



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

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SPRING TERM 2024

Friday 23rd February

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone and I hope you all had a good half-term.

Yesterday afternoon we held the online safety workshop for parents and carers; it was disappointing that no parent could make the time to attend this meeting. To ensure as many people as possible access the important messages from the presentation, we are including the link here so that you can view the session at home.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5351204781623099991> The session is 1 hour in duration, without breaks. You must register and log on to be registered as attending the training; all forms of digital devices can be used to access the presentation.

This Lent, St. Theresa's is supporting the Catholic Children's Service (CCS) Lenten Appeal. The appeal is inspired by Pope Francis's call for young people to use their voice to make a difference in the world. Every penny raised by our school will support the CCS work with local disadvantaged children and families. Therefore, your child will be bringing home the CCS Lenten Appeal collection box. Please return any donations by the last day of term please, Thursday 28th March.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Money Worries? Could You Be Missing Out on Financial Support?

Nationally, it is believed that people are missing out on billions of pounds of benefits they are eligible for simply because they didn't know and haven't made a claim. Thanks to the Barnet Financial Calculator, the council is now able to help residents find out if they are missing out. Our award-winning calculator asks users to complete a short and simple self-assessment which then tells them exactly what they are eligible for as well as one-click access to then proceed and make those claims. It is also now immediately available via a Google Translate plug-in, in over 100 languages.

But even if you aren't eligible for benefits but are finding monthly bills a struggle, through our Money Adviser Network, we could help you. If you are in problem debt, we can put you in touch with free, confidential and personalised debt advice through our partnership with the Money and Pensions Service.

And if you would prefer to meet someone face to face, why not come along to one of our outreach sessions – running every Tuesday from 10am to 12.30pm at Chipping Barnet Library and every Thursday from 10am to 12.30pm at Burnt Oak Library. Don't suffer in silence – we are here to help.

Find all the links you need and more at

www.barnet.gov.uk/costofliving

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Valentines cake sale on the last day of term raised which **£156.36**.

Dates for your diaries:

Fri 1st March: After school garage sale
Mon 4th March: Bunny Bounce Challenge
Wed 6th March: Infant (Reception/Y1/Y2) Movie Night
Wed 20th March: Junior (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6) Movie Night



Comic Relief



On Friday 15th March the school will be participating in Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Since Comic Relief began in 1985, it has helped support 105.6 million people across the UK & around the world. The charity works to improve mental health, create safe places for everyone, help children to survive and thrive, & work to help people to speak out & seek help to escape fear and discrimination.

From Monday 12th March, the children will be able to purchase a red nose from the school for £2 – should they wish to. Each child will only be able to purchase one red nose in the first instance, but may be able to purchase more if we have any red noses left over once everyone has had the opportunity to buy one. On Friday 15th March (Red Nose Day) the children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation.

All Things Autism, Parent and Carer Q & A Sessions

The London Borough of Barnet & Barnet Education & Learning Service (BELS) are excited to offer an online Q & A session for Parents and Carers of children & young people living or attending schools in Barnet. This session will be presented by Brigitte Jordaan Director of Children Social Care Family Services and Kim Miller Head of Service for the Specialist Inclusion Services, BELS.

Where: Online via Teams.

When: Tuesday 27th February 2024, either 12pm–1pm or 6pm–7pm.

How: To sign up for the 12pm–1pm session and submit a question (optional), please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/87ZD8ZX3Bw>

To sign up for the 6pm–7pm session and submit a question (optional), please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/NaLbdeuYdP>

Further information: If you have any questions or queries, please email ayala.broughton@Barnet.gov.uk with 'All Things Autism' in the title, please submit questions by Monday 19.02.2024.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	95.9%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is still in the lead with 96.8% attendance so far with Y3 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!



The Wednesday Word

“The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another.” *Pope Francis*

Where did Jesus go to pray? In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples received a glimpse of the awesome divinity of Jesus through the change in the way he looked (his transfiguration). This sacred encounter took place on the Holy Mountain – Mt Tabor. Often in the Bible, mountains are described as sacred places. Ask your child what the word 'sacred' means to them. Our churches are sacred places, dedicated to the worship of God, but other places are sacred too: a home filled with the love of God. Where's your sacred space? Where do you pray or feel most at peace or closest to God (e.g. your house, your bedroom, your church, your garden or somewhere else)?

The Holy Mountain experience was a sacred moment. To be sacred is to be holy – to be dedicated to God. God wants us to be his sacred people – to be holy and to try to live and love like Jesus did. Praying at home helps us to recognise and respect our homes as sacred places, full of God's love. What else can help to remind us of God's sacred presence in our home (e.g. a Bible, candles, a cross, icons or something else)? **As a family**, talk about which sacred images you find most helpful. What can you do to help you recognise your home as a sacred place this Lent?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&cv=119.3>

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/>

Barnet SENDIASS Information Session

Barnet SENDIASS is pleased to announce an in-person information session event for Barnet resident parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disability.

This is a free event where you will have an opportunity to meet with other parents/carers and young people. Barnet Inclusion Advisory Team will be giving a short presentation on what is ordinarily available in schools and will be available to answer any questions that the attendees may have.

Date: Wednesday 28 February 2024

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Location: Colindale Office, 2 Bristol Avenue, NW9 4EW

Presenters: Barnet Inclusion Advisory Team (IAT)

Theme: What is Ordinarily Available? A guide to the provision that should be ordinarily available in state funded schools in Barnet.

To register please click here:

<https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/09%20SENDIASS%20Information%20Session-%20Feb%202024.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact: sendiass@barnet.gov.uk

Easter Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to Easter 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 2 weeks in the Easter Break, from Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April. Bookings made before Saturday 16th March will automatically get our Early Bird discounts applied, 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/>

Reception	John for his positive attitude and settling in so well despite having joined the class much later in the year. Gabriel for being such a good role model to his peers.
Year 1	JP for his wonderful attitude to learning in all subjects. Kimia for remembering to use punctuation in her independent writing.
Year 2	Timon for making good attempts with his reading. He is working hard to master more complex sentences. Omakaree for being a motivated and independent student with a great love of learning.
Year 3	Whole Class for a great learning trip to the British Museum and for lots of answers volunteered in our workshop.
Year 4	Callum for showing a great understanding in our maths learning this week on fractions Amilia for making a great effort in learning her times tables
Year 5	Olivia for excellent attitude towards learning. Francesco for great work in English and Maths.
Year 6	Jhan for correctly identifying and plotting coordinates over four quadrants. Very impressive. Ola for consistently incorporating interesting and advanced vocabulary within her written work. Well done!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Shazia (Y3)
Arthur (Y4)

Dates for your diary

Mon 26 th Feb	9.20am Y3 and Y4 science workshop at Bishop Douglass
Fri 1 st March	Friends' after school garage sale
Mon 4 th March	Bunny Hop Challenge
Tues 5 th March	Y4 performing at Barnet Schools Dance Festival at Arts Depot
Wed 6 th March	2.15pm Y5 and Y6 science workshop at Christ College
Wed 6 th March	Friends Infant Movie Night
Wed 7 th March	World Book day
Fri 8th March	After school cake sale
Mon 11 th March	Science Week
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Tues 19 th March	Class Photos
Wed 20 th March	Friends KS2 Movie Night
Fri 22nd March	Y4 Mountain Day
Wed 27 th March	6pm Y3/Y4 Easter Show
Thurs 28 th March	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 16th April	Children back at school
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
*New dates in bold	