 which is absolutely amazing!

On behalf of The Friends' Committee, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful and peaceful festive season and a very happy 2023!

## What do you need to know about Strep A and Scarlet Fever?

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reporting that Scarlet Fever cases are currently higher than typically seen at this time of year. Scarlet Fever is usually a mild illness that is easily treated by antibiotics, but in very rare occasions and if left untreated, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). Parents are advised to seek medical help if you think your child is showing signs of Scarlet Fever or iGAS.

Symptoms to look out for include: a rash with a sandpapery feel, sore throat, flushed cheeks, a swollen tongue, muscle ache, and high fever.

**If you're worried about your child's health, always trust your own judgement and contact a pharmacist, your GP or call 111 to seek medical advice.**

We can all reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections by teaching our children how to wash their hands properly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell.

For further information about Scarlet Fever and invasive Group A Strep (iGAS), visit:

- [UKHSA update on Scarlet Fever and invasive Group A strep \(prgloo.com\)](https://www.ukhisa.gov.uk/news-and-communications/2022/12/05/group-a-strep-what-you-need-to-know/)
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>
- <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/05/group-a-strep-what-you-need-to-know/>

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	95%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is now in the lead with 96.3% attendance and Y6 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

"We go to Mary as a way leading to the goal we seek – Jesus, her Son."

St Louis de Montfort

What two things did the angel tell Joseph to do? Each year on the last Sunday of Advent, we look to Mary, our heavenly mother. The Gospel tells us something about Mary who was chosen by God to be the mother of his Son, Jesus (the name 'Jesus' means 'the LORD saves'). Ask your child what else they know about Mary. It may help your child to tell them something you know about Mary, or the Rosary.

"Mary is the first and most perfect model of Jesus."

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Mary accepted God's will with a thankful heart; she is a perfect example for all people – someone full of thoughtfulness, kindness and joy. How can you show thoughtfulness and kindness and bring joy to others in this final week of Advent? Perhaps you can: give lots of smiles; cheerfully do what your parents or teachers ask you to do; be a good and patient listener; get involved with a charity that helps to feed some of the poorest children in the world (e.g. visit [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) or [Cafod.org.uk](http://Cafod.org.uk)); help someone who may be struggling in some way. You may like to finish your time of prayer by saying together, on behalf of another person, a 'Hail Mary' or the Rosary.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=79.2>

### 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.

### St. Theresa's School on Instagram



You can now follow St. Theresa's School 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.

### Spare Clothing Request

We are in need of spare underwear and socks (boys and girls) for the medical room. We use them when the children have had accidents or fallen over etc. We would be very grateful for any donations of clean items.

### 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.**

### 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>



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Zema</b> for writing sentences to Santa independently. <b>Karin</b> for her learning in phonics.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Narvin</b> for singing so beautifully and saying his words so clearly in the KS1 Nativity play. <b>Helenka</b> for learning her words, singing beautifully and helping others during the Nativity play.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Maria</b> for settling into our class. She may have only joined last week but no-one would know! She has given every task 100%. Keep it up Maria! <b>Taybah</b> for her effort with her phonics and handwriting.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Maya</b> for being an independent learner. <b>Theo</b> for challenging himself in all areas of the curriculum.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Anita</b> for making a good effort in joining up her handwriting. <b>Annaliese</b> for trying so hard in learning her times tables.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Evie</b> for having a positive attitude towards her school work – trying hard and attempting challenges. <b>Oliwia</b> for producing quality work when focused. Keep up the good work!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Jennifer</b> for persevering and always trying your best! Well done. <b>Tomas</b> for the excellent progress you are making in your writing!

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Narvin Y1**  
**Anduena Rec**

### Dates for your diary

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	*9.15am Whole school Mass to celebrate the Epiphany
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Y5 and Y6 visit to North Finchley Mosque</b>
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Y3 and Y4 visit to North Finchley Mosque</b>
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Y1 and Y2 visit to North Finchley Mosque</b>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y2 trip to the Tower of London
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 trip to the RAF Museum
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y1 trip to Science Museum
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term holiday
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b>

**New dates in bold**

*\*All parents welcome*

# Maths After School Club

**Starting In January 2023**

**All abilities welcome**

**Small group sessions of up to 10 pupils**

**From 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

**Places are limited on a first come first basis**



**For more enquiries contact Mrs Johnston on**

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**or Telephone :**

**07515447693**

**Places will only be allocated to the first 10 pupils who book.**