



# School Newsletter

## Newsletter 5

Autumn Term 2016

Thursday 6 October 2016

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

**Merits...** The following children have been chosen by their teachers to receive special merits this week in assembly **1M** – James, Callum **INS** – Marco, Catherine **1S** – Jessica, Connor **2D** – Maisie, Buster **2G** – class merit, Liam **2OT** – Jacob, Isla **3K** – Raphael, Jaeden **3MA** – Evlyn, Adam, Emily **3MU** – Krystal, Oscar **4C** – Euan, Charlie **4K** – class merit, Sebastian, Emmanuela **4W** – Max, Kiara **5A** – Felix **5FE** – Lilly, Porscha **5FI** – Olo, Glyn, Emilia, Jewel **5OS** – Louise, Paul **6A** – Aislinn, Samuel **6S** – Monica, Angel **Music merits:** Natalia (3K) ...well done everybody!

### Assembly

I am delighted that parents are joining us for class assemblies. Assembly begins soon after 9am.

Please can I ask parents to respect the spiritual nature of this act of worship by **not taking photographs or video** of the children.

I would like to thank the parents of 6R for joining us for class assembly this morning. On **Wednesday** next week, **6S** will be leading the **Harvest Festival**, then 5FI will hold their class assembly on Thursday 20 October.

### PTA News

I look forward to joining parents at the first PTA meeting of the school year on **Tuesday 11 October** at the Parish Centre starting at **7.30pm**. This meeting is to, among other things, meet new parents, recruit class links for reception classes and discuss the Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair is on **Saturday 26 November**.

### Smile for the Camera!

Filming is taking place in school next week for our website. For those that would like to avoid being filmed (or those that want a starring role) the photographer may be outside school at the beginning and the end of the school day. It is also really important that the permission forms that were distributed yesterday are back in school in time as we are also photographing for the PTA calendars at this time.

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### Next Week in School

**Friday 7 October**

Mass in the school hall at 8.25am (4C)

**Monday 10 October**

Story café (1M) 2.45pm

**Tuesday 11 October**

Story Café (1S) 2.45pm

St Ignatius open evening 6.15pm

PTA meeting 7.30pm

**Wednesday 12 October**

Harvest Festival 9.30am

Story café (1NS) 2.45pm

**Friday 7 October**

Mass in the school hall at 8.25am (4W)

### Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who have booked their consultations using our new online system. We are sorry that parents did not receive email confirmation so, to provide reassurance that appointments have been made, we are sending home confirmation slips today with the children. I am really pleased by the overwhelmingly positive feedback.

During the consultation evenings, parents will only have access to school via the Gordon Road entrance. The Halifax Road entrance will only be open for the After School Provision. I would also like to remind parents that school closes at **2pm** on **Wednesday 19 October** for the consultations.

### Absence

If you are wanting to authorise an absence for your child, please note that there is a form on our new website that you can use for this purpose. It is working very effectively so far! Click on 'About us > parent forms > leave of absence during term time.' This is entirely online meaning that you do not have to print the document and send it into school. The rules about authorising absence stay the same, and these are clearly explained on the relevant website page.

Our Education Welfare Officer has requested that parents who are keeping their children off school for medical appointments produce medical evidence for this, such as an appointment slip, wherever possible or practicable.

Parents can now also report their child's absence using this system by following 'about us > parent forms > reporting an absence'. You may still telephone school if you prefer, of course.

School Mass tomorrow is being said in memory of one of our parents, Mr Sturrock, who sadly passed away in August.

*"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying." (Pope Leo XIII)*



## Rosary

Every October we invite parents to join us in praying a decade of the Rosary at 3.30pm. Each class takes a turn at leading the prayers.

Next week's schedule is as follows:

Friday 7th October (1NS) Finding Jesus in the Temple  
Monday 10th October (1S) The Agony in the Garden  
Tuesday 11th October (6S) The scourging at the Pillar  
Wednesday 12th October (6A) Crowning with Thorns  
Thursday 13th October (6R) Jesus carries His Cross  
Friday 14th October (5A) Jesus dies on the Cross

To find out when your child's class is leading the Rosary, please log into our website and click on 'About us > Catholic life of the school'

Praying the Rosary is a lovely, simple devotion marked at this time of year as the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. We also pray the Rosary in May. A decade of the Rosary will usually last for around 5 minutes.

Parents should enter the school at 3.30pm via the hall doors in the junior playground. We hope to pray the Rosary in the small outdoor area accessed through the hall as this area provides an intimate, quiet space. If the weather is poor, we will use the hall.

We look forward to you joining us and joining in the Rosary throughout October.

## Story Café

Our story cafes are starting next week in year 1. Parents are invited to come into school and listen to a story with their children before helping them to complete some associated activities. We are very much looking forward to working with parents in this way and also highlighting the value and joy of story.

As we need additional space, these activities will take place in the new hall rather than the classrooms.

Monday - 1M

Tuesday - 1S

Wednesday - 1NS

Parents are asked to come to the Halifax Road entrance ready for a 2.45pm start, the session will last until home time. Coffee will be kindly donated by Starbucks, so please keep a close eye on any preschool children that you may have with you, both in terms of safety and in case they drink all the coffee before you!

## Harvest Help

We are still very short of Harvest helpers for next week. We are in need of volunteers to distribute the parcels after the celebration. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if you are able to assist us.

The festival will take place on **Wednesday 12 October** and parents are invited to attend. There will be collection of goods for the festival which, afterwards, will be distributed to those in need. Please send an item of food in with your child on the morning of **Tuesday 11 October**.

Our list of those in need, however, requires updating so if you know of anyone who would benefit from a parcel at this time, please inform the school office. Similarly, if you know that someone who has in the past received a parcel but is now no longer able to do so, please could you also inform us.

I look forward to the harvest celebration and hope that the generosity that you show at this time can benefit those that particularly need it.

## Happy School Bag

Happy School Bag is a fundraising scheme that helps schools raise funds through the collection of unwanted yet reusable clothing. The children take special bags home and fill them up with unwanted clothes, paired shoes and accessories. They then bring the bags to school on the collection day. Once the collection has been weighed, the school receives a sum of money based on the total weight that has collected. For more information go to their website on: [www.happyschoolbag.co.uk](http://www.happyschoolbag.co.uk).



Our collection date is not until **Tuesday 22 November**, but we are letting you know nice and early in case you want to start your clear-out!

## School Admissions for 2017

If you, or anyone you know, have a child born between 1st September, 2012 and the 31st August 2013 and are applying for a school place at St George's, please be aware of the following important information.

Parents/carers need to complete three application documents:

An application to the London Borough of Enfield (online)  
A supplementary information form (obtainable from and returnable to the school).

A certificate of Catholic Practice (obtained from the parish, return to the school).

*Whilst the Borough application is completed online, the two other forms should be submitted to the school together.*

It is important that all three documents are completed and submitted by the deadline date. Please note that the school office also needs to have sight of your child's original baptism certificate.

Closing Date for Admissions: **15th January 2017**.

To arrange a tour of the school, please phone the school office on 0208 363 3729.