



**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 14th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, the pupils had great fun at their Sports Day! We are again very grateful to the PE department at Bishop Douglass for organising and hosting the event, and to Miss O'Brien for liaising with Bishop Douglass; we hope the parents who came on the day, enjoyed it.

On Wednesday, the school was treated to a short violin (and recorder) concert from Elisabeth (Y6), Manuela (Y6), Matylda (Y4), Emily (Y3), Amilia (Y3), Tye (Y3), Ted (Y2), Kaci (Y1) and Levi (Y1). We were very impressed with the young violinists' courage and aptitude; thank you also to Ms Lodge, the violin teacher, who prepared the children.

Yesterday evening Y6 pupils celebrated their Leavers' Mass. It was a special occasion to mark the children's time at the school and to wish them luck in their secondary schools.

Again, I am asking for parents to think about volunteering to take over from the current Friends committee in September; the current committee are stepping down as their children move onto secondary school. Unfortunately, still no-one has come forward. Events such as the Halloween Disco, Movie Nights, Jingle Mingle are all organised by The Friends; without a Friends committee, these events will stop. The committee plays a huge role in our school community. The Friends have raised thousands of pounds over the years to support the children; they have contributed significantly to the children's experiences at school. Therefore I am urging all parents to please reconsider, and if you think you could spare some time to volunteer as a Friend, I would be very grateful if you could please let myself, or Mr Troy, know as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to this afternoon's Reception Graduation ceremony in the school hall; it will be a celebration of everything the children have done during their first year at St. Theresa's.

A reminder to all parents and carers that next Friday (21st July) is the end of the summer term and school will finish at 1pm. The children will have their lunch at school as normal on that day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Class Curriculum Meetings

School opens to the children on Tuesday 5th September and the following week, we will start the curriculum meetings for each class:

Monday 11th 2.30pm Y6 parents (this meeting includes important information about the Y6 national tests)

Tuesday 12th 2.45pm Y5 parents

Wednesday 13th 2.30pm Y4 parents (this meeting includes important information about the Y4 national multiplication check)

Thursday 14th 2.45pm Y3 parents

Please look at the "Dates for your Diary" section of the newsletter (overleaf) for information on the other class curriculum meetings.

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

The Friends' Committee is thrilled to announce that due to everyone's efforts, this year we have raised just over **£11,000** which is fantastic!

The fundraising has enabled The Friends to buy 30 new iPads, a new reading scheme, chocolates from Santa at Christmas, a sandpit for reception class, hire of bouncy castle, ice-creams for the children and remaining funds will be added for the repair the climbing frame surface.

THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERYONE ONE OF YOU WHO SUPPORTED OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS THIS YEAR!!!

Goodbye, thank you and good luck

It is that time of year again when we have to, sadly, say goodbye to a number of families who will be leaving our school community after some years . . .

The Lazarevic family	11 ½ years
The Burns family	11 years
The Dusinkiewicz family	11 years
The Espinosa family	11 years
The Kirby family	11 years
The Mac Crossan family	10 years
The Crowley family	7 years
The Gibson family	7 years
The Maglione family	7 years
The Morozova family	7 years
The Osaren family	7 years
The Golhosseini family	3 ½ years
The Alushi family	1 year
The Dias Costa family	1 year
The Jafari family	1 year
The Nesterenko family	1 year
The Bello family	7 months
The Ezekwugo family	7 months
The Yuan family	6 months
The Balladares-Chan	2 months

Thank you for all your support over the years and we wish you the best of luck for the future. Goodbye also to Miss Coleman and of course Sister Jenny. God bless you all.

Parent Questionnaire

Last week, a parent questionnaire was sent out. Please complete the questionnaire as fully as possible and return it to school by Friday 21st July. Should you wish your responses to remain anonymous you may return your questionnaire to the box labelled "Questionnaire" in the main school entrance, just outside the school office.

Should you prefer to complete the questionnaire online please visit <https://forms.gle/Qh8LHjUAQx6Vntfh6>; we have also texted this link to parents.

