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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 15th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who has already returned last week's forms; it is much appreciated. If you have not yet returned all the necessary paperwork, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Father John has kindly offered to lead a "Welcome to a New School Year" Mass on Monday at 2.30pm for the school community; you are all most welcome to attend.

This therefore means we need to reschedule the "Y2 Curriculum Meeting"; this will now take place on Monday 25th September at 2.30pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The Y1 and Reception curriculum meetings remain unchanged. At the meetings, the class teacher will explain routines, talk about what the children will be learning, expectations for the year group and ways you can help at home. The times and dates of these meetings can be found overleaf in the "Dates for your Diary" section of this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend

Barbara Costa

Message from Public Health

Make sure your child is up to date with their MMR vaccine as they head back to school.

Measles is more than just a rash, with 1 in 5 children needing a hospital visit.

Currently we are seeing an increase in measles cases circulating in neighbouring London boroughs, so now is a good time to check that your child's MMR vaccination - which not only protects your child against measles but also mumps and rubella - is up to date.

Only 72% of under 5s in Barnet are fully vaccinated against it which is well below the World Health Organisations target of 95% needed to prevent an outbreak.

Measles is a highly contagious disease and can lead to complications such as ear infections, pneumonia, and inflammation of the brain which require hospitalisation and on rare occasions can lead to long term disability or death.

Protect your family against possible serious illness and avoid self-isolation.

Vaccination is the best protection. Check your child's red book and contact your GP to make sure they are up to date on their routine vaccinations.

For more information visit:

<https://nclhealthandcare.org.uk/keeping-well/baby-and-childhood-vaccinations/>



SAVE THE DATE – HALLOWEEN DISCO, THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER!

The Y6 Parents will be holding a Halloween Disco for all pupils at school on Thursday 19th October (6-8pm). Food and drink will be available on the night and there will be plenty of entertainment and fun to be had!

There will also be a prize for the spookiest fancy dress so it's time to get planning! Please put this date in your diaries and do come along to support the fundraising efforts for the school!

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 29th September



On Friday 29th September we will be participating in the Macmillan Coffee morning. It is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Macmillan's goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

The coffee morning will run in the Multi-Purpose room and parents will be able to come and have a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake! The children will be able to buy a cake and a cup of squash, to enjoy in their classrooms, for a donation of £1. If you are able to support this event by donating cakes/biscuits etc. please drop your contribution off to the school office by the morning of the 29th. We are very grateful for your support.

St Philip the Apostle, Finchley Church End First Holy Communion 2024

Children in Year 3 and above, whose family attend St Philip's Church, are invited to register for the First Holy Communion programme.

There will be an introductory meeting for parents on Thursday 12th October at 7:30pm, with the children's first workshop on the following Saturday. Application forms are available at the church, and must be returned by Sunday 24th September at the latest, together with a Baptism Certificate for those who were not baptised at St Philip's.

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

The Wednesday Word

"Pray and forgive." *St Teresa of Calcutta*

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we must try to forgive others in the same way that we want God (and others) to forgive us. Ask your child what the word 'forgiveness' means to them. Has your child ever asked for and received forgiveness? How did it feel to be forgiven? It may help your child if you tell them about a time when you forgave someone, especially when it wasn't easy to do, or when you were forgiven.

"It is by forgiving that one is forgiven."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Forgiveness is one of God's greatest gifts to us. Each of you say how it feels to forgive someone and make friends again. As we start this new school year, ask your child if there is anyone whose forgiveness they would like. Is anyone they need to forgive? If so, share ideas about how to do this. Perhaps they can: talk gently and lovingly to that person if there is a problem; try to recognize some good qualities in that person; pray and ask God to help them forgive. You might like to end tonight by slowly saying the Lord's Prayer together – thinking carefully about the words.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&tp=2&v=102.6>

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at www.eadmissions.org.uk

All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651.

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form – this will have been sent to you by the Barnet SEN team.

The deadline for submitting your application is Monday 31st October 2023. Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late. Late applications will not be considered until after the on-time applicants have been allocated their school places. This means that late applicants are unlikely to be offered one of their preferred schools. If there is a good reason as to why your application is late; for example you moved to the area after the closing date, you must contact the admissions department by 12th December 2023 at the latest.

For further information about the secondary school application process please read the "A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet 2023" which can be found here: [Barnet - Guide to Secondary 2023 FINAL.pdf](#)

The 2024 brochure is being prepared and will replace the 2023 version soon.

Safeguarding at St. Theresa's

A reminder to all parents that if you have any concerns about the safety of your child, or the safety of another child, you can call the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) for support and advice on 0808 800 5000. Alternatively, parents can ring the Barnet Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0208 359 4066 or speak to the school.

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. Parents can find the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy on the school website:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2022.pdf>



Year 1	All of the Year 1 class for their amazing first week as Year 1 children.
Year 2	Narvin for amazing maths work in number and place value. Cataleya for being an absolute superstar the first week back.
Year 3	Radek for making a great start in Year 3. Maria for being incredibly helpful and a great friend to everyone.
Year 4	All of the Year 4 class for settling in really well into our class rules and routines. Well done.
Year 5	All of the Year 5 class for dealing with classroom technical issues really well! Matylda for working very hard; she is so focused in lessons and producing really good work as a result.
Year 6	All of the Year 6 class for a fantastic first week. Keep it up! Gabriella for your excellent behaviour and wonderful manners. You are a great role model for others.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Zema (Y1)

Sofia (Y1)

October Camp 2023! Non Stop Action are looking forward to October 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 6 weeks, from **Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October**. Bookings made before **Saturday 7th October** 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 **£109** for a week!

Head to our website to book

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

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

Telephone: 07968 498 364

Dates for your diary

Mon 18th Sept	2.30pm Whole School Mass
Tues 19th Sept	2.30pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for Y1 parents
Wed 20th Sept	2.45pm Reception Curriculum Meeting for Reception parents
Fri 22nd Sept	Y2 trip to the Golden Hinde
Mon 25th Sept	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for Y2 parents (new date)
Fri 29th Sept	8.30am – 9.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning
Mon 2nd – Fri 6th Oct	Y6 Residential trip to Grosvenor Hall
Mon 2nd Oct	Y1 Trip to National Transport Museum
Fri 6th Oct	Y1 and Y2 at St. Phillip's Church for 10am Mass
Fri 13th Oct	Y3 and Y4 at St. Phillip's Church for 10am Mass

***New dates in bold**