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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 3rd November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everybody after the half-term.

On Wednesday, Father John came to school to celebrate a Mass with the children for All Saints Day. Saints are real people who said 'yes' to God's plan for them and are now in heaven. Some were children and young people, some were mothers and fathers, some were monks, priests or nuns, and some were single people. On All Saints' Day, we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people and the example they set for us. We can also ask them to pray for us, that we might love God and our neighbour, the way Jesus taught us.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the zoom parent consultations on Monday. If you have not yet met your child's class teacher, please do make an appointment as soon as possible to ensure you are kept up to date with your child's learning and progress.

Following on from Monday's zoom meetings, we would like parents' feedback to see if this is something parents found valuable. Next week we will be sending out an online survey to all parents and it would be greatly appreciated if as many parents as possible could respond.

Thank you and 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.

Reception Parent Rep

If you 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.

MOVIE NIGHTS

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

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

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

Saturday 11th November – Remembrance Day

We will be selling poppies, and other items, next week from Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November. After the First World War in 1921 the sale of red silk poppies raised money to help the WW1 veterans find employment and housing. The following year, the Poppy Factory was set up, employing disabled ex-Servicemen to create the poppies to sell during the appeal; today the factory still produces millions of poppies each year. We now wear the paper poppy on our chest as a symbol of Remembrance; to remember the fallen Service men and women killed in conflict. If your child would like to buy a poppy, they can bring in money from Monday 6th November – we are asking for a minimum donation of £1.



What is bullying?

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

It can happen face to face or online. It is behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. If you think your child is being bullied, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	97.2%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is still in the lead with 97.4% attendance so far with Y5 and Y1 tying for 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!

The Wednesday Word

“Being humble helps us share the problems of others. When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things.” *Pope Francis*

What did Jesus say would happen to those who humble themselves? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that God will reward those who are humble. Ask your child what the word 'humble' means to them. What makes a humble person? (Parent help - humble people do not boast and are honest about their weaknesses – they are not afraid to say 'sorry' to one another [or to God] when they are wrong. Humble people notice and praise other people's strengths and successes and remember to regularly give thanks to God for their own gifts). It may help your child if you talk about someone who you think is humble, and say why.

God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God. There are many blessings in life – let's not just take them for granted. How can we grow in humility in the coming weeks? Perhaps we can: avoid boasting; recognise and praise other people's gifts; be happy about other people's achievements; say sorry to each other when we know we're wrong; say sorry to God if we have done wrong; remember to thank God for the many blessings in our lives. As a family, you might like to finish this evening's special time by thanking God together.

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

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/>

New Year Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **New Year Camp 2024!!!** 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 1 week, from **Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 5th January**. Bookings made before **Saturday 16th December** 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/>

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.

Dates for your diary

Mon 6th Nov	Y2 attending Barnet Music Festival at Brookland Infants
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 17 th 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 29th Nov	Y3 Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral
Wed 29 th Nov	Junior Movie Night
Fri 15 th Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Mon 18th Dec	6pm Y5 Carol Concert
Tues 19th Dec	Christmas Jumper day
Tues 19th Dec	Christmas Lunch day
Thurs 21 st Dec	Last day of Autumn Term – 1pm finish
Mon 8th Jan	INSET Day – school closed for children
Tues 9th Jan	Children return to school
Wed 24th Jan	Year 6 Trip to RAF Museum
Mon 12th-Fri 16th Feb	Half Term

***New dates in bold**