



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,  
we grow together in the love of God**

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**SUMMER TERM 2023**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the CAFOD Lenten appeal; the school raised £191.80.

A reminder that the 2<sup>nd</sup> date for the National Education Union (NEU) teachers' strike is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. At St. Theresa's - all classes will be open as normal on this day.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we will be celebrating the King's Coronation. The children may come to school on that day dressed in their own clothes (non-school uniform). We will be having a picnic lunch with an ice-cream (from an ice-cream van) in the afternoon. A bouncy castle has also been hired for the day. If your child usually has a packed lunch, then they will need a packed lunch on this day too. If your child normally has school dinners, they will be provided with a picnic lunch/sandwiches by the school kitchen.

A reminder to all parents that Monday is a Bank Holiday and therefore the school will be closed. We will see you on Tuesday.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Barbara Costa

## 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.



## Barnet Specialist Inclusion Service

(Autism, Physical Support/ Complex Needs, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Vision and Inclusion Advisory Teams)

### Secondary School Virtual Transition Morning

Learn about ways to support your child in transitioning from Primary to Secondary School and what to expect from schools.

Hear from some of the professionals involved with your children.

This is a virtual morning for:

Parents/Carers of Year 5/6 children with Additional Needs, with or without an EHCP, transferring to a mainstream Secondary School in Autumn 2023 or 2024.

Places are free but you must register by email at [inclusion.transition@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:inclusion.transition@barnet.gov.uk)

Date: 11th May 2023

Time: 10am -1.30pm

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

### Dates for your diaries:

**25 May 2023** - Happy Bags, 8.30-9.00am (more bags available from the office)

**24 June 2023** - St Theresa's Summer Fair & BBQ - 2.00-4.30pm

## Polite Parking Notice

Can we please remind parents/carers to park safely and in such a manner that they pose no risk to pedestrians or other road users, particularly in the immediate vicinity of the school gates. Please also be mindful when parking to ensure that local residents driveways are not blocked and that bus stops are kept clear.

## 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 - Y5 is in the lead with 95.9% 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!

### The Wednesday Word

"It is for each of us to learn the path by which Jesus requires us to follow him, and to follow in that path." *St Katharine Drexel*  
Ask your child if they know what 'to follow someone' means. Who impresses them? Who sets them a good example which they would like to follow? How has that person made life better for your child, for someone else or for the community? It may help your child if you can talk about a person whose example you follow, or have followed.

"To follow Jesus means to share his merciful love for every human being." *Pope Francis*

We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for all the family and everyone around us. How can we follow Jesus the Good Shepherd this week? Perhaps we can: be kind and contact a friend to see how they are doing at this time; go out of our way to help out at home; show others how to do the right thing and avoid what is wrong; listen carefully to wise and good people; show our gratitude to all those who teach and lead us through life.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=90.3>

### 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.**

### Polio and MMR routine vaccinations for children aged 1 to 11

Polio and MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations both provide important protection against serious illness for your child. To keep your child safe, it is important to follow the childhood immunisation vaccination schedule.

Children aged 1-11 who are not up to date with their vaccinations are being offered polio and MMR catch-up vaccinations in school or at their registered GP surgeries. The NHS will be contacting the parents of children who are not fully vaccinated to sign a consent form for school-based vaccination.

Check your child's red book or contact your GP to check your child's vaccine status. If your child has missed one of their vaccinations, please contact your GP to book an appointment and get your child up to date.

Read more about routine vaccinations:

<https://bit.ly/vaccination-tips-for-parents>

### 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

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>Jake</b> for his wonderful contribution to our RE lessons. <b>Kimia</b> for her great progress in handwriting.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Genelle</b> for her positive attitude towards her work. <b>Parsa</b> for trying really hard with his learning.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ted</b> for working hard with a positive attitude. <b>Leonardo</b> for trying super hard with his handwriting.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Arthur</b> for trying really hard with his learning – particularly his phonics. <b>Nikola</b> for presenting her work beautifully and having a great attitude to all aspects of her learning.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Alan</b> for doing a fantastic job in learning his times-tables accurately and with speed. <b>Parva</b> for showing great confidence when speaking in front of the rest of the class.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Gabriella</b> for displaying a positive and responsible attitude towards her learning; she keeps focused and tries really hard. <b>Amelia</b> for always concentrating hard on her work and carefully presenting her work. Great focus Amelia!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Nathan</b> for your great understanding of advanced mathematical concepts. Well done. <b>Barbara</b> for her fantastic learning attitude. You are making great progress.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Esther Y1**

**Lucas Y4**

### Dates for your diary

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Planetarium Workshop
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Celebrations
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III (school closed)
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Trip to Stephen's House
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential Trip
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am Ascension Thursday Mass
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Y4 trip to National Maritime Museum</b>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	3.45pm Secondary transfer meeting for Y5 parents
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May-Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June inclusive	– Half term
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed to children</b>
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>2.30pm St. Theresa's Feast Day Mass</b>
<b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>3.45pm Reception to Y1 transition meeting for Reception parents</b>
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>2pm New Reception Parent meeting</b>
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Summer fair and BBQ 2pm-4.30pm</b>

*New dates in bold*

*\*All parents welcome*