



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

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Friday 15th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who supported last week's Jingle Mingle and the amount raised will be announced next week. It was clear that the children enjoyed themselves immensely.

By the time this newsletter is published, the Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will have retold the nativity story in their Christmas Show. Congratulations to all the children (and the staff who rehearsed with them and ensured the children were ready) for putting on a show for the adults to enjoy. Thank you also to the Friends who served pre-show teas and coffees.

On Monday at 6pm, our Year 5 pupils will be leading a carol concert (in the school hall) and all parents are warmly invited to attend.

A reminder that the children are invited to come to school on Tuesday 19th December replacing just the top part of their uniform with a Christmas - or red - jumper in return for a donation of £2. The money raised will be donated to 'The Passage'. The Passage runs London's largest voluntary sector resource centre for homeless and vulnerable people.

Also on **Wednesday 20th December**, (apologies for the date error in last week's newsletter) the classes will be having their Christmas parties; details of the Christmas parties have been, or will be shortly, posted on your class Seesaw pages.

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.



Christmas/Red Jumper Day Tuesday 19th December!



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NEWS from the FRIENDS

We are pleased to announce that the new Deputy Chair of The Friends is Mrs. Olamide Ogunbanjo (Year 2 parent).

Additionally, we are delighted to have Mrs. Joanna Malecka (Year 5 & Year 3 parent) continuing to help as the new Operations Executive of The Friends.

We are currently seeking a new Secretary to join our team. If interested, please contact Ihiri Haswani directly at 07742755993.

New Girls Football Sessions taking place in Barnet

In partnership with Barnet Council and Middlesex FA, local football clubs across Barnet are delivering new football sessions for girls.

Weetabix Wildcats and Squad Girls sessions are a non-competitive environment, with sessions aimed at making friends, having fun and playing football.

Further information on the above programmes can be found via the links below –

<https://www.englandfootball.com/play/youth-football/weetabix-wildcats>

<https://www.englandfootball.com/play/youth-football/Squad-Girls-Football>

All clubs have FA Qualified and DBS checked coaches who have taken additional FA training to deliver these football programmes. Parents are asked to contact clubs directly to find out further information on sessions days and times.

The above sessions are part of a wider World Cup Legacy project that Middlesex FA are delivering to get more girls playing football.

If you would like any further information please contact

Participation Development Officer, Andy Perren at

andrew.perren@middlesexfa.com or call 02085151926.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	96.7%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 has moved to first place with 97.2% attendance so far and Y3 is now 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!



The Wednesday Word

“Dear young people, if we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our hearts and a smile on our face.” *Pope Francis*

Who did John the Baptist come to tell the people about? This weekend we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent which is known as ‘Gaudete Sunday’, and we light the pink candle on our advent wreath. The word ‘Gaudete’ in Latin means ‘Rejoice!’. We joyfully celebrate that Christmas is near – we rejoice that Christ is coming. Ask your child what the word ‘joy’ means to them. Each of you say who or what makes you feel joyful. When do you feel joyful? When was the last time you brought joy to others and what did you do? God wants us to be filled with joy – Jesus came to make our joy complete. Happiness comes and goes, but the joy that comes from close friendship with Jesus stays forever.

“Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy.”

St Teresa of Calcutta

Joy is something we all desire. We don’t have to search around for joy: it comes from within. When we follow Jesus by loving God and others, we are filled with joy! A joyful heart is a sign of God’s Spirit within us. What can you do to help bring joy to others in this coming week? Perhaps you can: give lots of smiles; give someone a gift; remind someone that they are loved by God; cheerfully do what our parents or teachers ask us to do. In these ways we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=3&v=114.2>

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/>

St. Theresa’s School on Instagram



You can follow St. Theresa’s School on Instagram! Please search **st.theresas.n3** on the platform and you should find updates on the activities the school and our pupils have been involved in lately. Mr Troy adds content to our account regularly so please do have a look.

School Policies

If you are looking for any of the school policies, please visit the School Policy page of the school website. You can find it by following this link: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/policies/>

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/2023/10/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2023.pdf>

Reception	Sara for her beautiful art work and drawings. Saarim for having-a-go on the obstacle course and for sharing his excitement when listening to number songs during Maths.
Year 1	Thalia for building the confidence to speak in front of her friends. Avicii for improving the presentation of his writing.
Year 2	Parsa for working incredibly hard with writing CVC and CVCC words correctly. Liliana for always trying your best. Liliana is always enthusiastic and helpful in the classroom. Thank you.
Year 3	Arel for his hard work in Music. Radek for fantastic times tables and division work – and excellent homework.
Year 4	Arthur for making a good effort in his maths lesson on 10 more and 10 less. Evan for doing so well in his times tables a scoring 25/25.
Year 5	Daiwik for working very hard in Maths and English. Having a good attitude too! Chisom for working very hard in our carol concert rehearsals and concentrating throughout.
Year 6	Haylie for always presenting your learning beautifully. It is a joy to look at. Gaby for the enthusiasm you’re showing for our current topic. You’re very inquisitive!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Narvin Y2
Elizabeth Y4

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 18 th Dec	6pm Y5 Carol Concert
Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day
Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas Lunch day
Wed 20th Dec	Class Party day
Thurs 21 st Dec	Last day of Autumn Term – 1pm finish
Mon 8 th Jan	INSET Day – school closed for children
Tues 9 th Jan	Children return to school
Wed 24 th Jan	Year 6 Trip to RAF Museum
Wed 31 st Jan	Year 1 trip to Science Museum
Wed 31 st Jan	Year 2 Trip to Tower of London
Thurs 1 st Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Tues 6 th Feb	Safer Internet day
Tues 6 th Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Mon 12 th -Fri 16 th Feb	Half Term
Thurs 22 nd Feb	3.45pm Online Safety Workshop for parents

***New dates in bold**