



In everything we do today, we're following Jesus and his way

School Newsletter Newsletter 3

Spring Term 2021

Thursday 11 March 2021

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Deputy Head: Mrs B McCann

Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield

SENCo: Mrs J Burke

Next Week in School

Friday 12 March
Helping Hands Family Quiz

Monday 15 March
Consultation appointment bookings go live at 8am

Wednesday 17 March
Governors meeting

Parental Consultations

Our parent consultations have been arranged for Tuesday 23 March and Wednesday 24 March. They will, as our previous meetings, be held online. You will be able to book an appointment from 8am on Monday morning. Please carefully follow the guidance that is being emailed to you so that both the booking process and the appointment runs smoothly.

For those of you who drive your children to school, please

- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerately** to our neighbours
- Turn your **engine off**, not leave it running while parked

We have received a complaint this week about a parent who has allowed their child to urinate on a driveway on Gordon Road. The house has CCTV and the footage has been sent to the school. This is far below any standards that we would wish to condone.

Catholic Life of the School

We are beginning a Novena tomorrow in preparation for the feast day of St Joseph (19th March). Our assembly on Friday will introduce the year of St Joseph which is in Pope Francis new Apostolic Letter 'With a Father's Heart.' Pope Francis has said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. He reminds us that those who appear hidden can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

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How lovely it is to have all the children back in school again this week, there has been so much positive energy throughout the school. A big thank you to parents for supporting our staggered starts and finishes, and for following the associated rules and guidelines. It is vitally important that parents arrive within their allocated 10 minute window and not early, as this compromises how the whole system works.

I hope that your Lenten journey is proving both successful and spiritual. We are working closely with the parish to provide some joint activities in preparation for Easter in as engaging a way as possible during this time of restrictions.

Helping Hands Quiz

What better way to celebrate the children being back at school and to pat yourselves on the back from surviving yet another national Lockdown?

Join us for our second quiz night on Friday 12th March from 8pm

Featuring a St Patrick's Day Bonus round! Dressing up in green (or other) is encouraged!

No team is too big or too small, you can play alone or with your whole household/bubble. We are looking forward to seeing some more creative team names!

Whether you are a quiz pro or a complete novice, we can guarantee you won't be disappointed... all those who attended the last one had an absolute blast!

Please share with friends and family, all are welcome and all profits go to the new junior playground fund

Tickets can be bought here:

[https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/helping-hands-at-st-georges-rc-primary-school/t-orkzrr?](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/helping-hands-at-st-georges-rc-primary-school/t-orkzrr?fbclid=IwAR3zp_FNazxN0LBd3AnKWFJP29YrzJf2xu8lm1eNnbbk5j4L83ZW19g7yWl)

[fbclid=IwAR3zp_FNazxN0LBd3AnKWFJP29YrzJf2xu8lm1eNnbbk5j4L83ZW19g7yWl](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/helping-hands-at-st-georges-rc-primary-school/t-orkzrr?fbclid=IwAR3zp_FNazxN0LBd3AnKWFJP29YrzJf2xu8lm1eNnbbk5j4L83ZW19g7yWl)

Our Mission Statement

Following Jesus and His way, we **Aim** to be the best we can be and to respect everyone. We

Inspire each other to learn, play and pray **T**ogether as children, staff, home and Parish.

We grow in

Holiness by putting Love into Action every day.

"Be in good spirits under the fatherly mantle of St. Joseph, a place of safest refuge in trials and tribulations."

(St Joseph Marellò)



School Building Fund

We would like to remind parents that, as a Catholic Voluntary Aided School, we are required by law to provide 10% of the money spent on repairing, maintaining and updating our school buildings and infrastructure. There is also an ever-continuing need to refurbish our existing facilities to meet the requirements of today's education standards and improve the learning environment of the school for the benefit of all the children, staff and parents. Through the contribution of families and the generous support of parents to the School Building Fund, we have together been able to provide the facilities that the children now benefit from in our school. Over the past few years, the funds have been used to assist with the capital programmes including the replacement of our aging school boiler system and the installation of vital security systems for the children. The amount that each family contributes depends very much on individual cir-

cumstances but, as a guide, we suggest an annual payment of: £45 per family (or £15 per term) It is important that parents and carers understand that without these contributions, the school cannot continue to maintain and improve the premises to a high standard our children and staff deserve. You can now pay your donations into the ParentPay system or alternatively if you would like to pay by standing order, please complete a form available from the school office or downloadable from the school website. Return it to school and we will forward it to your bank. You may pay yearly or termly, whichever is most convenient. If you are a UK income taxpayer, we ask that you consider Gift Aid for your contribution. Gift Aid means that the school can claim an extra 25p from the Government for every pound that you donate. Please enquire at the school office about gift aid and how you can increase your gift to the school without any further cost to you personally. The Gift Aid declaration form is available from the school website.

Purchase of Pritt Sticks & Ties

If you would like to purchase a Pritt Stick for your child at a greatly reduced price of £1 please pay into your child's ParentPay account. The named glue stick will be delivered to your child's class.

Similarly if you would like to purchase a tie follow the same instructions.

School lunch payments

Please ensure your child's account is in credit for the week ahead when paying for school meals. Meals are £2.55 daily, £12.75 weekly or £51 monthly.