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AUTUMN TERM 2024

Friday 11th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends are preparing for the Halloween Disco Light Party on Thursday 24th October 6pm-8pm. This is always a favourite event for the children so please do support it by coming and joining the fun!

Could I please ask all parents to avoid distracting staff when they are dismissing children at the end of the day. If you have something to would like to talk to the class teacher about, please wait until the children have been dismissed or make an appointment via the school office.

On Friday 25th October, we will be celebrating *Be Bright Be Seen Day* to spread awareness of road safety. On a dull day, during the autumn and winter months, children are harder to see and the visibility is much poorer for a motorist. On Friday 25th October, we are inviting all children to come to school wearing bright and high visibility colours. This day is a non-school uniform day and the children can wear whatever bright clothes they wish – the brighter the better; there will be two £20 vouchers for the two brightest children! Mrs Decuseara, as part of the event, is also inviting children to design a *Be Bright Be Seen* poster; there will be a £10 voucher for the best poster. Posters need to be submitted to Mrs Decuseara by Tuesday 5th November 3.15pm. The winner will be announced in that week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Applications for Reception September 2025

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class for September 2025** – this is for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th January 2025. The forms are available to download on the school website.

Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet - the on-line system is already open:
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

School Councillors

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected as School Councillors this year: Leo and Simran (Reception), Erin and Leni (Y1), Zema and Oseias (Y2), Allan and Levi (Y3), Mia and Arlys (Y4), Armanis and Nikola (Y5), Leon and Jonathan (Y6).

Safeguarding at St. Theresa's

A reminder to all parents that if you have any concerns about the safety of your child, or the safety of another child, you can call the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) for support and advice on 0808 800 5000. Alternatively, parents can ring the Barnet Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0208 359 4066 or speak to the school.

Miss Costa is the Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school; Mr Troy and Mrs Folan are members of the safeguarding team. However, safeguarding and child protection at St. Theresa's is everyone's responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Parents can find the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy on the school website: <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Child-Protection-and-Safeguarding-Policy-September-2024.pdf>

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.

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	95.58%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y2 are still in the lead with 97.94% attendance and Y6 are 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!

The Wednesday Word

“We will be the happiest people in the world if we belong to God.” *St Teresa of Calcutta*

Ask your child what they think true happiness is. When or where are they usually most happy? What is their happiest memory? When did your child last make someone truly happy? It may help your child if you can tell them when they most recently made you happy (or when you are most happy). True happiness comes from knowing and loving God. The goal of our life is to experience God's own happiness – a gift to every person. Sharing God's love is the happiest way to live.

Each of you choose some little, simple thing to do which will help to create a better atmosphere of happiness in school, the community, or at home this week. Perhaps you can: volunteer to give someone a helping hand; serve your parents and teachers by cheerfully doing what you are asked to do; forgive, make a fresh start with someone who has upset you; give someone a kind message or a gift.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&cv=151.3>

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/>

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
Telephone: 07968 498 364

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_bc4446_barnet_guide_to_secondary_2025_hq5s_3.pdf?gl=1*1ts53of* gcl au*NjA00TQ0MjEwLjE3MTc4NjM0NzA.* ga*MTAyMzQ0ODMzNy4xNjk0NTI3MDc1* ga_FQ5GMMMGMZJ*MTcyNTU0MTUzOC4xMy4xLjE3MjU1NDE3NDAuNTguMCA4w



Reception	Amelia for working hard on forming the letters she has learnt so far correctly. Radman for enjoying his learning and being a kind friend.
Year 1	Praise for using her verbs in sentences correctly Kalindi for developing a great understanding of the addition fact families.
Year 2	Thalia for her super effort in English and her beautiful handwriting. Oseias for his excellent contributions in Maths and English.
Year 3	Allan for trying his hardest in his lessons, always with a big smile on his face. Narvin for being a conscientious student who puts 100% effort into his work.
Year 4	Gabriela for creating an excellent drawing of a superhero on our trip to the Cartoon Museum. Phoebe for working hard to use descriptive language in her writing.
Year 5	Armanis for his exceptional ability in Maths and working extra hard in English, producing quality work. Armanis has put in a great effort into his non-chronological report. Laura for producing quality work when focused. Laura has done a wonderful job creating a non-chronological report.
Year 6	Nia for being a Have a Go Mo in her Maths learning this week and showing increasing confidence. Rachel for consistently getting her spellings correct every week.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Naruto (Y2)
Turhan (Y3)

Dates for your diary

Tues 15 th Oct	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park Museum
Fri 18 th Oct	Y5 and Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philips
Wed 23 rd Oct	Y1 trip to London Transport Museum
Wed 23rd Oct	Y2 Pirate Dress Up day
Thurs 24th Oct	6pm-8pm Friends School Disco
Fri 25th Oct	Be Bright, Be Seen Day
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	Half term
Mon 4 th Nov	INSET day (school closed for pupils)
Mon 4 th Nov	Online parent consultations
Tues 5 th 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
Wed 20 th Nov	Y5 trip to the Charterhouse Museum
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term - 1pm finish

*New dates in bold

The Friends of St. Theresa's would like to invite you to The Light Party!

LIGHT PARTY

**THURSDAY 24TH
OCTOBER 6-8PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Let's celebrate Halloween in a joyful and uplifting way!

Come dressed in your favourite costume and enjoy an exciting evening of games, music, and fun in a family-friendly environment!

Activities Include:

Games, interactive activities, and prizes for the best costumes, DJ, music, food, refreshments, and more
Families and friends welcome!

**ENTRY £3 | FREE FOR UNDER 3
CASH ONLY**

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