



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,  
we grow together in the love of God**

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**SPRING TERM 2023**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped this week, accompanying the children on the bus to visit the North Finchley Mosque. The children learn about other faiths every year, and this year we were looking at Islam; the visits to the Mosque were part of the topic. We would like to thank everyone at the Mosque for welcoming the children, and to Miss O'Brien for organising all the visits.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 3.45pm we are holding an information meeting about the Y6 (October 2023) residential trip to Grosvenor Hall in Kent for all the current Y5 parents, in the Y5 classroom; the Y5 children are welcome to stay for the meeting but must remain seated and quiet. There will be no crèche.

Information on what your child will be learning about this term has been uploaded onto the Curriculum page of the school website. Please click this link

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/curriculum/> to view your child's class curriculum map; you will need to scroll down the page to find the Spring 2023 information.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## Name the Bear



The Y6 pupils would like to raise funds to help pay the cost of their residential trip to Grosvenor Hall, later this year in May.

Every day next week, the Y6 pupils will visit each classroom with the bear pictured above. All children (including Y6) will be able to purchase a pre-printed name for the bear for £1. The children will be allowed to buy as many names as they like. Each name costs £1. The Y6 pupils will collect the money and record which name has been purchased by which child; all the available names for sale are different.

On Friday afternoon, one of the names will be selected at random; whichever child has purchased that name wins the bear!

## Used- Book Sale

After school, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we will be hosting a used-book sale. If you have pre-loved books you do not need anymore, and are happy to donate them to raise money for the school, please bring them in by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. All funds will go towards the cost of the Y6 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall.

## Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

The Friends Committee are busy planning this term's events but we are always on the lookout for new volunteers or event ideas. If you want to get involved or have an idea, then please let the office know and we will add you to our Volunteers' WhatsApp Group.

**Dates for your diaries:** 1 February = KS1 Movie night and 8 February = KS2 Movie night. These events will be coordinated by the Committee with the help of Year 4 (more details will follow). There are a number of wooden pallets available, on a first come, first served basis, if anyone is interested. Please take what you want by 31 January 2023.

## Health Update from [www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for Parents and Carers

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

*It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.*

*Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.*

*Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.*

*Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.*

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	94.7%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is now in the lead with 96% 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

John the Baptist witnessed to the truth about Jesus. Ask your child what the word 'witness' means to them. Which well-known people or saints does your child know who have been great witnesses for Jesus (e.g. Mary his mother, St Joseph, St Teresa of Calcutta, St David, St Patrick)? Who does your child know to be a great witness today (e.g. our present Pope – Francis, a family member, a priest, a teacher, a friend)? Who has recently brought the message of Jesus to your child at home, at school or in the parish?"

"Example makes a much greater impression on the mind and heart than just words." St John Baptist de la Salle  
Through our words and especially through our actions, we can be God's witnesses, through living our lives the way Jesus shows us. Choose a special way to be God's witnesses – sharing and showing love to everyone you meet this week. Perhaps you can: be kind and loving in your simple everyday words and actions; pray for help to be a good witness; tell others about the hope, goodness and peace that Jesus can bring into their lives; be fair and generous with everyone you meet.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/witness?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=80.3>

### **Non Stop Action February Camp!**

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **February Camp 2023!** We are running **Multi Sports** at Moss Hall Junior School (N3 1NR) and **Football and Dance** at Millbrook park school (NW7 1JF)! We will be running for 1 week, from **Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February**. Bookings made before **Saturday 28th January** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts, and you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as **£27.50** for a day, or **£99** for a week!

Head to our website to book now: <https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

### **Reminder for Reception Admissions 23/24 Deadline**

The deadline for applications for the **Reception Class** for September 2023 (children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019) is **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

**The office must receive your application before this deadline.**

Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet Admissions online - the deadline for this is also Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **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 0808 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>Iliad</b> for using his tricky words to write sentences independently. <b>Gabriella</b> for her confidence in trying new activities and her positive attitude in class.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Parsa</b> for trying really hard in all his lessons. Well done Parsa! <b>Timon</b> for working hard in all his lessons and making a concerted effort to speak in English. Well done Timon!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Lucille</b> for being an absolute superstar settling into our class. <b>Max S</b> for good listening and concentration.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Helios</b> for being resilient with his writing and working hard. <b>Sherwin</b> for listening carefully and trying his best.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Rachel</b> for trying to join up her letters neatly using the cursive script. <b>Matylda</b> for showing fantastic confidence when playing the violin at the concert.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Igor</b> for working hard since starting and increasing his confidence with his work. <b>Arthur</b> for working on displaying a positive attitude towards his school work and producing quality work when focused.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Genevieve</b> for your inquisitive and enthusiastic nature. Well done. <b>Tobias</b> for making a great start to Year 6. Keep it up!
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <b>Kaci Y1</b> <b>Gabriella Y5</b>	

### **Dates for your diary**

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 trip to the RAF Museum
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Oct 2023 Grosvenor Hall Y6 Residential Trip Meeting for current Y5 parents
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y1 trip to Science Museum
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Infant Movie Night</b>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>3.30pm Used Book Sale</b>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Y3 Ancient Greece workshop</b>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Y4 1066 History workshop</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Safer Internet Day workshops</b>
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Junior Movie Night</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term holiday
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day

***New dates in bold***

*\*All parents welcome*

**FINCHLEY**  
**Foodbank**  
**FOOD FOR PEOPLE IN NEED**  
Foodbank shopping list

Collection Box is located at office entrance

• <b>Cereals</b>	• <b>Soap</b>
• <b>UHT milk</b>	• <b>Baked beans</b>
• <b>Tea</b>	• <b>Tinned tomatoes</b>
• <b>Tinned meat – corned beef, pies, ham etc.</b>	• <b>Tins of custard/rice pudding</b>
• <b>Tinned fruit</b>	• <b>Pasta</b>
• <b>Tinned vegetables</b>	• <b>Pasta sauce</b>
• <b>Toilet rolls</b>	• <b>Biscuits</b>
• <b>Rice</b>	• <b>Soup</b>
• <b>Tuna, sardines &amp; mackerel</b>	• <b>Washing tablets/capsules</b>
• <b>Jars of coffee</b>	• <b>Oil</b>
• <b>Sugar</b>	• <b>Honey &amp; jams etc.</b>
• <b>Crackers</b>	• <b>Sanitary wear</b>
• <b>Toothpaste</b>	• <b>Deodorant</b>
• <b>Shampoo (2in1's)</b>	• <b>Shower gel</b>
• <b>We also need empty egg boxes (only 6/12 egg size boxes)</b>	