



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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 4

Autumn Term 2022
Thursday 29 September

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Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern
Mrs S Hukowski
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux

Blue

St Oscar Romero

Red

St Francis of Assisi

Yellow

St Josephine Bakhita

Green

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 that they are living up to the school motto - 'In everything we do today, we are following Jesus and his way.' The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit):

Class	Name of children
RG	Our reception classes will be
RW	attending assembly soon!
1A	Alba & Sienna
1DS	Sergi & JJ
1W	Princess & Jack
2B	William & Gloria
2K	Klaudia & Jake
2NS	Tilly & Elisa
3A	Sebastien & Giorgia
3F	Sarah & Jayden
3S	Dylan & Carissa
4GC	Sienna & Grace, CM
4P	CM
4OS	Brea & Patrick
5B	
5M	Year 5 at Mass
5S	
6K	Emily, CM
6M	Adam & Annabelle
6OT	Vincent, CM

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Next Week in School

Friday 30 September

Liturgy for St Thérèse of Lisieux
PTA coffee morning for new parents

Tuesday 4 October

Liturgy for St Francis of Assisi
Year 3 curriculum meeting 2.55pm
Football @ Enfield Grammar

Thursday 6 October

Year 6 retreat @ St Ignatius

Friday 7 October

Year 4 visit St Albans Cathedral
Year 3 lead Mass @ church 10am
Year 5/6 cross country @ Forty Hall 1.30pm

October, the month of The Rosary, is almost upon us. Please find the Rosary rota on the school website and join us at 3.25pm on the appropriate day. See later in the newsletter for further details.

Our Harvest Festival liturgy takes place on Friday 14 October. Class 5S will lead the service and parents will be welcome to join us. As we have done for the past few years, we will be collecting food for the Enfield Foodbank on this day, so please send one item of produce in to school with your child that day. The items most in need are highlighted on a document that is being distributed with this newsletter. Please pray for Mrs O'Shea and her family today as they say good bye to her husband who died very recently. We pray that they feel the gentle touch of God's healing hand.

Coffee for New Parents

The Helping Hands team are holding their coffee morning this Friday in the scout hut/new hall from 9 - 10am. This will be a great opportunity to socialise and get to know each other a little better as parents new to the school. We are grateful to the team for running this event and, as with everything else they organise, I'm sure it will be a great success.

Saints Days

We are inviting children to attend school wearing the colour of their house saint on their feast days this year. Tomorrow is the feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux. All children in this house are able to come to school in their own clothes provided some or all of it is blue. On Tuesday, it is the feast of St Francis of Assisi and children are able to wear their own clothes provided there is some yellow in there somewhere! During the day, the children will attend a special liturgy as a house and have an extra playtime together. The aim of our house system is to develop even more a sense of togetherness and camaraderie, as well as the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful lives of our house saints.

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship." (St Thomas Aquinas)



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



The weather is lovely at the moment - walk at least some or all of the way to school whenever you can.

Please do not park in the Shelley Lodge car park. This is a private car park for residents on the flats. Always be courteous to our local neighbours. My team and I need to concentrate on providing a brilliant education for our children, not apologising to local residents for the rudeness of some of our parents!

First Holy Communion

The application process for children in primary school years 3&4 who wish to make their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, is now open. Forms are available from the presbytery or online at www.catholicenfield.org. The programme is due to start the 9th January 2023 with celebration masses taking place mid May. For further information please contact the Catechetical Coordinator on 0208 363 2569 or email enfieldcat@rcdow.org.uk. Deadline for the return of the forms is Monday 14th November 2022.

School Places for September 2023

The Governors invite applications from the parents of children born between 1st September, 2018 and the 31st August 2019.

Parents need to complete:

1. The application to the London Borough of Enfield (online).
2. The supplementary information form from our website, please download, complete and email to us. Please include in your email a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
3. A certificate of Catholic Practice. To obtain this, please visit the Parish website www.catholicenfield.org and follow their instructions.

Come and visit us? Please call our school office to arrange a school tour.

Whilst the Borough application is completed online, the two other forms should be submitted to the school together in person or via email to admin@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk. Closing Date for Admissions: 15th January 2023. For further information, please contact the school office on 0208 363 3729

Applications across Enfield were significantly lower this year, to compound lower numbers of applicants last year. This has resulted in significant numbers of schools in the borough having surplus places, with many reducing the size of the school intake to lessen the financial impact of the lower numbers. It is worth noting that **all applicants to our school last year were offered a place**, including those without a certificate of Catholic Practice.

Upcoming Dates

Advance warning of some key school dates. The school calendar is constantly updated on the school website, under the parents information section.

October

Tues 4th	Feast of St Francis of Assisi Y3 curriculum meeting 2:55pm Boys football at Enfield Grammar
Thurs 6th	6K retreat
Fri 7th	Y3 lead Mass at church Y4 to St Albans Y5/6 Cross Country at Forty Hall
Mon 10th	Mental Health Awareness assemblies
Tues 11th	Y2 curriculum meeting 2:55pm
Fri 14th	Harvest Festival (5S) 9.15am
Tues 18th	Y6 curriculum meeting & maths café 2:30 Girls football at Enfield Grammar
Weds 19th	Y3 Egyptian Day
Thurs 20th	Y5/6 Cross Country
Fri 21st	School Closes for half term
Mon 31st	INSET day - school closed

November

Tues 1st	School reopens Mass for All Souls Parent Consultations
Weds 2nd	Parents Consultations
Tues 8th	Reception curriculum meeting 2.55pm
Mon 14th	Anti-Bullying week
Tues 24th	Book Fair (until 30th)
Tues 29th	Year 5 & 6 reconciliation

Please **do not** allow your children to use the play equipment in the junior playground after school.

Let's Talk with 5-11 year olds

The ECASS Team are very excited to announce that we are starting our new cohort of Parent Ekkan training, Let's talk with 5-11's, this Autumn term. This practical course is designed for parents and carers. Written by speech and language therapists these seven 1.5 hour sessions will enable parents to learn how to develop their child's understanding and talking. Parent's attending the course will have access to the course workbook which is full of strategies and activities that can be used with their child at home and at school.

The Aims are:

- To learn why some children find it challenging to understand what is said to them and to talk.
 - To give you practical ideas to help children learn to listen, understand and speak.
 - To help you develop children's talking so that they do better in school.
 - To share ideas with other parents and carers.
- Please refer to the attached flyer for further details.

Uniform Matters

Most of our children are dressed impeccably in school uniform, however we must remember to wear sensible, black shoes. Please see the school website for the limited jewellery that is allowed, but earrings must be removed or covered for PE. In general, tights may be grey or navy!

The Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the children pray this special devotion in the Rosary Garden.

The rota is available on the school website so that you will know when it is your child's turn: 'news & events > mass and assembly rotas'. The schedule for next week is:

The Joyful Mysteries

Monday 3rd October

The Annunciation 6K

Tuesday 4th October

The Visitation 6OT

Wednesday 5th October

The Nativity 6M

Thursday 6th October

The Presentation in the Temple 5M

Friday 7th October

Finding Jesus in the Temple 5S



Please come and join us when it is your child's turn. Enter school via the Gordon Road gate and make your way to the school hall. The Rosary Garden is found through a door to the right. The Rosary begins at 3.25pm and will finish in time for you to collect your child and any siblings in other classes.

Baby Gate

We are currently in need of a baby gate in school. This is for a health and safety reason for some of our younger children, and not to stop some of the teachers escaping!

Given the extreme pressures on school budgets at the moment, we thought that we would ask parents if anyone had a baby gate that was no longer being used that could be donated to us. Please contact the school office if you can help.