



**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 8th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to the Year 4 pupils who represented St. Theresa's school at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival at the Arts Depot on Tuesday evening. They performed a great routine to the song "Great Balls of Fire". Thank you to Miss O'Brien for preparing the children for this event and all the adults who volunteered to accompany the children and look after them throughout the course of the day.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends' Garage Sale last week, the Bunny Hop Challenge on Monday and the Infant Movie Night on Wednesday; we will let you know how much money was raised at these events, in next week's newsletter. The Junior Movie night for Y3/4/5/6 is on Wednesday 20th March; if you would like your child to attend, please see the office for an application form.

I was told that World Book day was a great success yesterday! Please see the school's Instagram account for photos of this celebration.

Today is the last day for parents to feedback on the Governing Body's proposal to change the time of the end of the school day at St. Theresa's; we are suggesting to move the dismissal time from 3.30pm to 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).

A reminder that next Friday 15th March is Red Nose day. The children will be able to buy a red nose (£2) from school from Monday 11th March – should they wish to. On the Friday they may come to school wearing whatever they want as long as part of it is red – for a £1 donation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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/>

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dates for your diaries:

Wed 20th March KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Movie Night

Fri 3rd May After school International Food sale

Is Whatsapp safe for my child (part 1)

What is WhatsApp? WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number.

What age rating is WhatsApp? The app is rated 16+.

What are some of these key features?

End-to-end encryption – this means that only people within the chat can read or listen to what is being sent. WhatsApp cannot view these messages, and they cannot be remotely accessed by police or government, and they can't be seen by hackers. This means that the message privacy is more secure, but also means they can't be monitored for illegal activity.

Disappearing messages – this is an optional feature that allows you to set messages to disappear 24 hours, 7 days, or 90 days after sending. This setting can be applied to all chats or selected ones. It is important to remember that messages can still be saved, screenshots, or forwarded before they disappear.

View once – this feature allows you to send photos and videos that disappear from your chat once they've been opened. The image or video that you send cannot be saved, shared, or forwarded and you can see when it has been opened (if you have read receipts turned on). The image or video expires after 14 days if it is not opened.

Live location – this allows you to share your real-time location for a certain amount of time with other users in an individual chat or group. You can stop sharing at any time but the people you shared it with will still be able to see your last updated location.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	96%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is still in the lead with 96.9% 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

“Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us.” *St Teresa of Calcutta*

It's our self-giving which helps to make the world a much better place. Ask your child what 'self-giving' means to them. Who are the most self-giving people that your child knows – that is, people who put others' needs first? In what ways are those people self-giving? Ask your child if they can remember the last time when they shared something or gave something up to help make someone else happy.

“It is in giving that we receive.” *St Francis of Assisi*

We all have gifts that we can give. How can we be self-giving, even in little ways, at home, at school or in the community in this coming week? Perhaps we can: offer to help out at school or around the house before we're asked; give someone a smile or a friendly word to help cheer them up; be polite, resist pushing in, and let others go first instead; take time to offer praise where we can; be first to reach out and make friends again after an argument; give up some of our leisure or play time to be with God in prayer.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/self-giving?pid=MTA101634&cv=121.5>



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 11th 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.

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>



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.

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	Theo for his fantastic work on doubling and for working well with his talk partner when completing all of the practical activities. Alison for her efforts at writing independently this week.
Year 1	Whole class for their wonderful effort in making World Book Day a special day.
Year 2	Esther for always trying her best! Esther is a quiet, independent learner who co-operates beautifully with others. Well done! Sebastian for writing an amazing story about a princess. He always has great ideas to share with the class.
Year 3	Testimony for trying hard in his maths learning Max for his enthusiasm for World Book Day and his effort in writing.
Year 4	Arthur for making a fantastic effort in learning his spellings at home and getting 10/10. Maximillian for showing great learning in his times tables.
Year 5	Joelle for going above and beyond in maths before and after school. Mitchell for his fantastic manners and for being a good role model.
Year 6	Whole class for representing our school so well at Christ's College this week. The staff were very impressed with you all!
<i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Amilia (Y4) Karo (Y5)	

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

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 21 st March	Happy Bags Collection
Fri 22 nd March	Y4 Mountain Day
Wed 27 th March	6pm Y3/Y4 Easter Show
Thurs 28th March	Holy Thursday
Thurs 28 th March	Last day of term 1pm finish
Tues 16 th April	Children back at school
Fri 3rd May	After school International Food sale
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
Thurs 9th May	Ascension Day Mass (time to be confirmed)
*New dates in bold	