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**AUTUMN TERM 2024**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who has already returned last week's forms; it is much appreciated. If you have not yet returned all the necessary paperwork, please do so at your earliest convenience.

This week we held the Y6, Y5, Y4 and Y3 Class Curriculum Meetings; next week it will be the infant classes. At the meetings, the class teacher will explain routines, talk about what the children will be learning, expectations for the year group and ways you can help at home. The times and dates of these meetings can be found overleaf in the "Dates for your Diary" section of this newsletter. Please note the later start time of 2.30pm for the Y2 meeting on Tuesday.

On Monday at 2.15pm, in the school hall, Father John will be leading a whole school Mass to celebrate the start of the school year. You are all very welcome to join us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

## Class Curriculum Meetings

Next week, we have the curriculum meetings for each infant class:

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm\* Y2 parents (\*new later time)**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm Y1 parents** (this meeting includes important information about the Y1 Phonic Screening in June 2025)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Reception parents** (this meeting includes important information about how reading is taught)

## School Attendance

### Term Time Holiday Requests

We receive a number requests for leave of absence during school time. Please can we remind you that term time holiday requests will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

### Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Please note that children are expected to attend school for at least 96% of the year. Attendance is regularly checked by the EWO who may fine parents for any unauthorised absence.

### Illnesses that will not prevent your child from coming to school

- Mild cough
- Cold/Sneezes
- Tiredness

## NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Families,

We hope you have all had a wonderful first two weeks back at school! We are so excited for the upcoming events this term and would love to invite any parents who are interested in volunteering to help us at these events.

We are also expanding our committee board and would be delighted to welcome applications from parents who would like to get more involved in the school community.

If you're interested, please contact the office.

Warm regards, The Friends

## Little Saints After School Club

**Where?** St. Theresa's School multi-purpose room

**When?** Every day after school until 6pm

Please contact Vicky for further information.

Email: [Vicky\\_avraam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk)

Telephone: 07968 498 364

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.30am in the school hall for £4. 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.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September we will be participating in the Macmillan Coffee morning. It is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Macmillan's goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

The coffee morning will run in the Multi-Purpose room and parents will be able to come and have a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake! The children will be able to buy a cake and a cup of squash, to enjoy in their classrooms, for a donation of £1. If you are able to support this event by donating cakes/biscuits etc. please drop your contribution off to the school office by the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>. We are very grateful for your support.

## St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2024-2025 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	93%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are in the lead with 99% attendance and Y2 are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place!

*At the end of the year, in July 2025, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!*



### The Wednesday Word

“Jesus is not a figure from the past: he continues now and always to light the way for us.” *Pope Francis*

The name 'Jesus' in Hebrew means 'God saves'. Jesus came to save us from doing wrong - to show us and to teach us how to live good lives. Ask your child how they think of Jesus. Is he distant like a stranger, or close like a friend? Was he simply a good man, or is he the 'Christ' - the Son of the living God? Does your child have a favourite story about Jesus? What does your child like about Jesus?

Each of you choose something to do at home or at school to be more like Jesus for each other throughout this new school year. Perhaps you can: try to be patient with others; be a good listener if someone is sad and wants to share their problems with you; be more generous and loving; forgive others; find regular time to pray for guidance, remembering to ask ourselves, “What would Jesus do?” and then try to do the same ourselves.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/jesus?pid=MTA101634&v=147.2>

### Football Afterschool Club for Year 3,4,5 & 6!!

Bookings for the Non Stop Action Football after school club at St. Theresa's Primary School is **OPEN!** The club will begin on Tuesday 10th of September and the last session of the term will be on Tuesday 17th December. Please book online at [www.NonStopAction.co.uk](http://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.

### Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

All parents must apply online. If you need support please feel free to contact the school for support, or call the School Admissions Customer Services Team on 020 8359 7651.

Parents of children in Y6 who have an Educational Health Care Plan will need to complete a different form - this will have been sent to you by the Barnet SEN team.

The deadline for submitting your application is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Applications received after 31<sup>st</sup> October will be treated as late. Late applications will not be considered until after the on-time applicants have been allocated their school places. This means that late applicants are unlikely to be offered one of their preferred schools. If there is a good reason as to why your application is late; for example you moved to the area after the closing date, you must contact the admissions department by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the latest.

For further information about the secondary school application process please read the “A Guide to Secondary Education in Barnet 2025” which can be found here:

[https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/024239\\_b\\_c4446\\_barnet\\_guide\\_to\\_secondary\\_2025\\_hq5s\\_3.pdf?gclid=I\\*1t53of\\* gcl\\_au\\*NjA0OTQ0MjEwLjE3MTc4NjM0NzA.\\*ga\\*MTAyMzQ0ODMzNy4xNjk0NTI3MDc1\\* ga\\_FQ5GMM MGZJ\\*MTcyNTU0MTUzOC4xMy4xLjE3MjU1NDE3NDANtTgUMC4w](https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/024239_b_c4446_barnet_guide_to_secondary_2025_hq5s_3.pdf?gclid=I*1t53of* gcl_au*NjA0OTQ0MjEwLjE3MTc4NjM0NzA.*ga*MTAyMzQ0ODMzNy4xNjk0NTI3MDc1* ga_FQ5GMM MGZJ*MTcyNTU0MTUzOC4xMy4xLjE3MjU1NDE3NDANtTgUMC4w)

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Whole class</b> for coming into school with boundless energy and sharing their smiles and enthusiasm with everyone during their first few days at St. Theresa's.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Israel</b> for his great work in maths. Israel is a great problem solver. Keep up the super effort! <b>Kalindi</b> for her kind, polite and friendly nature. It is a pleasure having Kalindi in Y1!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Jakub</b> for such a superstar writing. Jakub has shown beautiful handwriting this week and recorded an excellent description of a character. <b>Favour</b> for confidently contributing during whole class discussions and producing an amazing fact file.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Omakaree</b> for being an excellent role model in class. <b>Daniel T</b> for his brilliant work in French.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Mia</b> for her excellent contribution towards class discussions and always working hard in lessons. <b>Andrew</b> for showing kindness and being a good friend to others.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Kamo</b> for joining in with discussions and presenting ideas clearly using key vocabulary. <b>Amber</b> for listening and demonstrating confidence when sharing ideas in a whole class environment.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Denys</b> for showing a great understanding in our maths learning this week on place value <b>Leona</b> for working so hard on producing a non-chronological report about dinosaurs.
<b>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</b> <i>Francesco (Y6)</i> <i>Olivia (Y6)</i>	

### Dates for your diary

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>2.15pm Whole School Mass (earlier start time)</b>
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2.30pm Y2 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2.15pm Y1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2.30pm Reception Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Y6 trip to Natural History Museum
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Y2 trip to the Golden Hinde
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	3.30pm Residential Trip meeting for Y5 parents
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Macmillan Coffee morning
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct-Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 Residential trip to Grosvenor Hall
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Y5 trip to British Museum
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y4 trip to Cartoon Museum
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park Museum
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Y1 trip to London Transport Museum
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half term
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Individual pupil photos</b>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Rec-Y6 Flu vaccination</b>
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9.30am/1.30pm and 7pm Prospective parent tour</b>

\*New dates in bold