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SPRING TERM 2023

Friday 17th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday our Y3 pupils enjoyed a river trip on the Thames followed by a visit to Leake Street Arches to see the street art as inspiration for their next art topic. Thank you to Mr Troy for organising this - and all the adults who accompanied the children.

On Monday, the children participated in the Bunny Hop challenge; they had to jump on a bouncy castle as many times as they could in 60 seconds. The child who jumped the most number of times, in each class, will win a prize; they will be told in the last week of term. A huge thank you to all the parents from the Friends Association who were involved in this and ran the event. A reminder to everyone that all sponsorship needs to be returned by Monday 27th March.

This week was science week and it started with an enjoyable dress up day; we had astronauts, doctors, surgeons, and we even had a plant! Over the course of the week, the children have been involved in various science activities. The Planetarium Show - which was supposed to take place on Monday - has been rescheduled for Wednesday 3rd May. The show has been designed to link perfectly with the Science National Curriculum. The children will learn amazing facts about the solar system and beyond, including taking a flying visit to (and learning information about) our incredible neighbouring planets. As part of the session, the workshop presenter will project the entire night sky onto the inside of a dome so that the children will be able to look at the beautiful stars and constellations in the night sky. The presenter will explain how to identify certain stars and constellations and also tell some magical stories dating back to the times of the Ancient Greek mythology. Thank you to Miss Georgious (the school Science Leader) who organised the science events for the school.

Earlier this week, next year's term dates were emailed to all parents and carers. If you did not receive them, a copy has been attached to the bottom of the newsletter and you can also find them on the school website here: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/St.Theresas-Term-Dates-for-2023-2024.pdf>

On Tuesday, the school photographer is visiting the school for the class photos. Can all children please come to school in full school uniform for the photos; they may change into their PE kits (if they have PE) after the photo has been taken.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

THANK YOU to all the children who took part in the Bunny Hop on Monday and all the volunteers who helped on the day. The children clocked up thousands of jumps. Please remember to bring in your child's sponsorship money to school as soon as you have collected it (by Wednesday 29 March). We will let you know the amount raised after Easter.

EGG DECORATING COMPETITION: decorated eggs are to be brought to school by Monday 27 March when judging will take place. The judges will be looking for creative and original designs. There will be a winner chosen from every class.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM: collection of uniform at drop-off from 20-24 March and sale of second hand uniform on 27 and 28 March at pick up.

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	94.7%

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

Easter Camp 2023!

Non-Stop Action are looking forward to **Easter 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 2 weeks, week 1 from **Monday 3rd April – Thursday 6th April** and week 2 from **Tuesday 11th April – Friday 14th April**. Bookings made before Saturday 18th March will automatically get our Early Bird discount, and you can also save money by booking week blocks – book from as little as **£27.50** for a day or **£109** for a week!

Head to our website to book now:

<https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

The Wednesday Word

“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.” *St Thomas More*

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how, in Jesus, God is active in the world, bringing healing. At differing times and in differing ways, we all need the healing touch of God. Ask your child what the word 'healing' means to them. It may help your child if you tell them about the different kinds of healing we can experience in life. Then ask your child who brings healing to them, bringing comfort when they are ill, hurt or upset.

“Love is the first ingredient in the relief of suffering.” *St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

As a family, consider if there is anyone to whom you can help bring God's healing in this coming week. Perhaps you could: pray for someone; talk gently and lovingly to someone if there is a problem; take time to listen carefully to them, and try to support them where possible. God has given the Church sacraments for healing – the Sacrament of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). In preparation for Easter, many parish churches will be having special Reconciliation services to which all are warmly invited.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/healing?pid=MTA101634&cv=87.10>

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

Telephone: 07968 498 364

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.**

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>



Reception	Jake for using punctuation in his writing. Jakub for learning his number bonds to 8.
Year 1	Sebastian for listening carefully and working hard in all of his lessons. Daniel C for making an effort to improve his work in all of the subjects.
Year 2	Maria for working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. Keep it up! Katy for being a supportive member of Y2. Katy is always eager to help her friends and involve herself in whole class and group discussions.
Year 3	The whole of Year 3 for their fantastic behaviour on the Y3 class trip.
Year 4	Kourtney for learning her times tables and getting the answers consistently correct Anita for working hard in her maths learning particularly with fractions
Year 5	Haylie for always showing positive attitude towards work and is a role model of how you should behave. Haylie always works hard! Samyar for listening attentively during whole class discussions and trying hard to focus on his work.
Year 6	Nea for her fantastic problem solving in maths. Very well done! Sebastian for his interesting and well-written set of instructions.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Denys (y4) Lucas (y4)	

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) Lenten Appeal Boxes

A reminder to please return all the CAFOD Lenten appeal boxes by Friday 31st March.

St. Theresa's School on Instagram

You can 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 manages the account and adds to it regularly.

Dates for your diary

Tues 21st March Class photos

Mon-Tues 27th - Second hand uniform sale after school

28th March

Thurs 30th March Reception hearing and vision check

Thurs 30th March 6pm Y3 and Y4 Easter Play

Fri 31st March Last day of term 1pm finish

Mon 3rd-Fri 14th April Easter Holiday

Mon 17th April First day of summer term

Mon 1st May Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)

Wed 3rd May Planetarium Workshop (new date)

Mon 8th May Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III (school closed)

Mon 29th May-Fri 2nd June inclusive – Half term

New dates in bold

**All parents welcome*

Term Dates 2023/2024

St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School Dates

(September 2023– July 2024)

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September *School Closed for staff development*

Tuesday 5th September *Children return to school*

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October *Half term*

Monday 30th October *School closed for staff development*

Tuesday 31st October *Children return to school*

Thursday 21st December *END OF AUTUMN TERM*

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January *School closed for staff development*

Tuesday 9th January *Children Return to School*

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February *Half term*

Monday 19th February *Children return to school*

Thursday 28th March *END OF SPRING TERM*

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April *School closed for staff development*

Tuesday 16th April *Children return to School*

Monday 6th May *Bank Holiday*

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May *Half term*

Monday 3rd June *School closed for staff development*

Tuesday 4th June *Children return to school.*

Wednesday 24th July *END OF SUMMER TERM*