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**SPRING TERM 2024**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

## Dear Parents and Carers,

This week was Safer Internet Week and all the children were involved in internet safety activities. To ensure that parents are kept up to date with recent internet safety research, the school is inviting parents to a pre-recorded online safety presentation on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 3.45pm-4.45pm in the school hall. The presentation has been created by *Education Child Protection* - a specialist training and consultancy provider for anyone who works with children and vulnerable adults. We strongly recommend all parents attend this workshop. A flyer promoting the event is on the last page of the newsletter. A crèche will be available for the younger children if you wish to use it. If your child stays in the meeting, it remains your responsibility to ensure your child remains seated and quiet.

This week was also Children's Mental Health Week; the theme was "My Voice Matters". There are some children and young people whose voices are marginalised. For example, those who have a special educational need or disability, those who are care-experienced, those who are part of the LGBTQI+ community, and those from racially minoritised groups. This Children's Mental Health Week was about all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, being able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters".

Thank you to all the parents who made appointments to speak to their child's class teacher during the recent parent consultations. If you have not met your child's teacher, then please ensure you do so as soon as possible.

Have a lovely half-term and see you all on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

*Barbara Costa*

## Cost of living support

The cost of living crisis can affect many of us in different ways. If you are looking for information or support on the following, please click on the link below:

- Help with food
- Support for families with children
- Advice about housing costs
- Budgeting
- accessing eligible benefits and pensions credits
- direct financial support
- accessing BOOST to help people secure jobs

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/benefits-grants-and-financial-advice/cost-living-support>

## NEWS from the FRIENDS

### Dates for your diaries:

Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Valentine's Day Cake Sale after school sale
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	After school garage sale
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Sponsored Easter Bunny Bounce
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Infant (Reception/Y1/Y2) Movie Night
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Movie Night



**Comic Relief**



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 96.7% attendance so far with Y3 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

“The compassion of God, his suffering-with-us, gives meaning to our struggles and our sufferings.” *Pope Francis*

What was Jesus filled with when the leper knelt down in front of him? Jesus has compassion for all those who are left out: he came to take away fear, loneliness and bullying – to help people feel loved and accepted. We can experience Jesus’ compassion through other people and through spending time in prayer. Ask your child what the word ‘compassion’ means to them. Has your child ever been left out or felt rejected? Ask them if they can remember a time when someone showed them compassion. What was it like to know that someone really cared about their situation and feelings?

“We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion.” *St Vincent de Paul*

To be compassionate is to share someone’s suffering - to feel sorrow for their situation and to do something about it. Compassion is an attractive quality. Our own example in daily life can help our children become more compassionate. Ask your child if they can remember when they last felt sorry for someone and helped them. Who is the most compassionate person they know? How does that person show their compassion? As a family, ask yourselves, “Is there anyone who needs our compassion and our help at this time? What could we do?”

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&sp=3&cv=119.3>

### **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.

### **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](mailto:sendiass@barnet.gov.uk)

### **February Camp 2024!**

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **February 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 in February half term, from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. Bookings made before **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January** 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/>

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Whole Class</b> for their hard work and good behaviour whilst on a trip to Stephen's House and Gardens. They helped plant apple trees!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Theo</b> for his wonderful progress in phonics. <b>Anduena</b> for being such a Good Samaritan in our class.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ethan</b> for trying really hard with all your learning. <b>Joan</b> for settling into Year 2 class really well.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Kian</b> for a fantastic first week in Year 3 - welcome to St Theresa's! <b>Gabriela</b> for her excellent attitude to learning in all subjects.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Amber</b> for using her learning muscles when writing an independent story. <b>Malaika</b> for being a ‘Have a go Mo’ at learning her times tables and doing well in the test.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Jonathan</b> for all his hard work in all subjects. <b>Matylda</b> for improving on her maths assessment scores.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Christina</b> for the thoughtful and inquisitive questions and comments you made whilst learning about Anne Frank. <b>Mya</b> for your interesting and well structured newspaper report. Well done.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Cataleya (Y2)**

**Natan (Y4)**

### **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/>

### **Dates for your diary**

Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Friends’ after school Valentine cake sale
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	3.45pm Online Safety Workshop for parents
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Y3 trip to British Museum
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>9.20am Y3 and Y4 science workshop at Bishop Douglass</b>
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Friends’ after school garage sale
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Bunny Hop Challenge
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y4 performing at Barnet Schools Dance Festival at Arts Depot</b>
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>2.15pm Y5 and Y6 science workshop at Christ College</b>
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Friends Infant Movie Night</b>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book day
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photos
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Friends KS2 Movie Night</b>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm Y3/Y4 Easter Show
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term 1pm finish

**\*New dates in bold**



# PARENTS & CARERS

## ONLINE SAFETY

This presentation is a 'must' for all care givers to understand the reality of navigating the digital world.

The outcome is to empower parents and carers to keep their children safe when using technology.

Learn about the latest trends, challenges & risks.

Find out about support & reporting.

Signposting to further learning.

### There are four areas covered in the session:

- What our consultants teach children about online safety.
- Latest trends of what children are doing online; including apps & games.
- The issues and dangers children face online.
- How we can make children safer online.

