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**AUTUMN TERM 2023**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School; I hope everyone had a restful, and safe, summer holiday. A very warm welcome to the all the new families who are joining our school community this autumn – we hope you and your children will be very happy here.

Today your child is bringing home an information pack containing a number of important letters and forms. Please look in your child's book bag for the following documents which must be completed and returned to school as soon as possible:

- **Student details form**
- **The Home-School Agreement form** – one page to be signed by the parents and the other page to be signed by pupils in Y3-Y6
- **Pupil Acceptable Use Policy** – re. online safety (to be completed by the pupil)
- **Parent Acceptable Use Agreement** re. online safety (to be signed by parents)

Also included in the pack for your information is:

- **The Importance of Good Attendance and School Procedures. Please read this very carefully as leave of absence during term time will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. If you take unauthorized leave, you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £120 per parent, per child**
- **School opening times and punctuality information**
- **Spelling lists for Y1-Y6 (these are spellings the children must learn off by heart)**
- **Packed lunch guidelines for parents who provide their child with a packed lunch every day.**

**Please read all the information very carefully!**

Over the next couple of weeks, parents are invited to attend class curriculum meetings at the school. 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



## SAVE THE DATE – HALLOWEEN DISCO, THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER!

The Y6 Parents will be holding a Halloween Disco for all pupils at school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September



On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. We are very grateful for your support.

## Drop off and Pick Up routines

In the morning, to drop off your child, please walk down the pedestrian path in the car-park, turn left into the playground and wait in the playground until the school bell rings. When the school bell rings at 8.40am, walk around the school building until you get to the correct classroom. The doors to the classrooms will open at 8.40am. Once you have dropped your child off, please leave the premises the same way you entered.

It is the same procedure for the afternoon pick-up. All children are dismissed from their classrooms at the end of the day. The class teacher will stand at the door and when they see you, they will allow your child to leave.

**The side gate (to the right of the school office) will no longer be opened or used as part of the drop off /pick up routines.**

## 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

"Let us all become people of reconciliation and peace!" *Pope Francis*  
What does Jesus say is the first thing that we should do if someone upsets us? Sometimes we make mistakes and occasionally upset one another. The important thing is to overcome such upsets in a loving way and become friends again. This is also known as reconciliation. This Sunday's Gospel suggests ways of doing this peacefully and calmly. Ask your child who have been their special friends over the years, even if they have had misunderstandings. Tell your children about the special friendships you have had over the years. Each say what you think makes a lasting friendship?

**"Do I take the Gospel message of reconciliation and love into the places where I live and work?" *Pope Francis***

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we should always try hard to be reconciled – to heal relationships and to try to make friends again. Prayer is an important part of reconciliation. We can ask Jesus, anytime, to bring peace to a situation, and to guide us back to friendship. We can't always undo mistakes if we have done something wrong and upset someone, but we can always learn from our mistakes and try to make amends. As a family, share ideas about how to be reconciled with someone if things go wrong. Perhaps we can; say sorry if we have done wrong; ask an adult to help us make friends again. Can you think of other ways?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=11&v=101.5>

### Breakfast Club

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.

Please ring the doorbell labelled "Breakfast Club" when you get to school in the morning, and a member of the breakfast club team will let your child in.

### 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](mailto:Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk)

Telephone: 07968 498 364

### 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 is on maternity leave.	

### Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Applications received after 31<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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>

### Dates for your diary

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y6 Curriculum Meeting for Y6 parents
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.45pm Y5 Curriculum Meeting for Y5 parents
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y4 Curriculum Meeting for Y4 parents
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.45pm Y3 Curriculum Meeting for Y3 parents
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for Y2 parents
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.30pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for Y1 parents
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.45pm Reception Curriculum Meeting for Reception parents
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>8.30am – 9.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Y6 Residential trip to Grosvenor Hall</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<b>Y1 Trip to National Transport Museum</b>
*New dates in bold	