



**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 23rd June

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you follow St. Theresa's on Instagram, you will see that the children have been involved in Art Week this week. All pupils were lucky enough to have participated in art workshops provided by Bishop Douglass. Thank you also to Mrs Malecka who volunteered to teach art lessons in Year 2 and Year 4. Some of the art work created by the pupils is excellent and we would like to thank Mrs Katin for organising all the art week activities.

On Thursday (29th June), Father John will be coming to celebrate St. Peter and Paul Mass at 9.15am; this Mass will be led by the children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion this year. You are all very welcome to attend.

A reminder to everyone, tomorrow (Saturday 24th June) from 2pm-4.30pm, the Friends of St. Theresa's are holding the Summer Fayre and Barbeque. The Friends (a group of volunteer parents) raise significant funds for the school and contribute enormously to the experience that all pupils have here. It is thanks to the Friends that classes have new interactive whiteboards, or the Reception children have a brand new sand pit, or that we have 30 new iPads – the list goes on. We are incredibly grateful for everything the Friends do for St. Theresa's and I hope that you will all support them tomorrow. I look forward to seeing many of you there tomorrow and I hope it will be a great success.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

School Attendance

Term Time Holiday Requests

We receive a number requests for leave of absence during school time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Please note that children are expected to attend school for at least 96% of the year. Attendance is regularly checked by the EWO who may fine parents for any unauthorised absence.

Illnesses that will not prevent your child from coming to school

- Mild cough
- Cold/Sneezes
- Tiredness

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

The Friends Committee is looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at our annual Summer Fair & BBQ from 2pm. Please invite your family, friends and neighbours to come along!

Stalls include: Bar, BBQ, Bouncy castle, Candy floss, Ice-creams, Cuddly toy tombola and many more.

£2 entry for everyone over 3 years old with each paying guest receiving a raffle ticket for a draw at the end of the fair. One lucky person will win £100 John Lewis vouchers which have been kindly donated by Winkworth Estate Agents. Please bring cash - unfortunately we cannot accept debit or credit cards.

VA – School Building Fund

Thank you to everyone who, following the letter sent out on Friday 26th May, contributed to the building fund. Over the years, this money has contributed to the cost of various building projects – our current one being the redevelopment of the Reception outdoor area. If you have not yet made a donation, and would like to, please do so via SchoolMoney, or pop in to see the office staff. We are suggesting a donation of £60 for one child, or £100 for two or more children. However, all contributions, however big or small, are very gratefully received.

School Uniform

There are a number of pupils attending school wearing the incorrect uniform. Could I please remind all parents that the school uniform is a crucial part of our identity and is communicated to parents when children join the school. The uniform has not changed and all parents are expected to ensure their child is wearing the correct items. Parents can visit the school website for a complete uniform list (<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/uniform/>). If any parents is struggling, for whatever reason, to purchase the uniform, please do speak to a member of staff and the school will try and support you in whatever way it can.

Friday after school Ice-Cream Sales

The Friday after school ice-cream sales are back – perfect for the summer months.

All money raised from the ice-cream sales will go towards the cost of the Y5 residential trip to Kent later this year in October. Please do support us!



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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/22 - now	95%

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

“To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that.” *St Teresa of Avila*

Ask your child what the word ‘courage’ means to them. When was the last time they needed courage? Have they ever needed the courage to: go somewhere new or try something new; tell the truth; admit a mistake; stand up for someone; speak up for something that was right; resist peer pressure or go against the crowd and say that something was wrong? Is there anything they are afraid of right now? Who do they know who has shown or shows ‘courage’?

“In joining yourself to God’s will, you take on new life and gather great courage.” *St Paul of the Cross*

The word ‘courage’ comes from the Latin word for ‘heart’ and it basically means that you are brave. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit – it makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. How can we have more courage? Perhaps we can: develop our friendship with God through prayer; ask God for more courage; put our faith in Jesus and his teachings; support and encourage each other always to do what we know to be right – even if we are afraid.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/courage?pid=MTA101634&v=97.1>

Packed Lunch Guidelines

A reminder to all parents that St. Theresa’s School is a nut free school and therefore **packed lunches must not contain any nut products; this includes Nutella**. The school requests that all parents adhere to the school packed lunch guidelines; please see below.

<u>Packed lunches should include</u>	<u>Packed lunches should NOT include</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad every day Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein, every day. Non-dairy sources of protein include lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel An oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks A starchy food, such as bread or pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals, every day A dairy food, such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage fraise or custard every day Water, still or sparkling, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies Acceptable snacks includes: seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisps Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets We are a nut free school – please do not send in any food containing nuts. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads.

You may also include:

- Cakes and biscuits are allowed but these should be part of a balanced meal
- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages / chipolatas should be included only occasionally

Reception	Riyanne for reading with expression during our guided reading sessions. Karin for sequencing numbers 1-10 independently.
Year 1	Whole class for trying really hard in their phonics. Well done!
Year 2	Rayan for being a sensible and mature member of the Y2 class. Mia for being a determined member of the class and for showing enthusiasm in everything that she does.
Year 3	Frank for great reading. Natan for working hard in maths.
Year 4	The Y4 class for doing so well in learning their times tables and completing the multiplication tables check last week.
Year 5	Leo for working hard by contributing to class discussions. Leo has been approaching tasks with enthusiasm and completing quality work when focused. Martha for putting a great deal of effort into her work. Martha has been displaying a positive and responsible attitude to her learning.
Year 6	Elisabeth A for the creative ideas and wonderful vocabulary you’re incorporating into your story writing. Seamus for the dedication you are displaying in learning your lines for our production. Well done!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Emanuelle (Y4)

Parva (Y4)

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.

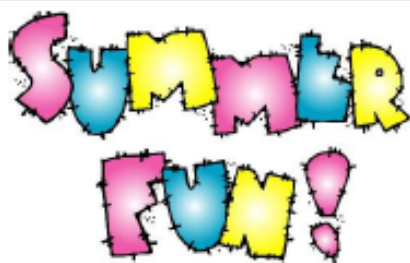
Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.30am in the school hall for £3.50. Please let the school office know if you would like your child to attend. **Please ensure you pay for breakfast club charges in advance of your child attending, or on the morning.**

Dates for your diary

Sat 24 th June	2pm-4.20pm Summer fair and BBQ
Mon 26 th June	Y4 visit to Sea Life
Thurs 29 th June	*9.15am Saints Peter and Paul Mass
Thurs 29 th June	1.30-2.30pm open afternoon for new Reception starters
Thurs 6 th July	6pm Y6 Show
Wed 12 th July	Sports Day (more details to follow)
Thurs 13 th July	6pm Y6 Leavers’ Mass
Mon 17th July	Reception Class picnic at Avenue House
Fri 21 st July	9am Y6 Leavers’ Assembly
Fri 21 st July	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 5 th Sept	First day of Autumn term for Year 1 – Year 6

New dates in bold

****All parents welcome***



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!*