



**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 20<sup>th</sup> January

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Name the Bear fundraiser; we will let you know how much was raised in next week's newsletter, along with the name of the winner - who will be told this afternoon!

A reminder to all Y5 parents that 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, 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.

Over the next few days, all parents/carers will be receiving an email from the school regarding the upcoming Parent Consultation evenings (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 4pm-6.30pm and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 4pm-6.30pm). You will also receive a link to the online booking system; if you are not able to access the online booking system, please contact the school office and we will make an appointment for you. Please note that the online booking system for the first consultation evening (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February) will close the day before on Wednesday evening (1<sup>st</sup> February) at 6pm. After this time, any further appointments for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February will need to be made via the school office. The online booking system for the second evening will remain open for a while longer. Parents/carers will be meeting and talking to their child's class teacher in the hall, but will also be able to look at their child's books in their child's classroom.

You will no doubt have seen in the news that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced that teachers will strike over pay in England and Wales on seven dates in February and March 2023. The NEU says any individual school will only be affected on a maximum of four out of the seven dates. The dates in London are 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> March. We await further information from the other teaching unions. Once it has been confirmed how the strike action will affect St. Theresa's, I will be in touch with all parents regarding the arrangements. Please bear with us.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

### Used-Book Sale – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 3.30pm

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, the Y6 pupils will be collecting them from the week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at drop-off and pick up times. All funds will go towards the cost of the Y6 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall.

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

### MOVIE NIGHTS - £5 per child (3.30-5.15pm):

**KS1** - Wednesday 1 February 2023, Sing 2 (U)

**KS2** - Wednesday 8 February 2023, Lightyear (PG)

Movie flyer/permission slip will be coming home on Monday/Tuesday next week. Please ensure that you put your permission slip and money in an envelope and clearly add your child's name and class on the front.

We will be marking ♥☐ St Valentine's Day ♥☐ with a **"WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE"** day on Friday 10 February (more details to follow)!

## St. Theresa's School Attendance Policy

Can I please remind all parents that you must ask permission from the school if you want to take your child out of school during term time. Leave during term time is not permitted unless there are exceptional reasons. Absences will be marked as unauthorised, if holidays – which have not been agreed by the school – have been taken in term-time.

Other reasons for unauthorised absences include: birthdays, routine medical or dental appointments, oversleeping/tiredness, if a sibling is unwell or when children are kept off school unnecessarily or without reason.

The expected attendance for each child is 96%; if your child's attendance falls below 90%, for whatever reason, they will be considered a "persistent absentee" and will trigger formal monitoring from the Barnet Educational Welfare Team. It is important for all children to attend school. Parents/carers commit an offence if their child does not attend school regularly or if the absence is not agreed by the school; parents can be fined and/or prosecuted.

Parents can access the school's attendance policy on the school website here:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-February-2021.pdf>

### 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 95.8% 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!*

### The Wednesday Word

“Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community.” St Baldwin of Canterbury  
 In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus starts to form a community. Ask your child what the word ‘community’ means to them. Which communities do they belong to (e.g. family, cubs, brownies, football, etc.)? Another word we could use for our school is ‘community’. What does your child enjoy most about their school community? Can they remember who made them feel really welcome when they started school?

“The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us.” Pope Francis  
 Each of you name at least one thing that other family members are good at, which could help strengthen the family community. Without our own unique contribution to our community, something valuable will be missing. How can we also use our gifts for the good of the different communities we belong to? Perhaps we can: join a school team; welcome new people into our community; volunteer to use a gift or skill to help out with a project; join with others to organise a family fun night at school; support a fundraising event.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/community?pid=MTA101634&v=81.4>

### **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/>

### **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](mailto:Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk)  
 Telephone: 07968 498 364

### **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>The Reception Class</b> for their beautiful behaviour during our visit to the Mosque.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Vanessa</b> for being a conscientious student and a good example to her peers. <b>Esther</b> for being an enthusiastic and dedicated student and for presenting her work so beautifully.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>The Year 2 Class</b> for demonstrating excellent behaviour when travelling to and from the Tower of London, but also inside the Tower.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Arthur</b> for being a kind and caring classmate in Year 3. <b>Kevin</b> for putting evident effort into his writing during lessons.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Lucas</b> for consistently doing well with his times table check. <b>Elizabeth</b> for working so hard in learning her phonics to help with her reading.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Leo</b> for trying really hard in lessons and putting in more effort. Great work! <b>Martha</b> for producing quality work when focused and for displaying a positive attitude to learning.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Imina</b> for the sensible and responsible behaviour you show every day. <b>Davi</b> for your improved work ethic. I can see how hard you are trying.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <b>Imina Y6</b> <b>Sofia Y6</b>	

### **Dates for your diary**

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
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Infant Movie Night
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	3.30pm Used Book Sale
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3 Ancient Greece workshop
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4 1066 History workshop
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day workshops
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Junior Movie Night
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
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Class photos</b>
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play</b>
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Last day of term 1pm finish</b>

***New dates in bold***

*\*All parents welcome*

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

Collection Box is located at office entrance

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