St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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 21st July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, the Reception pupils had their "Graduation" in front of their families and the rest of the school. I was told I missed something rather lovely – well done Reception children. Thank you to Mrs Decuseara and Mrs Fraser for preparing the children for this event.

Last Friday also saw the Year 6 pupils have their BBQ; this is a special treat for the children as they prepare to move onto their secondary schools. A huge thank you to all the Year 6 parents who volunteered to organise and run this event for the children; your support was very much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends for all their support this year and the events they planned for the children. Their fundraising effort has helped the school enormously. A huge thanks to the Friends from all the staff; we are so very grateful for everything you have done for the pupils at St. Theresa's.

A reminder to all parents and carers that the school closes for the summer holidays today at 1pm and re-opens for the children on Tuesday 5th September.

A final goodbye to Miss Coleman; we wish you the best of luck in your new school. Our best wishes to Miss Porcu who will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of September.

Goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, we wish the Y6 children all the best of luck in their secondary schools. Finally, a farewell to all the other children and families who are leaving us today. May you remember, when you make new friends, your old friends here at St. Theresa's.

Thank you to everyone, including all staff, for your continued support. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and see you in September.



Please see the end of St. Theresa's Key Stage 2 (Year 6) Results for 2023 in the table below

	Percentage of StT pupils working at the expected standard (provisional national data in brackets)	Percentage of StT pupils working at the greater depth standard (no national data available)
Reading	85% (73%)	38%
Writing	96% (71%)	19%
Maths	85% (73%)	46%
SPAG	88% (72%)	46%
Reading , Writing and Maths combined	81% (59%)	15%

Message from the Friends of St. Theresa's

As Chair of the Friends, I would like to personally thank Orla, Sheena and Lisa for their efforts and dedication to The Friends' Committee this year. Without their help and support, none of our events would have been possible. I would also like to thank our team of volunteers and staff who have helped out with shopping, manning the stalls, ticketing up tombolas, supervising movie nights, running the BBQ and bar, second hand uniform sales and tidying-up; again without you these events and

fundraisers wouldn't be possible! Also a Big Thank you to all the businesses and companies who so kindly donated to our raffles and fairs, as without this help we wouldn't have raised the amount which we did! £11,000 is a huge achievement and the Committee and School are grateful for every penny.

Thank you and good luck with your future fundraising efforts. Halina \mathbf{x}

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 ...

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. God bless you all.		

Afterschool club bookings for the Autumn term are now OPEN! Spaces are available for the Year 3,4,5,6 Football club running every Thursday between 3.30-4.30pm! The football club will be running from Tuesday 12th September - Tuesday 12th December at a cost of £81.90 for the term. To secure your child's space please visit <u>https://nonstopaction.co.uk/</u> and register an account for your child including the school they attend.

Please visit our website where you will find our weekly newsletter, diary dates, curriculum information and lots more! <u>https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/</u>

The Wednesday Word

"We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family." *Pope Francis*

What will the farmer do with the wheat? This Sunday's Gospel reminds u us that the Kingdom of God is growing all around us. We live in a world where we see both good and bad and we can choose to be like the wheat or the weeds. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be. Ask your child what the word 'growing' means to them (other than increasing in height). Tell your child how they've grown as a person (and in goodness) during this school year.

"Ask and seek and your heart will grow big enough to receive God." St Teresa of Calcutta

Each new day is an opportunity to grow in God's goodness. Regularly praying together is a powerful way for the family to keep growing in love. Loving and following God makes us like the 'wheat' in this story. Throughout the summer holidays, what can we do to help the world to grow as God intends in these coming weeks? Perhaps we can: avoid doing wrong and always try to do what is right; try to be more patient with people around us; always try to forgive; say a prayer for someone who might have upset us; regularly share the gift of your smile with others; always try to be fair with others.

https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holidayspecial?pid=MTA101634&v=101.5

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.

Staff and Classes for 2023-2024

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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 Su	Ipervisors Mrs Espenica		
	Mrs Jaramillo		
Mr Troy, Head of School, will not be class based.			
Mrs Folan, the Ind	clusion Leader, will not be class based.		
Miss Porcu will be on maternity leave.			



The whole of Reception for being so amazing at		
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The whole Y1 class for being co-operative, working		
hard and helping each other this year.		
The whole Y2 class for exemplary commitment to		
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Lydia for being such a sensible and hardworking		
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will work hard and do well.		
and fantastic work ethic.		
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The Golden Ticket Winners are:		
Kourtney Y4		
Lucas Ý4		
diary		

Fri 21st July Last day of term 1pm finish Tues 5th 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 Mon 18th Sept Whole School Mass (time to be confirmed) Tues 19th Sept 2.30pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents Wed 20th Sept 2.45pm Reception Curriculum meeting for Parents Thurs 21st Sept 3.45pm Residential trip meeting for Year 5 parents Fri 29th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning Mon 2nd Oct – Fri 6th Oct Year 6 Residential Trip Mon 2nd Oct Y1 trip to the National Transport Museum Mon 16th Oct Y5 trip to British Museum Fri 20th Oct Y6 trip to Natural History Museum Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct Half term Mon 30th Oct Inset Day (School closed for pupils) Tues 31st Oct Children back Wed 15th Nov School Photographer for individual pupil photos Thurs 21st Dec Last day of term 1pm finish New dates in bold *All parents welcome