



**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 26th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week after half-term, we will be celebrating Walk to School Week. All children are being encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school on Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th June (please remember that the school is closed on Monday 5th June for staff training). It has been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. The school run alone is responsible for generating half a million tonnes of CO2 per year (which is more than some small, countries) – imagine what we could achieve if we began converting some of these car rides into strides?

As part of our Walk to School Week celebration, we are hosting a "Bikers' Breakfast" on Thursday 8th June. Any child who walks, cycles or scoots to school on Thursday can have a free breakfast; breakfast will be served from 8am-8.30am in the school hall.

At 2.30pm on Thursday 8th June, Father John will be coming to celebrate Mass for the school's feast day; parents are very welcome to attend.

A reminder that on Friday 9th June, in preparation for the Friends' Summer Fair and BBQ, we are inviting all the children to come to school in non-school uniform clothes in return for a bottle of drink. The bottle can contain either an alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink.

On Thursday 15th June at 3.45pm in the school hall, we will be holding a meeting for all the current Reception parents. This meeting will give you information about your child's transition into Year 1 in September. Please make the effort to attend this meeting as routines, procedures, curriculum content and the learning environment in Y1 are very different to the provision in Reception. Your child's time in the EYFS is coming to an end and it is important for you to understand how different the teaching and learning in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will be. A crèche will be available during the meeting should you wish to use it; if your child does stay in the hall for the duration of the meeting please ensure they remain seated and quiet.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Friends for the super new Reception class sandpit – we are just waiting for the sand to be delivered but I am sure it is going to be a very popular choice of activity for our youngest pupils.

Have a lovely half-term.

Barbara Costa

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

SUMMER FAIR AND BBQ - Saturday 24 June 2023 from 2pm to 4.30pm. Please come along to have fun and help with our fundraising efforts - activities include beat the goalie, bottle tombola, cuddly toy tombola, BBQ, Bar, Hook A Duck, bouncy castle and lots, lots more.

NON-UNIFORM DAY - Friday 9 June at drop off (8.30am to 9.00am). Please bring in a bottle (e.g. Beer, wine, spirit, squash, non-alcoholic wine, etc.) for our bottle tombola at the fair in exchange for a non-uniform day.

CUDDLY TOY TOMBOLA - After half term, we will be asking you to bring in your unwanted and pre-loved cuddly toys for the cuddly toy tombola for the fair. Please make sure that the cuddly toys are clean and in a condition that you would be happy to receive.

Birthday Treats

Please note that if it is your child's birthday, we ask that, rather than bringing in sweets or treats, a book or book token is donated to the school. Please note that the staff have been told not to hand out any birthday sweets or treats.

Match Funding from your Employer

Match funding is a fantastic scheme whereby employers provide funding for organisations such as primary schools. It is a very simple and easy means of extra funding. As an employee it doesn't cost you anything, except maybe a little help at an event but could mean *hundreds of pounds* of extra money for the Friends of St. Theresa's, which directly benefits the children. In many cases it is as simple as approaching your HR department and finding out about their scheme (the name of the scheme may differ depending on the company). If you think you may be able to help us, then please do contact the school office and you will be put in touch with the Friends of St. Theresa's.

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.**

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	94.9%

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

"May we be united to one another, by the power of love which the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts." *Pope Francis*

Why did Jesus breathe on the disciples? This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church – a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. Ask your child what they know about Pentecost. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about Pentecost. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."

