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SUMMER TERM 2024

Friday 19th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the summer term; I hope you all had a good Easter holiday.

Thank you to everyone who collected for the Catholic Children's Society Lenten appeal; in total we raised £129.62 – thank you.

On Thursday 2nd May, the whole school will be celebrating "This is Us" Day. We are inviting the children to come in dressed either in traditional dress from the countries that their parents, or grandparents, are from (or dressed in the colours of their national flag) for a voluntary donation of £1. This is, as always, entirely optional. The idea behind the 'This is Us Day,' is to celebrate the diversity within our school and to get the children to learn a little more about their heritage. The money raised will be added to the money raised at the International Afternoon on the same day, and go towards buying new laptops for the children.

We have reached our London Marathon weekend and we are very excited for the event! We wish all the children who are participating in the Mini London Marathon tomorrow, the very best of luck. We are raising money for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) and at the time of writing this newsletter, we have raised nearly £1800! If you would like to sponsor the team and help us reach the target of £2200 please visit our JustGiving page here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/barbara-costa-1710682859687>

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Ofsted ParentView



A reminder to all parents that St. Theresa's is expecting an Ofsted inspection in the coming months and when we are notified of the Ofsted visit, the inspectors will want to gather the views of the parents. We are therefore asking parents to please complete the online Ofsted parent survey in preparation for the inspection. It can be accessed here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>.

You will need to register with an email address first; once you are registered you will need to search for our school and then answer the 14 questions. The survey is anonymous.

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder to all the school families to join our upcoming International Food Sale on Thursday 2nd May. Sign-up sheets have been posted outside the school office and classrooms; families can indicate the country they'll represent and the dish they'll be bringing. Whether you choose to prepare something, or you'd rather pick something up from your local store, every contribution helps make this event truly successful.

We're aiming to raise £3000 for much-needed new laptops, enhancing our children's learning experiences. The event will commence at 3 pm in the school hall, where you can drop off your contributions and lend a hand in setting up tables, each representing a country or continent. We'll also be hosting a fully-licensed bar offering an assortment of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for everyone's enjoyment! Entry will be £1 and then you will be able to purchase food and drinks once inside. The event will run until 5 pm

Warm regards,
The Friends

Do you have any time to volunteer at school?

The school welcomes parent/carer volunteers who have any extra spare time to come and help read with the children. If this is something you think you would like to do, please do come and speak to either Mr Troy or Miss Costa.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	95.8%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y3 is still in the lead with 96.9% attendance and Y5 is 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

“Put your trust in Jesus. He will fill your plans with meaning and joy. Open your hearts trustfully to Jesus!”

St. Pope John Paul II

Ask your child what the word ‘trust’ means to them. Knowing who to trust is really important. A friend who can be trusted is a gift from God! Who does your child really trust and why do they trust them? Ask your child if they can think of a time when they were trusted. Perhaps you can tell your child about those people in your life whom you trust the most, and say why you trust them.

Each of you say how, in the days ahead, you can show your trust in Jesus. Perhaps, rather than worry, pray and offer any concerns to Jesus. How can we show Jesus, and others, that we are people who they can trust? Perhaps we can always try to: tell the truth; choose to do the right thing; be generous with our God-given gifts of time, talent and money; keep our promises.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/trust?pid=MTA101634&cp=2&v=125.7>

Bookings for the Non Stop Action Football after school club are **OPEN!** The KS2 Football club will be running every Tuesday from 16th April - 23rd July from 3.30-4.30pm. The clubs will be run by one of our FA qualified football coaches and involve a variety of fun games based around different topics, as well as opportunities to learn through matches! Please book online at www.NonStopAction.co.uk to confirm your child's space for this term - **please note that you must be logged in to an account be able to see after school clubs for your child.** Please ensure to book in advance, in order to secure your child's space. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact david@nonstopaction.co.uk or call the office on 0208 446 0006. Thank you!

School Attendance and Punctuality Policy

The school attendance and Punctuality Policy can be found on the school website here: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/policies/>
The Barnet Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) visits the school every half term, and every half term the registers are monitored. All children are expected to attend school for 96% of the school year. Therefore if your child's attendance falls below this number, it is very likely you will receive a letter from the school informing you of this. You will receive the letter regardless of whether the absences were authorised or not – this is standard procedure and simply alerts parents to the fact that their child's attendance has fallen below 96%. In some cases, children's attendance may fall below 90%; any child whose attendance falls below 90% is considered a “Persistent Absentee” and will trigger more formal monitoring directly from the EWO.

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	Daniel for trying really hard with his handwriting this week. Emilia for her beautiful artwork, the beanstalk and the castle.
Year 1	Aaron for counting up and down in 2s to and from 50. Gloria for being so adventurous in her story writing.
Year 2	Cataleya for being a very kind and generous person in Y2 and always doing things with a smile on her face. Andreas for making good attempts with his reading and working hard to master more complex sentences.
Year 3	Shazia for an amazing start to the summer term, well done! Arel for excellent learning in all subjects, well done!
Year 4	Maya for doing a fantastic job in learning her timetables. Amira for settling into St Theresa's really well and getting used to our routines.
Year 5	Leona for being a great peer learner in maths and Topic. Matylda for great participation in the classroom.
Year 6	Samyar for the great improvement in his arithmetic skills. Very well done. Olivia for consistently producing learning which is of a high quality. Excellent!

The Golden Ticket Winners are:
Arel (Y3)
Lili (Y6)

Dates for your diary

Tues 16 th April	Children back at school
Wed 24 th April	Y1 trip to Shrek's Adventure
Fri 26 th April	Y1 & Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church
Tues 30 th April	Y3 River Cruise
Thurs 2nd May	This is Us! Day
Thurs 2 nd May	After school International Food sale
Thurs 2 nd May	Reception class trip to Kentish Town Farm
Friday 3 rd May	Y3 & Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
Thurs 9 th May	Ascension Day Mass (time to be confirmed)
Fri 10 th May	Y5 & Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th May	Walk to School Week
Mon 20 th May	Y4 at Greenwich Museum
Mon 20 th May	3.45pm secondary transfer meeting for current Y5 parents
Tues 21st May	Y6 at Ragged School Museum
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May	Half Term
Tues 11 th June	Y5 performing at the Barnet Schools' Music Festival at the Arts Depot

***New dates in bold**