



School Newsletter

Newsletter 6

Autumn Term 2016

Thursday 13 October 2016

Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke

Deputy Head: Miss S Small

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** – class merit, Annie, Anna **INS** – class merit, Oran, Oliver **1S** – class merit, Lola, Mary -Queen **2D** – Zoe, Ciaran **2G** – class merit, Tilly **2OT** – Isabelle, Eddie **3K** – Lou-Lou, Fabio **3MA** – Joshua, Erin **3MU** – Poppy, Savio, Valentina **4C** – Lily-Anne, Sam **4K** – class merit **4W** – Martin, Harold **5A** – class merit, Joe, Molly **5FE** – Frankie, Eurielle **5FI** – class merit, Matteo, Hannah **5OS** – Maks, Tommy **6A** – Tomas, Soraya **6R** - class merit, Rory, Patricia, Emily, Joe **6S** – class merit, Scarlett, Magdalena **Music merits:** Oscar (4W) ...well done everybody!

Story Café

I am delighted that our story café has been such a great success. A massive thank you to the teachers for preparing such lovely activities for the children to share with their parents. It was made even more special by the large numbers of parents who supported the café and I would particularly like to thank those who have taken the trouble to give such positive feedback. If you came to the café and would like to give us feedback, please do so using the school's office email - the feedback is really important to us. Our next café will be held in February (week beginning 27th) for year 2.

The coffee we all enjoyed was kindly donated by Starbucks and we are very grateful for their generous support for this venture.

School closes at **2pm** on **Wednesday 19 October** for parent consultations. Half term begins on **Friday 21 October** until **Monday 31 October**.

Anti-Bullying

Our new website has a special feature to help us tackle bullying. It is a completely confidential form that pupils can fill in online if they are the victim of bullying, would like to pass on information about bullying or are experiencing other difficulties. The form can be found by following 'curriculum > children's zone > worried about something?'

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Next Week in School

Friday 14 October
Mass in the school hall at 8.25am (4W)

Monday 18 October
Parent consultations 4 - 6.30pm

Wednesday 19 October
School closes 2pm
Parent consultations 2.30 - 5.30pm

Friday 21 October
Mass in the school hall at 8.25am (4K)
School closes for half term 3.30pm

Harvest

What a wonderful occasion our Harvest celebration was. I would like to thank all our families for their generous contributions which have been distributed to the needy of our parish. We have already received messages of thanks from some recipients who have been extremely grateful - including one lady who is 101 years old! Congratulations to the distribution team who did a great job.

The occasion was made more special by the attendance of the Mayor of Enfield, Bernadette Lappage, who made her contribution to our food collection before telling the children how delighted she was to be visiting the school she attended as a child.

Thank you to the parents who attended in such large numbers, giving the occasion a real community feeling.



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.

On **Thursday** next week, **5FI** will be leading our assembly.

"We must give more in order to get more. It is the generous giving of ourselves that produces the generous harvest."
(Orison Swett Marden)



PTA News

The calendars which will be sold at the Christmas Fair are currently being developed. If you know of or work for any businesses that would like to sponsor a page of the calendar please contact the PTA as soon as possible - pta.stgeorges@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you to those who attended the PTA meeting on Tuesday night and shared your ideas so enthusiastically.

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 14th October (5A) Finding Jesus in the Temple
Monday 17th October (5F) The Resurrection
Tuesday 18th October (5FE) The Ascension
Wed 19th October (5OS) The Coming of the Holy Spirit
Thursday 20th October (4C) Assumption of Our Lady
Fri 21st October (4W) Mary crowned Queen of Heaven

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.

Sports News

On Thursday our school football team played their second round of football matches at Southbury Astro-pitches. The first game against Chase Side was evenly balanced however we managed to grab a 1 - 0 win courtesy of Ben.

We found our form in the second game against Carter-hatch. They couldn't get through our defence or stop our powerful attack. The game ended in a 5 - 0 win and the scorers were Aaron, Theo and Oscar.

We keep up our unbeaten run!

Leo Gazza

Harvest Festival

Thank you Father for Nature,
For supplying the food we eat,
For the many wonderful fruits,
That are tasty and so sweet.

Thank you for the vegetables,
That help the body to survive,
That nourish our very being,
To keep us all alive.

Thank you for the conditions,
The wind, the rain and storm,
Thank you for the sunshine,
That ripen the fields of corn.

Bless all the harvest,
That grace our table fare,
Abundance of glorious food,
A feast for all to share.
So as we celebrate Harvest Festival,
Let us think of those in need,
Send your thoughts out to the starving,
That all of them may feed.

Help us share your treasure,
To those that are starving today,
Give them strength and nourishment,
To soothe their pains away.

If through your love and understanding,
We conquer famine decay and despair,
Then Father we have learnt our lesson,
For through you we have learnt to share.

M G Bradshaw
(As read by 6S)

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.

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.



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!

Young Shakespeare

The Young Shakespeare Company was a workshop with year 6 students on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th October. We sat in a circle and there was a lady who asked us questions and gave us roles to perform or lines to say. Once she had told us a bit of the story we volunteered to be different characters. Everyone acted in turn. The story was about people ship-wrecked on an island with spirits. The main spirit was named Ariel and the main boy was called Caliban.

I enjoyed the workshop because it was very 'hands on' as we all worked together and enjoyed it.

Holly McMurdie