Pope Francis

Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Each of you choose one of the following qualities that you would like to ask the Holy Spirit for today: Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control. Why did you choose that quality? In what ways could growing in that quality help you or help those around you? As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&cp=3&cv=94.6>



Reception	Kimi for learning her 3D shapes. Riyanne for the great progress she has made in writing.
Year 1	Zoe for working on her handwriting and stamina for writing in literacy lessons. Daniel C for not giving up when he finds tasks challenging. Well done Daniel!
Year 2	The whole class for their fantastic effort with their SATs! We are very proud of you all.
Year 3	Shervin for working hard in all subjects. William for trying really hard with his reading.
Year 4	Simdi for settling into Y4 so well and following our rules and routines. Olivia for always making the right choices and being a fantastic role model for Y4
Year 5	Lily for putting in a great deal of effort into her work consistently. Lily is a reflective learner who continually pushes herself. Olivia D for always joining in with class discussions and presenting her ideas clearly. Olivia displays a fantastic work ethic.
Year 6	Jennifer for the kindness and compassion you showed to your peers during the residential. Gabriel for your exemplary behavior during the residential. You are a fantastic ambassador for our school.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Sebastian (Y1) Daniyal (Y3)	

Enter Ford RideLondon FreeCycle!



Ford RideLondon FreeCycle is the ultimate ride for cyclists of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Set on a traffic-free route, the event is a unique opportunity to explore central London by bike – it's completely free to take part and you can register your place now!

What's more, the first 4,000 people who register will receive a free Ford RideLondon FreeCycle tabard, designed to make you feel safe and seen while out cycling on Event Day and beyond.

- Date:** Sunday 28 May 2023
- Time:** the route is open from 10:00 until 15:00
- Cost:** nothing – it's free!
- Route:** a landmark-laden loop on traffic-free roads in the heart of central London

The Ford RideLondon FreeCycle route

The 2023 Ford RideLondon FreeCycle route will pass some of London's most famous locations, from St Paul's Cathedral and Somerset House to world-famous Buckingham Palace and The Mall.

This year's event will also include two Festival Zones, located at Bank and St Paul's, where riders can stop for mechanical help, food and drink and enjoy activities such as music, games and face painting!

To register for your free place:

<https://in.londonmarathon.events/2023-ridelondon-freecycle1658413034227?currentPage=select-competition>

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Dates for your diary

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

Mon 5th June Inset Day – school closed to children

Thurs 8th June 8am Bikers' Breakfast

Thurs 8th June *2.30pm St. Theresa's Feast Day Mass

Fri 9th June "Bring-a-Bottle" Non-School Uniform Day

Mon 12th June Y5 visit to Houses of Parliament

Tues 13th June This is Us Day (more details to follow)

Thurs 15th June 3.45pm Reception to Y1 transition meeting for Reception parents

Mon 19th June Art Week

Wed 21st June 2pm New Reception Parent meeting

Sat 24th June Summer fair and BBQ 2pm-4.30pm

Mon 26th June Y4 visit to Sea Life

Thurs 29th June *9.15am Saints Peter and Paul Mass

Thurs 6th July 6pm Y6 Show

Fri 21st July Last day of term 1pm finish

New dates in bold

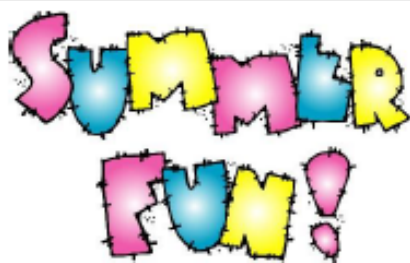
**All parents welcome*

May Camp 2023! Non Stop Action are looking forward to **May 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 1 week, from **Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June**. Bookings made before **Saturday 13th May** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts, and you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as **£27.50** for a day, or **£99** for a week!

Head to our website to book now:

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



2023 St Theresa's Summer Fair and BBQ!

Please join us on **Saturday 24th June**
at the:

St Theresa's Summer Fair and
from:

2.00pm - 4.30pm



ENTRANCE £2 per person (Under 3s are FREE!)

There will be lots and lots of fun and games and
different stalls and activities for the whole family!

We'll also have a delicious BBQ menu and drinks
available for the whole afternoon – DON'T MISS OUT!

Please do come along and support us and bring your
friends, family and cousins along too!!

*We are looking forward to
seeing you there!*