



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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 8

Summer Term 2022
Thursday 17 June 2022

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Mrs S Hukowski (PT)
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

Next Week in School

Monday 20 June
New Parents meeting 6pm

Tuesday 21 June
New starters stay and play
Governor committee meeting 6pm

Wednesday 22 June
New starters stay and play

This Week's Merits

Each week, teachers nominate children in their class to receive a special merit. This could be in recognition for working hard, achieving something particular, being a good friend, or any number of reasons that show 'In everything we do today, we are following Jesus and his way.' The following children have been chosen by their teachers

Class	Name of children
RG	Rosie & Sebastian
RP	Jack & Zayne
RW	Nikolas & Ariana
1A	Jude & Amaka
1DS	Aiden & Ayva
1W	Olivia & Christine
2B	Sophia & Kiara
2K	Daniel & Mairead
2NS	Owen & Zuzanna

Parent Meetings

Following our meetings for year 5 and 6 parents on Tuesday evening, the PowerPoint presentations that were used have been uploaded on to our school website for your reference. Follow:
Parent information > parent meetings
Thank you to you all for your attendance in such large numbers.

Branded Clothing

There has been a number of concerns raised by parents at the amount of branded clothing being worn by increasing numbers of children. This is, in turn, creating pressure for parents to buy more expensive clothing for school.

Good quality school uniform can be purchased from Smiths, or equivalent coloured clothing from any outlet.

The children will be bringing home a special book to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II today. I hope that you enjoy sharing it.

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A message from the Director of Education for the Diocese of Westminster.

Thank you to all the pupils and staff who were able to attend our Pentecost Liturgy last Thursday in a packed Cathedral. It was a delight to see the smiling faces of pupils, staff and visitors as they entered the Cathedral. The sound of the Steel Pans filled the Piazza drawing a large crowd of on-lookers. The celebration of the liturgy was, as Bishop Paul remarked, a celebration of the wonderful diversity we are so privileged to have throughout our diocese.



Back to local matters, and I am making a special mention of our teachers who are currently completing extended training offered by our diocese. The course, entitled Foundation Stones, is aimed at arming all teachers in Catholic schools with background or additional knowledge of the Catholic faith. Parents will remember that we achieved an 'outstanding' judgement at our most recent diocesan inspection for the Catholic Life of the School, and this shows our commitment to developing this even further. Thank you to our teachers for dedicating so much of their time for this training.

Finally, the children participated in a special assembly this morning celebrating Family Love. The message is that, whatever the composition of your family, they are places where we learn to love and forgive. Pope Francis has declared that we all celebrate this in the week ahead.

Lost Property

Some very kind Year 6 children performed a very special job for me yesterday. Their task was to go through the lost property box and distribute all of the clothing that they could. Please make sure children's clothing is always named. They counted 106 items with no name in the box. There is now very little chance that these will be reunited with their owners.

"Holiness and love are manifested in the little gestures of each day. They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion."

Pope Francis



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

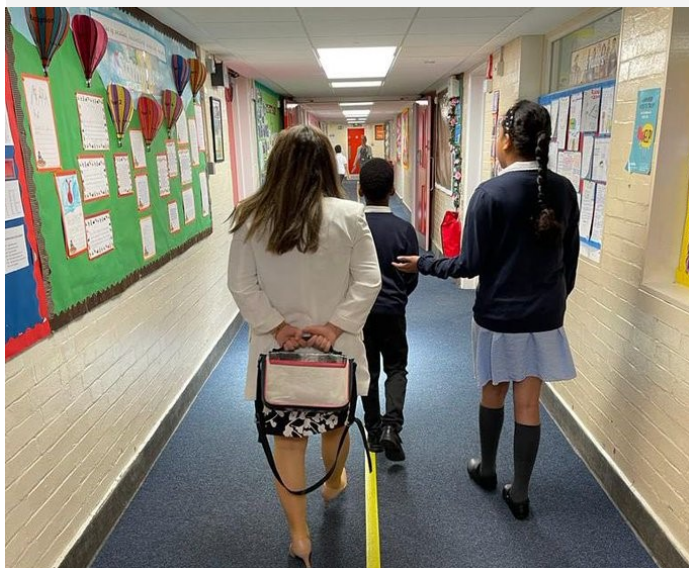
- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerably** to our neighbours
- Turn your **engine off**, not leave it running while parked
- Make every effort to walk all or some of the way to school if possible. It's healthy and good for the environment



Please do not park on, or wait in, the exclusion zones outside the school entrances as this is extremely dangerous and vastly increases the potential for an accident to our children.

MP Visit

Thank you to Jayden and Malvina who were highly commended by our visiting MP last Friday for their brilliant tour of the school for her. Feryal Clark commented on how lovely the school's art work was and called her visit a pleasure. We very much appreciate the time she offered us and for being so positive about our school.



