



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

# School Newsletter Newsletter 3

Spring Term 2023  
Thursday 19 January

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## Next Week in School

**Friday 20 January**  
RG Stay & Play

**Wednesday 25 January**  
Boys football at Edmonton

**Friday 27 January**  
RW Stay & Play

Thank you to all those of you who have spoken to us about our plans for a nursery class next year. Please do email the school office as we are keeping a record of all expressions of interest. We are still in the relatively early stages of planning, however, and have not yet set the admissions criteria. There is a dedicated page on the school website: follow 'school information > nursery' where you can keep up to date with progress, and I look forward to reading any of your comments after using the consultation feedback form.

## Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux

Blue

St Oscar Romero

Red

St Francis of Assisi

Yellow

St Josephine Bakhita

Green

## Parent Consultations

Spring Term Parent Consultations will be taking place on the week of Monday 20 March. These meetings, that have been online since the 2020 lockdown, are a crucially important element in the home - school partnership that is fundamental to the children's progress in learning.

As has been suggested previously, the aim for this round of consultations is to introduce a 'hybrid' model, with some consultations being held online, others in person at school. Feedback that we receive from parents suggest that there is a balance between those who prefer the convenience of an online consultation with those who prefer the more personal nature of a face to face meeting.

Offering both options does present logistical challenges, however, and so that we can most effectively organise the event, we are asking parents to take part in an short online survey. Accessed via the school website, answering a few simple questions will allow us to offer the most suitable balance of online and face to face meetings.

Please access the survey by following 'parent information > parent forms' and selecting parent consultation survey. Thank you for all the comments received so far.

We will close the survey on **Monday 23 January**.

*Following the success of our cafes, we are now offering take aways! Story cafes have been an established feature of our school calendar over the past few years. We have now introduced a similar format for maths. Please come along and take away new understanding of the maths that your children encounter at school.*

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## We are not Alone!

The Guardian published an insightful article this week about the falling rolls in London schools. This is a problem that we are acutely aware of. I have included a rather lengthy link below, but cutting and pasting it into your browser should access the information.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2023/jan/12/primary-schools-in-london-may-need-to-merge-or-close-as-intakes-dwindle#:~:text=School%20admissions-,Primary%20schools%20in%20London%20may%20need%20to,or%20close%20as%20intakes%20dwindle&text=Primary%20schools%20in%20London%20face,in%20the%20capital%20have%20warned>

## Congratulannes

Congratulations to Mrs Loveland and her team at St Annes following the publication of their recent inspection report. Something for the whole St Anne's community to be very proud of.

## Help

Last week in our newsletter, we appealed for help and assistance in a number of areas. Here is a summary. Please help if you can! Thank you for the offers so far.

- Thin, metal coat hangers
- Volunteers to launder the current lost property
- Reading assistance in school
- Help to prepare the new library room - builder, plumber, decorator

Please contact the school with any items, offers or for further information!



"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."  
(St Teresa of Kolkata)



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.



## Upcoming Dates

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

### January

Fri 20th	RG Stay & Play
Mon 23rd	Young Voices Concert at the O2
Weds 25th	Year 6 Boys Football @ Edmonton
Fri 27th	RW Stay & Play
Mon 30th	Year 4 maths 'Take Away' 2:40pm
Tues 31st	Year 6 maths 'Take Away' 2.40pm

### February

Weds 1st	Junior Apprentice team @ Civic Centre Girls football at Edmonton
Thurs 2nd	Year 3 maths 'Take Away' 2.40pm
Fri 3rd	RG Stay & Play Year 5 NATWEST workshops Numbers Day
Tues 7th	Helping Hands AGM 9am in school visit by Bishop John Sherrington Girls football @ Enfield Grammar
Weds 8th	Year 1 'Phonics and Reading' meeting 2NS Phonics and Reading workshop
Thurs 9th	2K Phonics and Reading workshop
Fri 10th	RW Stay & Play 2B Phonics and Reading workshop School closes for half term

**THE DOG HOUSE IS BACK!**

Could you offer a rescue dog a loving home?

**Applications now open**

[www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house](http://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house)

## WCCS

Westminster Cathedral Choir School is holding an open morning on Sunday 5 February. Please follow the link below for more information:  
<https://choirschool.com/>

*Every year Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George Parish organises a collection of non perishable goods for the Manna Homeless Centre at London Bridge. Please find below a list of most needed items for Parents and Children to bring to Mass on the first weekend of February. This years collection will be on Sunday 5th February.  
(Tony Sheen - CAFOD Justice and Peace Group)*

## Sunday 5th Feb Manna Society Homelessness Collection.

The annual parish collection for the homeless will take place in aid of the Manna Society at all Masses.

The day centre needs the following non perishable items:

**Food:** Powdered milk, fair-trade sugar, Tins of : tomatoes, chopped ham, fish, vegetables, baked beans, Hot Dogs and corned beef. Pasta Sauces, Orange squash. Biscuits.

**Other:** sleeping bags. Rucksacks, Kitchen Rolls

**Clothing.** Good Quality Winter Coats

**Please place your donations in the parish centre at Masses on Sunday 5th Feb .**

The Manna Society at London Bridge provides daily meals for London's many homeless people. They also provide shower facilities and clothing. They have volunteer doctors, dentists and chiropodists who offer their services free of charge. The goods will be taken direct to the Manna Society's day centre very early on the Monday morning. [www.mannasociety.org.uk](http://www.mannasociety.org.uk)  
**Many thanks for your generosity and kindness on behalf of those in need.**

The Justice and Peace Group

**Help would be appreciated with sorting the donations in Our Lady and St George after Masses**

*Due to insufficient storage space goods are unable to be accepted beforehand at the presbytery. For further information about the Justice and Peace Group, please contact Tony on 07984-529202*

## Strike by NEU

As parents will no doubt be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) have called strike action for their teacher members on four days that will potentially affect St George's School.

In the next couple of days, parents will receive a letter giving more detail about the planned action. However, it is unlikely that a definitive decision on the school re-

maining open can be made until things become clearer. I will ensure that parents are notified as soon as possible.

The proposed strike action days are:

*Wednesday 1 February*

*Thursday 2 March*

*Wednesday 15 March*

*Thursday 16 March*