The Wednesday Word

“Good communication helps us to grow closer. It is so important to listen.” *Pope Francis*

Ask your child if they know someone who is a really good listener. Who does your child like to listen to? Do they know people who speak with kindness and love, and want good things for them and others? It may help your child if you give them an example of your own. Listening to Jesus and acting on his words helps us to become the best people we can be.

“Listen carefully, young people: Jesus never disappoints.”

Pope Francis

Jesus does not force us to listen to him, but he knows what's best for us. Regularly listening to Jesus reminds us what's really important in life. As the summer holidays approach, explore ways that can help you to listen to Jesus in these coming weeks. Perhaps you can: remember to have quiet times in prayer when you wake up, at bedtime or some other time – just for listening to God as he speaks to your heart; worship together; regularly read the gospels together. What other ways can you think of?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/listening?pid=MTA101634&v=100.4>

Staff and Classes for 2023-2024

Reception	Miss Gulab, supported by Mrs A.Coleman
Year 1	Mrs Decuseara, supported by Mrs Reeves
Year 2	Mrs Reimus, supported by Mrs Rossi and Mrs Espinosa
Year 3	Mrs Conway (new teacher), supported by Mrs Fraser
Year 4	Miss O'Brien, supported by Mrs McGrath and Miss O'Hara
Year 5	Michael Roberts (new teacher), supported by Mrs Tarrant and Mrs Reeves
Year 6	Miss Georgious
Support teacher	Mrs Katin
Office Manager	Mrs Orsi
School Secretary	Mrs Tsui
Site Manager	Mr Kryst
Mealtime Supervisors	Mrs Ottery, Mrs Espenica, Mrs Jaramillo
Breakfast Club Supervisors	Mrs Espenica Mrs Jaramillo
Mr Troy, Head of School, will not be class based.	
Mrs Folan, the Inclusion Leader, will not be class based.	
Miss Porcu will be on maternity leave.	

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

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.

Breakfast Club has a new doorbell – please make sure you ring the “Breakfast Club” doorbell so that the staff can hear you.



Reception	JP for his wonderful attitude towards learning. Oseias for his great understanding of odd and even numbers.
Year 1	Vanessa for her kindness, always stepping in to help others – without being asked. Emmanuel for always being willing to help others.
Year 2	Lucille for fantastic listening skills and discussions within class activities. Roksana for brightening up the classroom every day with her lovely smile and for fantastic reading -a new book every day!
Year 3	Arthur for trying hard with all aspects of his learning. Callum for having such a positive and proactive attitude towards his learning.
Year 4	Albert for working so hard to produce a descriptive setting about the ocean. Joelle for making a great effort in joining up her writing neatly.
Year 5	Ava for always pushing herself to answer questions. Ava did especially well during our trip and has really engaged in her learning – in particular Topic lessons. Leo for working really hard during Topic lessons and during our trip. Leo has really shown dedication and interest in WW1. I am really impressed with his learning.
Year 6	All of Year 6 for your incredible performance last Thursday evening. You were all absolutely amazing!
<p><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Leo Y2 Euan Y6</p>	

Dates for your diary

Fri 14 th July	2pm Reception Graduation (for Reception parents/carers)
Mon 17 th 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
Mon 11th Sept	2.30pm Y6 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Tues 12th Sept	2.45pm Y5 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Wed 13th Sept	2.30pm Y4 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Thurs 14th Sept	2.45pm Y3 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Mon 18th Sept	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum meeting for Parents
Tues 19th Sept	2.30pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Wed 20th Sept	2.45pm Reception Curriculum meeting for Parents
Mon 23 rd Oct – Fri 27 th Oct Half term	
Mon 30 th Oct	Inset Day (School closed for pupils)
Tues 31 st Oct	Children back
Wed 15 th Nov	School Photographer for individual pupil photos
Thurs 21 st Dec	Last day of term 1pm finish

New dates in bold

**All parents welcome*