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**SPRING TERM 2023**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support for last week's bubble show – the children loved stepping inside the huge bubbles; we raised £325!

Congratulations to the Year 5 pupils who represented St. Theresa's school at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival at the Arts Depot on Tuesday evening. They performed a very uplifting routine to the song "Fame". Thank you to Miss Porcu for preparing the children for this event and all the adults who volunteered to accompany the children and looked after them throughout the course of the day.

On Tuesday, the Reception children visited Akiva School to learn about the festival of Purim. Purim is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the bravery of Queen Esther, the secretly Jewish wife of King Ahasuerus of Persia. The story is recounted in the Book of Esther and read in a special scroll called the Megillah. Our Reception pupils listened to the story, made shakers and were then given cookies to take home with them.

On Wednesday, pupils in Y1-Y4 had a workshop (*On the Right Road*) which taught the children all about road safety. A well done also to Katie (Y2), Emanuelle (Y4) and Evie (Y5) who won the road safety poster design competition.

Yesterday, a CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) speaker came to speak to the children about their Lenten appeal. This Lent, by contributing to the appeal, you can help families around the world to cope with the climate crisis. Communities are losing loved ones, their homes and their crops through no fault of their own. The people we serve are determined to adapt and they need your help now to get the tools and training they tell us they need. The children are bringing home the collection boxes today; if you want to make a contribution to this appeal, please ensure the box is returned to school by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March (last day of term).

Today, British Science Week starts and to celebrate the event, the children are invited (if they wish to) to dress up on Monday (13<sup>th</sup> March) as something related to science. Topics can include; plants, animals (including humans), the weather, materials, space, rocks, magnets etc. dressing up is purely optional.

You will be aware that we had planned for the Planetarium workshop to take place on Monday; this has now been rescheduled (not cancelled) and we will let parents know when the workshop will take place.

A reminder that we have the bunny hop challenge on Monday! Please read further details overleaf. Have a lovely weekend.

*Barbara Costa*

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

**MOVIE NIGHTS:** A massive thank you to Mr Troy and the Year 4 volunteers who helped with the KS1 & KS2 movie nights. We are thrilled to let you know that we raised £550!

**BUNNY HOP ON MONDAY 13 MARCH:** Don't forget to bring in your bunny hop sponsorship forms on Monday. Remember - no form, no jumping!

**EGG DECORATING COMPETITION:** The Friends are egg-cited to be organising an Egg Decorating Competition - please see details in the attached flyer. Make sure to bring your child's entry to school, with their name clearly on the egg(s), by Monday 27 March 2023 (9am) when the judging will take place. Prizes will be given out to the most creative, / originally decorated eggs in every class on Wednesday 29 March 2023. Happy Decorating!

## 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

Could parents/carers please ensure that any absence is reported to the school office by 9am.

## St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for

**2022-2023 is 96%**

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	94.69%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y5 is now in the lead with 95.6% attendance and Y4 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!*



## Red Nose Day



On Friday 17th March the school will be participating in Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Since Comic Relief began in 1985, it has helped support over 100 million people across the UK and around the world. The charity works to improve mental health, create safe places for everyone, help children to survive and thrive, and work to help people to speak out and seek help to escape fear and discrimination.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March (Red Nose Day) the children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation.

This year, the new red nose is not suitable for children under the age of 7; **therefore the school will not be selling red noses.**

### The Wednesday Word

“God’s love is free. All God wants is for us to accept his love.” *Pope Francis*

God is love and all love comes from God. Ask your child what the words ‘God’s love’ mean to them. We can often see God’s love at work through the goodness in people around us. Where does your child see God’s love in action? Who does your child know who stands out as someone who shares God’s love with others? How does that person show love? It may help your child if you can give an example of your own.

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love.” *St Augustine of Hippo*

The more we experience and share God’s love, the happier we become. Each of you say how you usually experience God’s love. Perhaps it is through: the love of your family or other people; help from others; the sacraments; spending time with Jesus in prayer, at home or in Church. Then each of you choose a way in which you will especially share God’s love with someone in this coming week.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/god-s-love?pid=MTA101634&v=86.9>

### Bunny Hop Challenge Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March



The children can use the next few days (before the bunny hop) to collect sponsorship pledges on their forms. There is no minimum or maximum amount - just what they can! They can either be sponsored per hop or an overall amount for the activity.

On Monday, the children need to come to school with their sponsorship form but it must be signed by their parent. Without a signed form they cannot jump and we don’t want children to miss out.

The bunny hop will take place on Monday morning (13<sup>th</sup> March) and 4 children at one time will jump on the bouncy castle for a minute. They will each be spotted by an adult who has a clicker to record their hops. This number will be written on their forms.

They will return home on Monday with their forms and they can then collect sponsorship money which needs to be returned to school by 27th March.



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Jakub</b> for challenging himself in all areas of learning and enjoying the challenge. <b>Radvin</b> for his wonderful effort in Maths.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Ednaida</b> for trying really hard in her phonics and literacy lessons. <b>Lili</b> for her creative attitude towards learning.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Andrew</b> for trying really hard with his learning in all his lessons. <b>Melody C</b> for putting effort into her work. Melody is pushing herself more and more. Keep it up!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Nikola</b> for doing well in all subjects. <b>William</b> for trying hard in all subjects.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Chisom</b> for making a great effort in her writing and adding detail. <b>Denys</b> for learning his times tables consistently with quick recall.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Summer</b> for working on listening and demonstrating her ability to work without distractions. Keep it up Summer! <b>Chimaka</b> for keeping focused in tasks and putting fantastic effort into her work.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Genevieve</b> for your wonderful newspaper article – well done! <b>Lucas</b> for his great focus and concentration in class.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> <b>Cece (Y2)</b> <b>Lucas (Y4)</b>	

### 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.

### Dates for your diary

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Bouncy Castle Hop
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Dress Up for Science Week (optional)
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Reception, Y4 and Y5 classes closed</b>
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Reception, Y4 and Y5 classes closed</b>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Class photos
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception hearing and vision check
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term 1pm finish
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of summer term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May-Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June inclusive	Half term

***New dates in bold***

*\*All parents welcome*



# EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION



OPEN TO ALL PUPILS OF  
ST. THERESA'S



DECORATED EGGS MUST BE HANDED TO  
YOUR CLASS TEACHER  
BY MONDAY 27 MARCH 2023 BY 9AM

COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED ON  
MONDAY 27 MARCH 2023 BY MS COSTA

A PRIZE FOR THE BEST DESIGN  
IN EVERY CLASS WILL BE HANDED OUT ON  
WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023

