



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> February

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who attended yesterday's Parent Consultation evening; the second session is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 4pm-6.30pm. All parents will have received 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 Tuesday evening's consultations will close the day before (on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February) at 6pm. After this time, any further appointments will need to be made via the school office. 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.

Next week is Safer Internet Week and all the children will be involved in internet safety workshops delivered by ECP Ltd.

We will also be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week; the theme for 2023 is "Let's Connect". Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely - which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

A reminder that the Friends are hosting the KS2 Movie Night for children in Years 3 to 6 on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm in the school hall. I hope many of you are able to support the event.

Next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, the last day of the half-term, we are having a Valentine's non-school uniform day "Wear something you love" for a donation of £1; all the money will go towards supporting the funds being raised by the Friends.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

## Bubble Show!!

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3.45pm in the school hall**

Come and watch the Olena Nesterenko bubble extravaganza on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.45pm in the school hall!

The show will last approximately 30-40mins.

Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased from the school office.

All proceeds will go towards the cost of the Y6 residential trip in May.

Instagram @o\_n\_show



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

We hope that KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) are looking forward to coming to the movie night on Wednesday 8 February from 3.30pm to 5.15pm. Please make sure that you hand in your child's permission slip and money (in an envelope) by Tuesday 7 February 2023.

Don't forget that we will be marking Valentine's Day by having a non-uniform day "Wear What You Love" in exchange for a donation of £1. Your children are encouraged to come to school in their favourite outfits whether that be a pair of pyjamas, a onesie or fancy dress.

## St. Theresa's School Attendance Policy

**Illnesses that will prevent your child from coming to school**

- Vomiting and diarrhoea (your child can return to school 48 hours after the last episode)
- High temperature with a diagnosed infection
- Hospital admission
- Dental surgery
- Medical emergency

**Illnesses that will not prevent your child from coming to school**

- Mild cough
- Cold/Sneezes
- Tiredness

## Authorised and Unauthorised Absences

### Examples of authorised absences

- Proof of illness from GP/Hospital provided
- Phone call from parent / carer explaining that their child is ill
- Proof of medical appointment
- Permission given from Headteacher following a written request for exceptional leave of absence (i.e. Religious days etc.). All requests for exceptional leave of absence must be made in writing to the Headteacher. Request forms are available from the school office.

### Examples of unauthorised absences

- Holidays
- Days out
- Birthdays
- Parent / carer or sibling unwell
- Tiredness
- No reasonable explanation received from parent / carer

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	94.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 is still in the lead with 96% attendance and Y5 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

"Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness."

Pope Francis

Ask your child what the word 'goodness' means to them. Who stands out for them as being full of goodness? How do they show that goodness? As a family, name a quality of goodness that you can see in each other (perhaps helpfulness, politeness, thoughtfulness, generosity, patience, gentleness, kindness). Are there any qualities of goodness that you would like to have more of?

"Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others." *St Basil the Great*

We can show our love for God through trying our best to grow in goodness. Each of you decide on a particular act of goodness to let your 'light shine' – to make life better for others. Perhaps you can: be more compassionate and caring; share sweets or other favourite things; make a phone call to someone who may be lonely; be a kind and patient listener; ask God to help you grow in goodness; get involved in Racial Justice Day, this Sunday, working and praying for an end to racism (see [carj.org.uk](http://carj.org.uk)).

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/goodness?pid=MTA101634&v=83.6>

### Love is in the air this half term as Libraries celebrate Valentine's Day!

Children can make a teddy bear card, create an animal and make Valentine's crafts. There's a focus on kindness too at Golders Green library's craft event.

At Colindale Library, Creative Communities delivers a range of events including a creative writing workshop for children with author Savita Kalhan, Sing, Story and Sign where we'll be learning some British Sign Language and a special event to explore STEAM with Lego.

All events are free and no booking is required. Find out more:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-young-peoples-library-services>

### Half-Term Positive Activities

Fully funded activities for children and families in Barnet bookings are now live.

Places are fully funded and are for all young people who live in or attend school in the Borough of Barnet. Please note, you must register and apply online for all activities, courses, and workshops. If your application has been successful, you will receive an email confirming your child's place.

This February half term, the Positive Activities Team will be celebrating the Lunar New Year, marking Valentine's Day, and also delivering sessions that highlight Children's Mental Health Awareness. Activities include:

- Yoga Rap
- Circus Skills
- Squash
- Meditation
- Cookery
- Graffiti, and many more!

Book here: <https://barnetyouth.uk/Events?CalendarID=64>

### Safeguarding at St. Theresa's

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. Click the link to read the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2022.pdf>



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Anduena</b> for always having a go when the activities are really challenging. <b>Theo</b> for his effort in handwriting.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Gabi</b> for trying really hard in his Maths lessons. <b>Rasta</b> for trying really hard in her phonics lessons.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Gabriela</b> for being such a terrific writer. <b>Max P</b> for brightening up the classroom every day with his enthusiasm and smile.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Maya</b> for being a responsible and independent learner. <b>Theo</b> for consistently working to his best ability throughout Year 3.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Nia</b> for trying so hard in learning her times tables. <b>Jonathan</b> for making a fantastic effort with his 1066 application form.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Brendan</b> for demonstrating an increasing confidence in new situations and facing challenges positively. <b>Haylie</b> for always trying her best and always following school rules. Haylie always concentrates on carefully presenting her work.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Sofia</b> for the fantastic evacuee letter you produced. Well done. <b>Euan</b> for the great enthusiasm you've shown for our current topic.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <b>Evie Y5</b> <b>Manuela Y6</b>	

### Dates for your diary

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	3.30pm Junior Movie Night
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Valentine's Non-Uniform Day "Wear something you love!" £1 donation</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term holiday
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass</b>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March	3.30pm Infant Movie Night
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>3.45pm Bubble Show</b>
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y5 at Arts Depot for Barnet Schools' Dance Festival</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Class photos
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term 1pm finish
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>-Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>

*New dates in bold*

*\*All parents welcome*

*The Friends of  
St Theresa's School*



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VALENTINE'S DAY,  
CHILDREN ARE  
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"WEAR WHAT YOU  
LOVE"**

**IN EXCHANGE FOR  
A £1 DONATION  
TOWARDS  
THE FRIENDS'  
EFFORTS TO RAISE  
FUNDS FOR  
30 NEW LAPTOPS**



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