



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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 4

Spring Term 2021

Thursday 18 March 2021

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Next Week in School

Tuesday 23 March
Parent Consultations

Wednesday 24 March
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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 can still make a booking although slots are now limited. Please carefully follow the guidance that has been emailed to you so that both the booking process and the appointment runs smoothly.

Since our return on Monday 8 March, teachers have been carefully assessing the children's attainment in a variety of ways, and this assessment has generated a number of targets for individual children to work towards. The consultation meetings will focus on the targets that have been set and how we can work together to help the children achieve them.

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



Positive Thinking

If you or a member of your household has tested positive for Coronavirus, please inform the school by using the form on the homepage of the school website. This is so that we are able to support the NHS Track and Trace strategy.

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
Together as children, staff, home and Parish.
We grow in
Holiness by putting Love into Action every day.

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I hope that your St Patrick's Day was full of fun, friendship, lots of Irish music, dance, literature, drama, food and all those other wonderful things that are the hallmarks of Irishness, as well as the quality that St Patrick portrayed, a humble faithfulness to God.

Our assemblies tomorrow will focus on the life of St Oscar Romero, another remarkable saint and patron of one of our four school houses. It is his feast day on Wednesday.

As our school life adjusts to the 'new-normal', we ask our special saints to intercede for us, to guide us and protect all those in our school community.

Collection and Drop Off

Arrive within your ten-minute time slot at the beginning and end of the school day.

Do not arrive early.

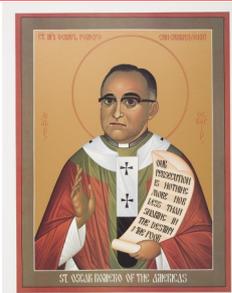
Wear a face covering, be patient and keep socially distanced when on the school grounds.

Keep moving. Don't stop to talk to teachers or each other!

Thank you for all you are doing to make help keep St George's a safe environment. .

	Drop Off	Collection
Rec	9:20	3:20
Year 1	9:10	3:10
Year 2	9:00	3:00
Year 3	9:20	3:30
Year 4	9:10	3:20
Year 5	9:00	3:10
Year 6	8:50	3:00

Please be aware that school will begin its staggered closure for the Easter break from 1:30pm on Thursday 1 April



St Francis, St Thérèse, St Josephine Bakhita, St Oscar Romero...Pray for Us

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."
(St Oscar Romero)

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 circumstances 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.

42% of our parents have made a contribution this year.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

"Express Yourself"

The theme for Children's Mental Health Awareness Week this year was "Express Yourself". The children spent the week creating pieces of art, writing and discussing the things that make them feel happy and how they like to express their unique character. We celebrated the week with a "Dress to Express" day where we asked the children to dress up in an outfit that represented them or something they enjoyed doing. Time was spent in each year group on tasks which led to discussions around managing feelings and reflecting on how feelings may have changed throughout 'lockdown'.

Here is some feedback from children:

"We talked about how we can feel feelings in our body and how these feelings can change and make you act differently. We wrote all the feelings down around a picture of ourselves. Now I know what my body is feeling." Year 2

"I dressed up as Ana from Frozen as in the film she wanted to protect her sister. I am also like her and want to always try and protect my brothers from anyone or anything that might upset them." Year 2

"We did an activity called "Helping Heart" and thought about ways we can help ourselves when we feel sad or lonely and then ways we can help others when they are feeling the same. I wrote down ballet as one of my activities that help me in sad times as dancing makes me feel relaxed and calm and very happy. I also dressed up as a ballerina for the day because dancing is how I express myself." Year 3

"It made me think about all the small things I can do to make me feel happier when I am worried. Things like getting on my bike for a ride, listening to music and making buildings out of cardboard boxes." Year 4

"We learnt about using mindfulness as a way of relaxing when we felt stressed or worried. We learnt how to make origami which I found really relaxing. I have made some after this at home." Year 6

"We spoke about feelings and how sharing how you feel with others is a good way to feel better. When you speak to people about how you feel it can feel like a weight is lifted. We wrote down our feelings and how we felt about not being in school for a long time." Year 6

"We got to dress up and I dressed up as a gymnast as this is something that inspires me. I use gymnastics to help me relax and forget about any worries." Year 6