



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,
we grow together in the love of God**

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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 20th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who supported the Halloween Disco yesterday; it was a huge success. Thank you to the Year 6 parents and their helpers for organising such a great event for the children. We will let you know how much money was raised, after the half term holiday.

On Wednesday 1st November, Father John will be celebrating All Saints Mass at the school at 9.15am, you are all very welcome to attend.

Have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 31st October.

Barbara Costa

Applications for Reception

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2024** – this is for children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th January 2024.

The forms are available to download on the school website.

Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet - the on-line system is already open.

Online Parent Consultations

Monday 30th October

Last week, all parents received a letter regarding the online parent consultations on Monday 30th October. Please read the letter carefully as this is a new system we are trialing.

Parents will have been sent a text and/or email to book their appointment online. The booking system closes on Thursday 26th October at 6pm; appointments cannot be amended or cancelled after this time. On Friday 27th October, all parents will be sent the Zoom link for the meeting with the teachers. The zoom link will be pasted on the class seesaw pages and it will also be emailed to you.

When it is your appointment time (on Monday 30th October) please use the link you are sent, and type in the password when asked. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.

HALLOWEEN SWEET SALE FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Y3 will be holding a Halloween Sweet sale after school on Friday 20th Oct to raise funds for their class.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Infant (Reception, Y1 and Y2) Movie Night: Wednesday 22nd November

Junior (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) Movie Night: Wednesday 29th November

Message from Public Health Barnet

MMR vaccine rates are still worryingly low in Barnet. Protect your children against measles and prevent disruption to school attendance.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Cases of measles are rising in London, and with around 75% of 5-year-olds fully vaccinated in Barnet, we are well below the World Health Organisations target of 95% needed to prevent an outbreak. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days.

Vaccination can help prevent outbreaks and protect against serious illness. Any child identified as a close contact of a measles case without satisfactory vaccination status may be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days.

Hear from Dr Colin Campbell on the importance of the MMR vaccine:

•<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xe7FPKZgNgw>

Read more about the importance of ensuring your child is up to date with their childhood vaccinations here.

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

If your child has missed the vaccine as a baby or pre-schooler, contact your child's GP to make an appointment or visit a catch up clinic:

•Mill Hill Clinic, Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill, NW7 2HX

Phone: 0208 447 3622

Email: clcht.barnetimmunisationteam@nhs.net

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

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2023-2024 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	97.4%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is now in the lead with 97.9% attendance so far with Y5 still in second place!

At the end of the year, in July 2024, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!

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



The Wednesday Word

“The heart that knows how to say ‘thank you’ is a good heart, it is a heart that is content.” *Pope Francis*

This Sunday’s Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him - our gratitude! Being grateful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life. Ask your child what the word ‘gratitude’ means to them. You may want to help your child understand what the word ‘gratitude’ means to you. Can your child remember a time when they felt really grateful to someone? How did they show their gratitude to that person? Each of you name one or two things (as well as your family) that you are most grateful to God for.

“In all created things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give him thanks.” *St Teresa of Avila*

Saying ‘thank you’ to God (at anytime throughout the day) is a great way for us to show our gratitude. It is good for us to be grateful to God for the blessings of his love, for our lives, our talents, our families, our school and for the love of those around us. How do we show God that we are grateful? Who else will you remember to show gratitude to in these coming weeks? Perhaps a parent or carer, a family member, a teacher or a friend. How will you do this (e.g. with kind words, a thank you note, a prayer, a gift, or by offering help)?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special-booklet?pid=MTA101634&sv=107.9>

New Parent Governor

We welcome Ms Cristina Haswani to the Governing Body as our new Parent Governor. She is a Year 2 parent.

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 2024” which can be found here:

https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-09/023809%20-%20BC3964%20-%20BARNET%20Guide%20to%20Secondary%202024%20_WEB_.pdf

Reception Parent Rep

If you are a parent/carer of a Reception child and would be interested in volunteering to be a Parent Rep, please speak to the school office. All classes have a rep and they are invaluable for passing on messages and keeping the lines of communication open for everyone.

Reception	Chloe for using her imagination and enjoying her learning. Kalindi for working hard and doing so with a smile on her face.
Year 1	JP for his beautiful senses poster. Radvin for performing with so much excitement and passion in our Dance lessons.
Year 2	Liana for her kind and gentle nature and for her diligence in all areas. Well done! Marko for being a happy, kind and gentle friend to all and for working co-operatively with your learning partner.
Year 3	Lucille for making a wonderful contribution in all of her lessons. Shazia for a great week of learning and showing creativity in her work.
Year 4	Amber for showing amazing confidence when reading at St. Philips’ Church. Nikola for producing a fantastic piece of learning for our USA topic.
Year 5	Nia for being persistent in Maths and having a go. Leona for excellent behavior and concentration in all her studies.
Year 6	Krissy for consistently producing learning that is of a high standard. Very well done. Ola for the thirst for learning you show in every lesson. You enjoy learning new things and challenging yourself.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

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Maria Y3

Dates for your diary

Fri 20 th Oct	Y6 trip to National History Museum
Fri 20 th Oct	Y3 After School Halloween Sweet Sale (all funds raised will go to Year 3)
Mon 23 rd Oct to Fri 27 th Oct inclusive	– Half Term
Mon 30 th Oct	Staff Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
Mon 30 th Oct	Online Parent Consultations
Tues 31 st Oct	Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation (Rec-Y6)
Wed 1 st Nov	Y3 trip to Pizza Express
Wed 1st Nov	9.15am All Saints Day Mass
Fri 3 rd Nov	Y5 and Y6 at St. Philip’s Church for 10am Mass
Wed 8 th Nov	Y4 trip to London Mithraeum
Tues 14 th Nov	Open Day visits for prospective parents 9.30am/1.30pm and 7pm
Wed 15 th Nov	Individual photos
Fri 17th Nov	Y5 trip to The Charterhouse
Mon 20 th Nov	Travelling Book Fair week
Tues 21 st Nov	3.45pm Wellbeing workshop 2 for parents
Wed 22 nd Nov	Infant Movie Night
Fri 24 th Nov	9am Y1-Y6 Dance Festival for parents
Wed 29 th Nov	Junior Movie Night
Fri 15th Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Thurs 21 st Dec	Last day of Autumn Term – 1pm finish
*New dates in bold	