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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 22nd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the class curriculum meetings; we hope you found them useful. A reminder that the Year 2 meeting was rescheduled for this Monday (25th September) at 2.30pm.

On Tuesday 10th October at 3.45pm in the hall we will be holding a parents' meeting around the teaching of phonics. In June 2024, all Year 1 children will be taking the national Year 1 Phonic Screening Test – the results of which will go home to parents at the end of the Summer term. We will be talking to parents about how best to help children at home and the expectations of children's phonic knowledge by the end of Reception, Year 1 and Y2. **This meeting is for Reception and Y1 parents and I strongly encourage you to make the time to attend this meeting.** A crèche will be available for the younger children if you wish to use it. If your child stays in the meeting, it remains the responsibility of the parents to ensure your child remains seated and quiet.

On Wednesday, all pupils in Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 received a letter with information about the Mini Vinnies. As a result of last year's Year 6 pupils moving onto secondary school, we now have some spaces for new Mini Vinnies. If your child would like to become a Mini Vinnie, they will need to write a letter of application addressed to myself. In the letter, your child will need to state why they believe they would make a good Mini Vinnie. All letters must be submitted by Friday 29th September 3.30pm; we will choose four new children to join the St. Theresa's Mini Vinnie group – the four successful applicants will be told on Monday 9th October.

A reminder to everybody that it is the Macmillan Coffee Morning next Friday. All parents/carers are warmly invited to come and have tea/coffee and cake in the multi-purpose room from 8.30-9.30am. The children will also be given a cake and squash and we ask them to kindly bring in a donation of £1.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

School Councillors

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected as School Councillors this year: Karin and Radvin (Y1), Scarlett (Y2), Mia and Melody (Y3), Kevin and Laura (Y4), Chisom and Rachel (Y5) and David and Christina (Y6). The Reception class will be holding their elections shortly.



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

“Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous – to give and not to count the cost.” *St Francis Xavier*

Ask your child what the word ‘generous’ means to them. Can they remember a time, at home, at school or in the community, when they were generous, when they last gave something away without expecting anything in return? Who do they know who is a generous person – that is, someone who is willing to share and to put others’ needs first? How does your child feel when someone is generous towards them and gives them first choice or shares a special treat with them?

“God is generous. He shows us all his love and encourages us to be generous.” *Pope Francis*

Being generous brings us closer to God. God wants us to be generous and, just like the workers in the Gospel, it’s never too late to start! We can be generous by sharing our possessions, but God also calls us to be generous with our time and our love. How can we be generous in this coming week? Perhaps we can: give some of our time to talk to someone in need; try especially hard to share with others; give any toys or unused items to a charity; offer to help someone – maybe a new classmate who has joined our school.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/generous?pid=MTA101634&v=103.7>

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>

Reception	All of Reception for their excellent behaviour and the positive start they have made in their new school and class. Thank you!
Year 1	Jake for writing a beautiful narrative of his special memories. Gloria for being brave and for speaking with confidence in front of the class.
Year 2	Zoe for lovely behaviour; you are a great role model. Rasta for working hard to improve her work.
Year 3	Ted for great work in Maths. Mia for working hard in all of her lessons.
Year 4	Laura for making the right choices with her behaviour in class. Bruna for being a Have-a-Go Mo in Maths lessons.
Year 5	Emmanuelle for excellent work in Art. Lucas for consistent hard work.
Year 6	Shianne for your positive Have-a-Go attitude. You always do your best. David for confidently participating well in each lesson. Well done.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Samuel Y4
Evan Y4

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 25 th Sept	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for Y2 parents (new date)
Fri 29 th Sept	8.30am – 9.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning
Mon 2 nd – Fri 6 th Oct	Y6 Residential trip to Grosvenor Hall
Mon 2 nd Oct	Y1 Trip to National Transport Museum
Fri 6 th Oct	Y1 and Y2 at St. Phillip’s Church for 10am Mass
Tues 10th Oct	3.45pm The teaching of Phonics meeting for Parents
Fri 13 th Oct	Y3 and Y4 at St. Phillip’s Church for 10am Mass
Mon 16th Oct	Y5 Trip to British Museum
Tues 17th Oct	3.45pm Wellbeing workshop for parents (more information to follow)
Fri 20th Oct	Y6 trip to National History Museum

***New dates in bold**