



**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 31st March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the children who entered the Friends' Egg Decorating Competition. We were very impressed with some of the very original ideas! The winners were: Sofia (Rec), Jason (Y1), Ted (Y2), Nikola (Y3), Leona (Y4), Christina (Y5) and Sebastian (Y6). Well done also to all the children who "hopped" the most number of times in the Bunny Hop challenge: Zema (Rec), Cataleya (Y1), Cece (Y2), Gabriella (Y3), Albert (Y4), Gabriella (Y5) and Timmy (Y6). The Bunny Hop raised £1158! A huge thank you to the Friends for organising these events and the relentless support they provide the school with – we are extremely thankful.

At the start of the week, the children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 participated in a Reconciliation service. During this season of Lent we are asking for forgiveness as we hope to emerge from Lent, a better person. Yesterday evening, the Year 3 and 4 pupils retold the Easter story for their parents and carers. Whilst I was not there yesterday evening, I watched the dress rehearsal and they sang beautifully; it was a moving way of portraying the last few days of Jesus' life. A very well done to all the children, and to Miss O'Brien and members of the support staff who rehearsed with them. Thank you to everyone who returned their CAFOD collection boxes; we will let you know how much money was raised in our next newsletter.

We are very pleased to invite parents to Education Child Protection (ECP) Ltd's Online Safety Meeting for Parents/Carers on Wednesday 26th April at 3.45pm in the school hall - the presentation will finish at 4.45pm (a crèche will be available for young children). The presentation will provide parents with an insight into the latest trends of what children are doing online, details of the current 'apps' and games that children are using and playing, and the issues and dangers children face online. This session is a 'must' for all parents whose children have a presence in the digital world. The outcome is to empower parents to keep their children safe when using technology. I urge you all to make the time to attend this meeting.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter. *Barbara Costa*

Message from BACE Holidays

Barnet. Active. Creative. Engaging. Holidays!

We are pleased to announce Barnet is launching the Holiday Activity and Food Programme this Easter.

Venue: **NLBP (Primary), Oakleigh Road South, N11 1NP.**

We are super excited to give your children the opportunity to attend our HAF Programme through the Easter Holiday period. I have attached the booking link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe98FTSPk3JltQ9Aof7eQxg7wTwkGMHLPI05kALuyk5kIpA/viewform>

This offer is only for pupils who are entitled to free school meals. Please see the flyer attached to the end of the newsletter.

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who, over the past 2 terms, has helped The Friends raise £7,400 - the bunny hop raised over £900! It is a massive achievement and it will allow us to buy 30 much-needed new iPads for the school sooner than expected for our children to use.

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the Egg Decorating competition. Easter Eggs were presented to each winner in every class. Thank you to all those who took part, there were some fantastic and original entries.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE SUMMER TERM:

Summer Fair (24 June, 2-5pm), Happy Bags (tbc) and Ice-cream sales.

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	94.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y4 is still in the lead with 95.8% 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

“To experience Holy Week is to enter more and more into God’s love and self-giving.” *Pope Francis*

What did the crowds spread on the path in front of Jesus? This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week. This is the week when the Church especially remembers Jesus’ final days in Jerusalem. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered the City. You might like to tell your child something that you know about Holy Week. As a family, look at these small pictures together. What do they remind you of or make you think about?

“Jesus’ love for us is not an illusion. The Church is born from Jesus’ supreme act of love on the Cross.” *Pope Francis*

Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus’ arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. Everybody is invited to come and join with the Church this Sunday and receive a palm leaf, blessed by the priest, to take home. As a family, share ideas about what else you could do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it special. To find out more about Holy Week, please see:

cbcew.org.uk

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=89.2>

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

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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	Oseias for his effort in his handwriting. Sofia for wonderful reading during our guided reading sessions.
Year 1	Turhan for trying harder in lessons. Allan for working really hard on his phonics and reading.
Year 2	Arllys for showing fantastic progress across the curriculum. Saman for being a supportive member of Year 2. Saman is always eager to help his friends and teachers.
Year 3	Callum for working really hard in all his subjects. Thea for working really hard in her English work. Well done.
Year 4	Matylda for having a go at learning her times tables accurately and with quick recall. Annaliese for showing good understanding of what is expected in a story and adding similes for effect.
Year 5	Igor for working really hard and contributing to class discussions. Igor has a positive attitude towards his work. Evie for keeping focused on tasks and putting a great deal of effort into her work. Evie demonstrates a diligent work ethic.
Year 6	Jashper for the excellent effort you show every day. Well done. Manuela for the great progress you are making in maths. Well done.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Timmy (y6) Barbara (y6)	

Mid Morning Snacks

A reminder to parents that children may only have fresh fruit as a mid-morning snack. No other snack will be permitted.



Dates for your diary

Fri 31 st March	Last day of term 1pm finish
Fri 31 st March	1pm Reception Easter Chocolate sale
Mon 3 rd -Fri 14 th April	Easter Holiday
Mon 17 th April	First day of summer term
Wed 26 th April	3.45pm Online Safety Meeting for parents
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)
Wed 3 rd May	Planetarium Workshop (new date)
Mon 8 th May	Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III (school closed)
Mon 8 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th May	Year 6 Residential Trip
Thurs 18 th May	9.15am Ascension Thursday Mass
Mon 22 nd May	3.45pm Secondary transfer meeting for Y5 parents
Mon 29 th May-Fri 2 nd June inclusive	– Half term

New dates in bold

**All parents welcome*

HAF Programmes

Offered during Easter Holidays.

We offer various activities, including **Sports, Arts & Crafts, IT, Nutrition and Parent Engagement.**

Venue: **NLBP (Primary), Oakleigh Road South, N11 1NP**

Date: **Tuesday, 11th April - Friday, 14th April**

Time: **10 am - 2:30 pm**

Ages: **5 - 12**

Contact and more information:

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