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SPRING TERM 2024

Friday 1st March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is a busy week here at St. Theresa's. On Monday morning (4th March), we have the Friends' sponsored Easter Bunny Bounce Challenge. The children collect sponsorship for the number of bounces they can do on a bouncy castle in one minute. There will be a prize for the child with the most bounces in each year group. Only children who have a signed sponsorship form with them on the day, will be allowed to take part.

On Tuesday (5th March), our Y4 pupils will be representing St. Theresa's School at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival at the Arts Depot. We wish them the very best of luck for their performance.

On Wednesday (6th March), after school, the Friends are hosting the Infant Movie Night 3.30pm-4.55pm. Tickets to this event cost £5 and your child will be given crisps, sweets and a drink whilst they are watching the film. Please collect a permission slip from the school office if you would like your child to attend. The Junior Movie Night is on Wednesday 20th March.

On Thursday it is World Book day and children may come to school dressed up as their favourite book character (should they wish to); please see your class Seesaw page for further details.

Following on from the letter that was sent to all parents last week, a reminder that the Governing Body is proposing to change the length of the school day at St. Theresa's. We welcome feedback from parents regarding the proposal to end the school day at 3.15pm from September 2024. Parents can return any comments to the box outside the office in the entrance area, or by emailing the school office (office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net) directly by Friday 8th March.

Thank you to everybody for your enthusiasm with the Mini London Marathon! Our team of 20 runners have now been confirmed and they, and their parents, have been informed. Anyone who did not make the team this year has been added to the waiting list. We will share our JustGiving page details shortly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dates for your diaries:

Fri 1st March	After school garage sale
Mon 4 th March	Bunny Bounce Challenge
Wed 6th March	Infant (Reception/Y1/Y2) Movie Night
Fri 8 th March	Mothers/Womens' Day cake sale
Wed 20th March	KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Movie Night

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/>



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.



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. Your child has brought home the CCS Lenten Appeal collection box. Please return any donations by the last day of term please, Thursday 28th March.

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

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" *St Catherine of Siena*

Jesus was a very enthusiastic person. He was passionate for people to worship God in a true and proper way. He saw that many had become so interested in money that they were losing respect for God and for God's ways. Ask your child what the word 'enthusiasm' means to them. Which person or group of people do they know who is enthusiastic and full of energy for doing the right thing? What is your child enthusiastic about? What gives them energy to do good?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus cleared out the temple.

These final weeks of Lent present us with an opportunity to stop and think if there are any unhelpful things that we need to clear out from our lives, so that we can grow in our enthusiasm for God. To help us to do this, perhaps we can: each night before we go to sleep, say sorry to God for anything that we may have done wrong (examine our conscience) and ask God to forgive us; avoid any temptation to be greedy, but rather give cheerfully to charity; be enthusiastic to say our family prayers together, asking for help to grow in goodness and in our love for God.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/enthusiasm?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=120.4>

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

Spring Holiday Bookings For Children and Young People are Live - Book Now! Barnet Active Creative and Engaging Holidays (BACE Holidays) returns for the Spring Holidays 2024!

Once again, bringing a wide range of free daily activities / camps with a healthy hot lunch included for young people aged five to 16, who live in, or attend school in Barnet and are in receipt of free school meals, funded by the Department for Education.

BACE Spring Holiday dates are: Tuesday 2 April to Friday 12 April 2024

Visit <https://barnetyouth.uk/BACE-Holidays> to sign up and get more information.

There are also free Positive Activities available for all children that live or go to school in Barnet. Please see this booklet:

<https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-02/15%20BACE%20Spring%202024%20-%20DIGITAL.pdf>

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.

Reception	Praise for the effort she continues to put into learning her sounds and tricky words. Keep it up Praise! Emilia for always striving to improve the standard of her work in all of her subjects and for her positive attitude.
Year 1	Gloria for writing a beautiful letter to Cyril the sad cloud. Theo for his hard work concentration in Maths.
Year 2	Helenka for your great work in Maths and interesting contributions to our discussions. Daniel C for the enthusiastic manner in which you take part in all learning activities.
Year 3	Lili for her amazing historical research about Finchley. Shazia for pushing herself to write more in her subjects.
Year 4	Carlos for making a great effort in his reading and becoming more confident. Theo for working so hard on his writing this week and producing an explanation text on the Water Cycle.
Year 5	Elizabeth for having a good attitude to learning. Fawaz for improving in his learning.
Year 6	Summer for the excellent effort you are putting into your learning. It's lovely to see. Miki for always striving for excellence in all you do. Keep it up!
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Ossie (Y1) David (Y6)	

Dates for your diary

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 8 th 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
Thurs 21st March	Happy Bags Collection
Fri 22 nd March	Y4 Mountain Day
Wed 27 th March	6pm Y3/Y4 Easter Show
Thurs 28 th March	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 16 th April	Children back at school
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

***New dates in bold**