



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

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Friday 6th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who supported last week's Macmillan's Coffee Morning; the school raised a huge **£438!** We are very grateful for everyone's help.

A reminder that next 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.

Thank you to Mrs Decuseara who has been successful in applying, on behalf of St. Theresa's, for the Gold Travel Plan! This award is issued by Transport for London and in order to apply, the school had to complete a range of different travel activities - all with the aim of engaging the school community in reducing the number of journeys made by car every day.

This week the Year 6 pupils were at Grosvenor Hall in Kent for their 5 day residential trip; judging by the photos posted by the staff onto Seesaw, they have had a great time. We are looking forward to seeing them back at school, next week. Thanks to parental support of different fundraising activities - including the very popular ice-cream sales – a grand total of £1420 was raised towards the cost of the Y6 trip! Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

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.



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!



Mini Vinnies

We welcome four new Mini Vinnies:

Maia V (Y6)

Krissy (Y6)

Joelle (Y5)

Amilia (Y4)

USED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

Collection

We will be collecting clean used-uniform items next week: Monday 9th October to Friday 13th October.

Sale

We will be selling the used-uniform on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October.

Parent Governor Vacancy at St. Theresa's

A vacancy has arisen for one Elected Parent Governor of St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School. We therefore invite nominations for parents or carers who would like to join the Governing Body. Should there be more than one candidate, we will hold an election.

The nomination form was emailed to all parents a second time; if you would like to nominate yourself, please complete and return the form to The Clerk to the Governors via the school office, by 3.30pm today.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	97.6%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y1 is currently in the lead with 98.4% attendance so far and Y3 is now close behind!

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

The Wednesday Word

"Let the message of Christ live in you." *St Paul*

Ask your child what the word 'messenger' means to them. Who do they think are God's messengers today? Who brings the message of Jesus to them? Which of Jesus' messages does your child like best, and which is your favourite? You may want to tell your child which messengers brought the good news about Jesus to you when you were younger (e.g. a family member, a teacher, a priest, a friend), through what they said and how they lived.

"How wonderful it is to proclaim to everyone the love of God which gives meaning to our lives!" *Pope Francis*

What do we think are the best ways that we can be God's messengers in these coming weeks? Perhaps we can: demonstrate our faith in God through being peacemakers - showing God's love and kindness to those around us; remember to start our day with a quiet time of prayer, just listening to God in our hearts before moving into action; talk with others about why we believe in God. Let's help God's messengers throughout the world by offering this week's Family Time prayer below for priests, missionaries and for all those who share the message of God's love.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/messenger?pid=MTA101634&cv=105.8>

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%20WEB.pdf>

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	Nicolas for his honesty and hard work. Aneil for concentrating during all her lessons and trying to improve her work every day.
Year 1	Oseias for roleplaying the priest in our RE session and administering the sacrament of Baptism. Kimi for designing an impressive Dogger poster in Literacy.
Year 2	Esther for showing up to school every day with a passion for learning and enthusiasm which is unmatched. Sebastian for writing a fantastic character description. Well done for including plenty of adjectives.
Year 3	Andrew for his enthusiasm in all of his lessons. Leo for working so hard in his writing lessons and fantastic Stone Age art work.
Year 4	Thea for fantastic attitude towards her learning. Tye for making the right choices with his behavior in class.
Year 5	Chisom & Anita for both showing great improvement in their work and concentration in lesson.
Year 6	Miki for your excellent listening skills and fantastic behaviour in class. Maia V for always making sure your learning is of a very high standard.
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Katy Y3 Chiamaka Y6	

Dates for your diary

Tues 10 th 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 16 th Oct	Y5 Trip to British Museum
Tues 17 th Oct	3.45pm Wellbeing workshop for parents
Tues 17th Oct	3.30pm Used Uniform Sale
Wed 18th Oct	3.30pm Used Uniform Sale
Thurs 19 th Oct	6pm-8pm Halloween Disco
Fri 20 th Oct	Y6 trip to National History Museum
Mon 23 rd Oct to Fri 27 th Oct inclusive	– Half Term
Mon 30 th Oct	Staff Inset Day
Mon 30 th Oct	Online Parent Consultations (more details to follow)
Tues 31 st Oct	Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation (Rec-Y6)
Wed 1st Nov	Y3 trip to Pizza Express
Fri 3rd Nov	Y5 and Y6 at St. Philip's Church for 10am Mass
Tues 8th Nov	Y4 trip to London Mithraeum
Tues 14th Nov	Open Day visits for prospective parents 9.30am/1.30pm and 7pm
Wed 15th Nov	Individual photos
Thurs 21 st Dec	Last day of Autumn Term – 1pm finish
*New dates in bold	