



**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 2nd December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the many many parents and carers who came to watch last Friday morning's school dance festival; congratulations to the Year 5 pupils who have been announced as the winners. They will be performing their "Fame" routine and representing St. Theresa's at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival at the Arts Depot in March. Thank you to the Non-Stop Action Dance coaches and all the school staff for preparing the children for last week's show.

On Wednesday, both the Y3 and Y4 classes were involved in enrichment activities as part of their topics; Y3 participated in a Stone Age drama workshop and Y4 had a USA themed day.

Thank you to everybody who came to yesterday evening's Jingle Mingle – the Christmas season has well and truly started! We will let you know how much money was raised when we have a final figure. Thank you so much to all the Friends and parent volunteers who organised the event.

The children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 14th December replacing just the top part of their uniform with a Christmas - or red - jumper in return for a donation of £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.

A reminder to all Year 3 parents that the Year 3 pupils will be performing an informal trumpet concert - for their parents - on Monday (5th December at 2.45pm). The concert will showcase what the children have learnt in their trumpet lessons over the past 10 weeks.

Next Friday (9th December) at 9.30am, our Y1 and Y2 pupils will be retelling the nativity story in their Christmas Show; parents are warmly invited to come and watch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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.

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

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU to everyone who brought in donations and who came along to the Christmas Jingle Mingle last night - what a great way to start the festive season. Everyone had a great time. We are still counting the money but will let you know in due course.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS will be sent home today and each family will receive 15 tickets. There are some wonderful prizes to be won (in time for Christmas), including: Nintendo Switch OLED, Private Swimming Lessons, £100 John Lewis vouchers, dance vouchers (see noticeboard for full list of prizes). If you are unable to sell your tickets, please bring them back to school so others can buy them. If, on the other hand you need more tickets, please come to the office and Ling/Nadia will be able to give you more. All ticket stubs (short part of ticket) and money must be brought into school in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.

The raffle draw is on Wednesday 14 December 2022 at 10am.

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	96.7%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y4 is still in the lead with 97.9% 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!

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

Now is the time to prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth – God's arrival into our world in the person of Jesus.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Ask your child what the word 'preparation' means to them. When did your child last prepare for something particularly well or for something special? It may help your child if you can share something about a time when you prepared particularly well for something. How is your child preparing at school for the celebration of Jesus' birthday at Christmas?

Good preparation is always important in everything we do. As a family, how can you prepare well for Christmas? Perhaps you can: slow down and try to remember the real reason for Christmas – regularly giving thanks to God for the gift of Jesus; read the Bible's Christmas story together; go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession); say a prayer each time you open a window on your Advent calendar; make an extra effort to consider other people's needs.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/preparation?pid=MTA101634&cv=77.9>

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.

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.**

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.

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.

Email: Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk

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Reception	Riyanne for praying so beautifully in class. Oseias for always trying his best even when the tasks are challenging.
Year 1	Cataleya for listening carefully in lessons and trying really hard. Allan for being a Have-a-Go Mo in all his lessons.
Year 2	Rayan for being a sensible and mature member of the class. Saman for putting in effort to learn how to spell and write independently.
Year 3	Frank for really focusing on his reading - and trying his best. Masih for putting evident effort into his work.
Year 4	Parva for showing a fantastic improvement in learning her times tables. Alan for working so hard in his English lessons and producing a good informal letter.
Year 5	Chiamaka for being more positive about her learning, approaching tasks with enthusiasm and improving the quality of her work. Mya B for making our new starter feel welcome and for working on growing her mindset.
Year 6	Axel for the excellent vocabulary you are using in your writing. Elena for challenging yourself in Maths. Very well done!
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Shianne Y5 Jasper Y6	

Dates for your diary

Mon 5 th Dec	Y3 Trumpet Concert (this has changed from original date)
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	10am Christmas Raffle Draw
Wed 14 th 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 3 rd Jan	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
Wed 4 th Jan	Children return to school
Fri 6th Jan	*9.15am Whole school Mass to celebrate the Epiphany
Fri 13th Jan	Y2 trip to the Tower of London
Wed 18th Jan	Y6 trip to the RAF Museum
Fri 27th Jan	Y1 trip to Science Museum
Thurs 2nd Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Tues 7th Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Mon 13th-Fri 17th Feb	Half term holiday

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