Book look

Our parental consultations being held online sometimes divides opinion. There are many benefits to the online meetings, such as being able to access them wherever you happen to be, not needing to make the journey to school and avoiding the waiting about that can frustrate parents. Feedback has suggested that some parents are missing the human contact of meeting the class teacher face to face. The biggest downside for me is the fact that parents do not get the opportunity to look through their children's books when meetings are held online. To counter this, we have arranged special 'book look' opportunities for parents. Each class has been allocated a time slot and these were communicated to parents recently. I am delighted at the positive response and hope that parents enjoy looking through their children's books with them.



Upcoming Dates

Advance warning of some key school dates...

June

- Mon 20th New parents meeting
- Tues 21st New reception children stay and play
- Weds 22nd New reception children stay and play
- Mon 27th Music 'Showcase' performance 2:30pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Weds 29th Mass for Ss Peter and Paul (Year 1) 10am Year 6 performance (2.15pm/ 6.30pm)
- Thurs 30th Year 6 performance (6.30pm)

July

- Fri 1st Year 6 Book Look
- Mon 4th Year 6 residential (until Fri 8th) Year 1 Book Look
- Tues 5th 5MR to St Ignatius Year 2 Book Look
- Weds 6th Year 5 girls taster day at St Anne's Year 4 Book Look
- Thurs 7th 5FM to St Ignatius Year 3 Book Look
- Fri 8th 5MA to St Ignatius Year 5 Book Look
- Mon 11th Teacher training day - school closed
- Tues 12th Yr 6 Sports 9.30am, Yr 4 Sports 1.15pm
- Weds 13th Yr 5 Sports 9.30am, Yr 3 Sports 1.15pm
- Thurs 14th Yr 2 Sports 9.30am, Yr 1 Sports 1.15pm
- Fri 15th Reception Sports 9.15 (RG), 10.40 (RP), 2.15 (RW)
- Sat 16th School PTA Summer Fair
- Mon 18th Music 'Showcase' 3pm (Years 1 and 2)
- Tues 19th Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm
- Thurs 21st Year 6 end of year assembly School closes for the summer break 2pm

Take Note!

Please note change of date for the KS1 Music performance which will now take place at 3pm on Monday 18th July. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 who took part in the lunch time choir club are looking forward to sharing a few of the songs they have learnt with you. Further details will be shared with the parents of those involved shortly.



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.

Garden Rescue

We are looking to upgrade our Year 1 outdoor area and would welcome help from anyone with a keen interest in gardening or garden design. If you are willing to volunteer some time please contact the school office on 020 8363 3729



District Sports

One of the rare advantages of distributing our school newsletter on a Friday is that it gives me the opportunity to inform parents of some wonderful things that might happen on a Thursday afternoon. This week, it has given me the pleasure of communicating to you the pride that we all feel at the efforts of our athletes who represented our school at the Enfield Borough District Sports event yesterday.

Twenty five of our children qualified to participate in a range of track events including sprints, middle distance, hurdles and relays. It is quite simply a huge event. Despite there being so many individual races, it is also a team event where each participant earns points for their school.

I am delighted to inform parents that, due to the brilliant performances of all of our athletes, St George's are the Enfield Borough Athletics champions 2022. What an honour. Many of our children won their races, other placed in the top 3. But whether or not you achieved a medal for your event, the wonderful trophy that we received is as a result of everyone's efforts.

One of the teachers from another school, known for their sporting achievements, asked myself and Mrs Fearnley 'What is your secret, we can never beat you.' The answer is so simple - we have brilliant children at St George's.

Congratulations to:

Mirabelle, Katie, Braden and Luca from year 3, Eleanor, Franciska, Samuel, Viktor, Rafaella, Erin and Isla from year 4, Elijah, Dylan, Vincent, Kuiama, Zoe-Leigh and Pheobe from year 5, and Lilly, Anna, Poppy, Celina, Jayden, Ollie, Rowan and Oliver from year 6. You are all superstars.

TTRockStars results

updated 15th June

Year 2: Sarah FDS (2NS), Fiona C (2NS) and Jack B (2NS)

Year 3: Petra T (3S), Calista C-R (3S) and Katherine D (3S)

Year 4: Samuel D (4BC), Kian W(4BC) and Alexander G (4BC)

Year 5: Alanna A (5FM), Roxanne M (5MA) and Mariana GA (6K)

Congratulations to everyone who continues to work hard on the multiplication and division knowledge using TTRockStars. To access TTRockStars visit our school website – curriculum area – children's zone. Then follow the login instructions. Well done to all the year 4s who have been sitting their Multiplication Tables Check this week in school. We wish you every success.

