



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

## School Newsletter

### Newsletter 1

Summer Term 2022

Thursday 21 April

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## Curious Maths

*A message from Sara Tilley of the excellent Curious Maths...*

Dear Parents,

We thought you would like to hear about a new subscription service that is aimed at parents to help you support your child at home with Key Stage 2 maths. Sara Tilley, a primary maths consultant who has worked in Enfield schools for over 20 years, has created an online library of videos to show you how we teach maths in primary school and to share the tips and ideas that she gives to our teachers!

It's a family subscription and there is a free trial for a week available on the website. For more information, see the flyer below or head over to the Curious Maths website.

<https://www.curiousmaths.co.uk/forparents>

## Charity Walk - In Sue's Name

This is to publicise a flagship event of a charity close to our hearts 'In Sue's Name' called the Walk of Hope, which started on the 1st March and continues until 30th April. Last year they raised an amazing £43k for Brain Tumour Research, with people walking 100km in 31 days and raising £100. Find out more about the event here:

<https://pronounce.media/press-release/join-the-walk-of-hope-in-march-april-to-help-us-fight-brain-cancer/in-sues-name/2022-03-22/5578>

For those of you who use LinkedIn, you may be interested to read and share the following post:

<https://www.linkedin.com/posts/david-alan-taylor-walk-of-hope-linkedin-post-pdf-activity-6902155679071903744-jahk>



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A warm welcome back to the new school term. Please look carefully at the 'Upcoming dates' section in this newsletter and on the school website as, not only is the summer term a busy one, it also includes some days when the school will be closed, such as the remaining teacher training days and this year's additional bank holiday.

I sincerely hope that you had a peaceful and refreshing Easter break. Now that Lent is over and all the Easter eggs have (probably!) been consumed, we are in the season of Easter and there are important liturgical celebrations ahead of us. Most immediately is St George's Day and more details can be found below. We also look forward to the feast of the Ascension, Pentecost and the feast of Sts Peter and Paul. It will be a busy term for the children and staff, but significant opportunities for us all as a Catholic family to reflect on the fundamental importance of our faith in the life of the school.

## St George's Day Celebrations

As the feast of our school patron saint falls on a Saturday this year, we are celebrating a day early on **Friday 22 April**.

The day will begin with a special assembly for the key stage 2 children led by Fr Daniel. Following that, we have a day of themed work including our traditional art competition for which Mrs Bedborough, our art leader, has been busily preparing.

As is our custom, pupils will enjoy a non-uniform day provided that their clothes feature red and white!

For those attending Mass to observe the day, the actual feast has been moved to Tuesday 26th this year.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Becoming a parent governor of a school is an important and rewarding role. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor as the term of office of one governor has come to an end. If this special role is one that appeals to you, please look out for a letter from the school in the next day or so. This will outline in more detail the requirements of the role, how you can find out more information about it, and how you can be nominated.

**Today we raised  
£62.70 with the  
Happy School Bags.  
Thanks.Next  
collection is July.**

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything. ."  
(William Shakespeare)



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



## 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!

It is now time to move towards our summer uniform (optional at present). This is:

Long or short grey trousers with grey socks

Short-sleeved white polo shirt

Blue and white checked dress/ grey skirt with white socks

Flat, black, sensible shoes

## Soft Start

Our soft start has been extremely effective and popular. Parents can now drop off children, directly to the classroom, between 8:45 and 9am. One of the reasons that the strategy is so successful is that children are calm and ready to learn at 9am without the wasted time of lining up, settling down and taking registers. It is important that children arrive in their classrooms by 9am - the Cheviot Close entrance should only be used in extreme circumstances or for appointments.

## Upcoming Dates

*Advance warning of some key school dates...*

### April

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| Fri 22nd  | St George's Day celebrations<br>RP Stay & Play                   |
| Mon 25th  | Easter celebration 1A<br>Parent consultations (RP, 3A, 5MA, 6M)  |
| Tues 26th | Easter celebration 1W<br>Year 4 Time Tables Workshop             |
| Wed 27th  | Easter Celebration 1DS<br>Parent consultations (RP, 3A, 5MA, 6M) |
| Fri 29th  | Stay & Play RG<br>Year 3 Mass at Church                          |

### May

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| Mon 2nd    | School closed                                   |
| Tues 3rd   | Y2 test period begins                           |
| Fri 6th    | RW Stay & Play                                  |
| Mon 9th    | Y6 English Grammar SATs test                    |
| Tues 10th  | Y6 English Reading SATs test                    |
| Weds 11th  | Y6 Maths SATs test (Papers 1 & 2)               |
| Thurs 12th | Y6 Maths SATs test (Paper 3)                    |
| Weds 18th  | Year 5 to Herts Young Mariners Base             |
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| Tues 24th  | Class photographs                               |
| Weds 25th  | Ranger Stu (Year 1)                             |
| Thurs 26th | Spirituality Day<br>School closes for half term |
| Fri 27th   | School Closed - teacher training day            |

### June

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| Mon 6th  | School closed - additional bank holiday |
| Tues 7th | School reopens                          |