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AUTUMN TERM 2024

Friday 20th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the class curriculum meetings; we hope you found them useful.

On Wednesday, all pupils in Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 received a letter with information about the Mini Vinnies. As a result of last year's Year 6 pupils moving onto secondary school, we now have some spaces for new Mini Vinnies. If your child would like to become a Mini Vinnie, they will need to write a letter of application addressed to myself. In the letter, your child will need to state why they believe they would make a good Mini Vinnie. All letters must be submitted by Monday 7th October 3.15pm; we will choose ten new children to join the St. Theresa's Mini Vinnie group – the ten successful applicants will be told on Wednesday 9th October.

You will see from the attendance box below, this year we are again rewarding the class with the highest attendance with a non-school uniform day in the summer term. It has been proven that children who achieve well at the end of Y6 have higher attendance rates than those who do not achieve well; all parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. The school expects all pupils to attend school at least 96% of the school year and we ask parents to support us in achieving this for the children in our care. Therefore, if your child has a cold, or a mild cough, or they are tired – they should be at school; absences for these reasons will not be authorised. The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) visits the school every half term to monitor the children's attendance and parents whose children have high unauthorised absence rates could be fined.

A reminder to everybody that it is the Macmillan Coffee Morning next Friday. **All parents/carers are warmly invited to come and have tea/coffee and cake in the school hall from 8.40-9.30am.** The children will also be given a cake and squash and we ask them to kindly bring in 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. We are very grateful for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

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.

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NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

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.

First Holy Communions at St Philip's

Applications are invited for children in Year 3 (or above), whose families have been attending St Philip's Church, to join the First Holy Communion programme in the parish. Application forms are available at the church and should be completed and returned by Sunday 29th September.

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

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 3/9/24 - now	94.6%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 are in the lead with 99% attendance and Y2 are still in 2nd 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!

Please visit our website where you will find our weekly newsletter, diary dates, curriculum information and lots more! <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>



The Wednesday Word

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

St Pope John Paul II

What matters to God is that we care for, love and serve one another. We show our greatness by serving others. Ask your child what 'serving each other' means to them. Which people serve them as Jesus teaches? What do those people do? What happens in a family or community when everyone begins to serve each other? Ask your child if they can remember the last time they served someone.

We can show our faith in God by loving and serving other people in simple and little ways. As a family, consider if there is any person or organisation that could benefit from your physical or prayerful service in this coming week. Perhaps it could be: a charity, your school, a neighbour, an elderly or sick person. Then share ideas about how you might best serve (or offer to serve) them this week.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/serving?pid=MTA101634&cv=148.2>

October Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to October 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 over the October Half term, from **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**. Bookings made before **Saturday 5th October** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts applied, you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as **£29** for a day, or **£106** for a week!

Head to our website to book

now: <https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Information

The online application system for our Year 6 parents is now open at 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 31st October 2024. Applications received after 31st 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 12th 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*1ts53of*_gclid=au*NjA0OTQ0MjEwLjE3Mjc4NjM0NzA.*_ga*MTAyMzQ0ODMzNy4xNjk0NTI3MDc1*_ga_FQ5GMMMGZJ*MTcyNTU0MTUzOC4xMy4xLjE3MjU1NDE3NDANtTgUMC4w

Reception	Dara for her exemplary behaviour and determination. Florence for enjoying her learning and being helpful.
Year 1	Sara for representing the Kingdom of God so beautifully in our PSHE lesson. Erin for reading with expression in our Guided Reading sessions and using voices to show emotions.
Year 2	Maxwell for working so hard on number and letter formations. Naruto for his kind, polite and friendly nature.
Year 3	Kornelia for putting 100% effort into all of her work. Esther for being a kind, caring and respectful friend to everybody.
Year 4	Radek for always using his best presentation and working hard in lessons to produce work to a high standard. Faith for writing an excellent diary entry and using a good range of time adverbials in her work.
Year 5	Natan supporting class pupils, explaining clearly how to complete tasks. Natan is showing focus when doing his work. Lydia for always displaying great behaviour in class, taking part in class discussions and listening attentively.
Year 6	Anita for showing increasing maturity with her behaviour and attitude in school. Daiwik for being a Have a go Mo at his English learning this week on non chronological reports
The Golden Ticket Winners are: <i>Maya (Y5)</i> <i>Genelle (Y3)</i>	

Dates for your diary

Wed 25 th Sep	Y2 trip to the Golden Hinde
Thurs 26 th Sep	3.30pm Residential Trip meeting for Y5 parents
Fri 27 th Sep	Macmillan Coffee morning
Wed 2 nd Oct-Fri 4 th Oct	Y6 Residential trip to Grosvenor Hall
Thurs 3 rd Oct	Y5 trip to British Museum
Fri 4 th Oct	Y1 and Y2 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips
Wed 9 th Oct	Y4 trip to Cartoon Museum
Fri 11 th Oct	Y3 and Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips
Tues 15 th Oct	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park Museum
Wed 23 rd Oct	Y1 trip to London Transport Museum
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	Half term
Mon 4th Nov	INSET day (school closed for pupils)
Mon 4th Nov	Online parent consultations
Tues 5th Nov	Children back to school
Thurs 7 th Nov	Individual pupil photos
Tues 12 th Nov	Rec-Y6 Flu vaccination
Tues 19 th Nov	9.30am/1.30pm and 7pm Prospective parent tour
Fri 20th Dec	Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish

*New dates in bold



Foodbank shopping list

- Cereals
- UHT milk
- Tea
- Tinned meat – corned beef, pies, ham etc
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Toilet rolls
- Rice
- Tuna, sardines & mackerel
- Jars of coffee
- Sugar
- Crackers
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo (2in1's)
- Soap
- Baked beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tins of custard/rice pudding
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Biscuits
- Soup
- Washing tablets/capsules
- Oil
- Honey & jams etc
- Sanitary wear
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes

Please drop off any donations to the foodbank box by the school office, in the entrance area.