In everything we do

today, we're following

Jesus and his way

# School Newsletter 3

Spring Term 2022 Thursday 27 January Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke Deputy Head: Mrs B McCann (ft) Mrs S Hukowski (pt) Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield

SENCo: Mrs J Burke

This Week's Merits		
Class	Name of children	
RG	Oli and Cindy	
RP	Isaiah and Elliot	
RW	Sergi and Nikolas	
1A	Kloe and Kyra	
1DS	Olivia, Alex	
1W	Zoe, Klaudia	
2B	Liam, Carla	
2K	Victoria, Rocco	
2NS	Claudia, Ethan	
3A	Erin, Anaya	
3F	Zara, Calvin	
3S	Elliott, Freddie	
4BC	Niamh, Aiden	
40S	Adam, Evie	
4S	Luke, Leo	
5FM	Sally, Raffaella	
5MA	Aidan, Niyolyn	
5MR	Natalie, Mia	
6K	Darragh, Izzy	
6M	Marika, Ruby	
6OT	Abigail, Lilly	

# Uniform

School uniform is very important. It creates a sense of belonging and looks smart. We want to ensure that all our children can look smart and think smart! Our winter uniform is white shirt and school tie with a navy blue jumper or cardigan. Grey trousers or skirts should be worn along with grey tights or white socks. Please ensure that your children wear smart, sensible shoes to school, and not trainers. Finally, our lovely school fleece jackets, perfect for winter days, are available from Smiths Schoolwear on Lancaster Road. Don't forget to label everything with your child's name and class.

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# **COVID Catch Up**

Please be vigilant to the signs of Coronavirus:

Since resuming in September, we have had **one hundred and ninety one** positive COVID cases amongst the children, **thirty nine** this term. Please ensure that testing is carried out at the first sign of a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell. Testing is important as many of the cases that we are hearing about in our school community are asymptomatic. Make sure you leave a LFT for the full duration before reading the result! For the **twenty nine** of you who are currently absent, we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to having you back with us soon.

Thank you for reporting new cases using the school website as this is very helpful to us, and includes cases within your family.

#### Testing

If anyone has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test. If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the result is positive, they **do not need** to take a follow-up PCR test.

#### Self Isolation

Anyone who is self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of selfisolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. For more information:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolationfor-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-daysfollowing-two-negative-lfd-tests

#### **Class Clusters**

From time to time a class will experience a cluster of cases. You may well be asked, if your child's class is affected, to test them each day before school for a period of time. Please support our efforts to do this and help to stop the spread of this virulent strain of

"It is not enough that you love the young; they must know that they are loved

(St John Bosco, Feast 31st January)











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
- Make every effort to walk all or
- some of the way to school if possible. It's healthy and good for the environment



## Vigilance

Last week I informed you about a parent who was followed down to school from Gordon Hill Station. During the week, I have been informed of another similar situation. My message is therefore the same:

As well as our children who walk home alone, parents can also call school if they feel vulnerable locally. Please remain vigilant on our local streets and report anything suspicious to the police.

## Tissues

A few years ago, our school council had a great idea - if each child brought to school a box of tissues, the class would never run out and it would save the school a lot of money.

The system is still in operation and, as our supplies have diminished, I am asking parents to honour the children's wishes and send a box of tissues to school with their child.

The school council did not specify that it had to be a particular standard of tissue, so an economy box would be as welcome as a 3-ply luxury brand!

## **NSPCC Numbers Day**

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 4 February 2022. The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. We will also be raising funds for St. George's School.

We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC and St. George's School, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

(Please donate money raised via Parent Pay). You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk



## **Upcoming Dates**

Advance warning of some key school dates...

### February

Fri 4th	NSPCC Numbers Day
Mon 7th	Children's Mental Health Week
	2K Reading Workshop
Tues 8th	2B Reading Workshop
Weds 9th	2NS Reading Workshop
Fri 11th	School closes for half term 3:30pm

## Second Infection

We are now being informed of children who have been infected for a second time with COVID-19. Bearing in mind that second infections are possible, please remember to test your children regularly, even if they have previously contracted the virus

#### TTRockStars – Leaderboards as at 26<sup>th</sup> Jan Highest coins over last 7 days:

Year 2: Fred M, Daniel DG and Oliver R Year 3: Mirabelle O, Luca O and Daniel K Year 4: Edna D, Azhahinii R and



Luke L Year 5/6: Alanna A, Ciara M-Mc and Matthew C St George's is still 15<sup>th</sup> compared to other local schools. Can we improve our place for next week?

## Yummy

Congratulations to our school cook who has been awarded 2nd place in the Rising Star Certificate of Excellence which considered candidates from across the whole Borough - well done, **Lena**!

# Champions

On November 19th the boy's Football team won a tournament against other teams in Enfield. As a result, this week on Tuesday 25th January, the team played in the final match against Raglan. The team was made up of: Joe 6OT, Oran 6OT, Callum 6M, River 6M, Tommy 6M, Caiden 6M, Rily 5FM, Dylan 5MA and Sammy 5MA. They played brilliantly, and managed to win the final, bringing back a trophy for our school. A special congratulations to our goal scorer, Callum! Every boy on this team (including Ben Clifford 6OT who was unfortunately unwell on Tuesday) has shown an amazing amount of dedication and commitment, supporting one another and working fantastically together through every match they've played to reach this point. Well done to you all! -**Miss O'Toole** 

#### Good morning

A huge congratulations to your boys yesterday. Not only are they very skilful, but they have a huge team spirit and a brilliant attitude. They were a credit to your school and their parents (who were also a credit to the school they were brilliant)

They are now through to the Middlesex Regional finals for the U11 7 a side Cup – on Thursday – which will see them up against other Middlesex Boroughs to find out who will represent Middlesex in the next round.

Sally Porter, Deputy PE Team Lead, Enfield

Hello, we are the *Green Team*,

We are the school's children who are passionate about our world. We want to make a change in our world and we are not waiting any longer as time is ticking. Every second the ozone layer is getting damaged and hurt. Every day about 8 million pieces of plastic is being discarded into our oceans.

We are trying to make our school a more eco-friendly because climate change is no joke. So please help make our world environmentally friendly.

Our first project is a Treasure Hunt – find some empty ink cartridges and bring them into school to turn them into gold! There are hundreds of different ones out there, you will find them near home printers.

We have a collection box in school so please send in your old cartridges and your class teacher can show you child where the re-cycling box is. The school will receive up to £2 per cartridge recycled. Did you know that cartridges can take up to 1000 years to decompose? <u>https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/why-recycle.aspx</u>

To see if your cartridge is on the WANTED LIST, check on the following website:

https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges

Thank you for taking the time to read this – The Green Team.

