



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

School Newsletter 3

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 21 September

Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke
Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern
Mrs S Hukowski
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield
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	
RW	
1GS	Molly, Azrae
1W	Neya, Evie
2B	Nicholas, Isla
2K	Eva, Isaiah
2DS	Henry, Rafaela
3M	Sofia, Orla
3OS	Ashai, Berenice
3S	Orla, Edith
4A	Cressida, CM
4P	Fred, Orla
4R	Emma, Liam
5B	Julian, Sean
5CN	Maverick, Daniel
5S	Dylan, Sebastian
6C	
6K	
6M	

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Next Week in School

Friday 22 September

Class Act assemblies
Year 5 at Church 10am

Monday 25 September

Nursery starts

Tuesday 26 September

Year 5 curriculum meeting 2.50pm

Wednesday 27 September

Year 6 RSE meeting (online) 4pm

We are so excited to see our nursery class starting in earnest next week. Mrs Demirkaya and Mrs Suarez have worked so hard to get the room up and running and can't wait for the children to be starting. They have been visiting for short sessions this week. Alongside the reception classes, they make up the Early Years unit, and how fantastic they all look in their new uniform.

Year 5 will be leading Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George this Friday at 10am, and we look forward to welcoming Fr Patrick van der Vorst into school for the first time next week.

Admissions

If you, a friend or a family member have a child ready to start school next September, applications are now open and all the relevant information is on our school website.

'school information > admission > admissions 2024'. We are once again holding our popular open afternoons, and the first of these is at **2pm on Wednesday 18 October**. Booking can be made via the same website page.

Class Act

Class Act, who offer exciting drama opportunities for pupils will be leading our assemblies this Friday. Following that, there will be workshops held in October. Children who enjoy these will have the opportunity to join a club that may culminate in the chance to perform at the Millfield Theatre in January. The children will be bringing home flyers to explain this.



Families

To download a copy of the 'Families, North London' magazine, copy and paste this (very long) link:
https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/fnl_162_so23_digital?fr=sMTRmZjY1MzI3NjU&utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Distribution_Points_Mag_Link_Sept%2fOct_23&utm_medium=email

"People who see you at your best will thank God."
Based on Matthew 6:16

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.



If you drive your child to school and park on Halifax Road, then please do not use private parking spaces and particularly avoid disabled spaces. There have been a number of complaints from local residents this week. In addition, parking on double yellow lines causes potentially dangerous situations. One example this week was a parent with a push chair who had no choice but to push her child into the road to go around a car that was obstructing the pedestrian walkway.

Flu Vaccine

The school nursing team are due to come into school to deliver the flu vaccine on **Monday 20 November**.

All children in reception through to year 6 are eligible for this vaccine. Once again this year, they are offering the flu nasal spray and also the injectable version which does not contain porcine gelatine.

A letter is being distributed with the newsletter today. The letter contains a link to the online eConsent form.

To get further information about all vaccines, visit www.saisenfield.co.uk.

The cut off for children to get their flu vaccine with the service this year is 15th December. They will not be able to administer any flu vaccines after that date.

I know the team are always delighted with the response from our families at St George's.

Upcoming Dates

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

September

Fri 22nd	'Class Act' assemblies Year 5 at Church 10am
Tues 26th	Year 5 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Weds 27th	Year 6 RSE meeting (4pm) online

October

Tues 3rd	Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm Boy's football (3:45pm) Grammar School
Fri 6th	Year 4 to St Albans Year 5/6 Cross Country at Forty Hall
Tues 10th	Netball (County School) 3:45pm Year 3 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Fri 13th	Police workshops to Year 6 Non-uniform day - wear bright colours!
Sat 14th	Happy Circus (Helping Hands event)
Mon 16th	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Tues 17th	Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm Girl's football (3:45pm) Grammar School
Weds 18th	Open Afternoon (prospective parents) Year 1 Chickenshed workshops
Thurs 19th	Harvest Festival assembly
Fri 20th	School closes for half term

November

Mon 30th	School closed - INSET day
Weds 1st	School Mass (All Saints) Reception Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Mon 6th	Parent Consultations 4 - 6pm Nursery Curriculum Meeting 6pm
Tues 7th	Parent Consultations (4 - 6pm)
Fri 10th	Year 4 at Church

The Incredible Years Parenting Programme 4-11 years



Develop a positive parenting tool kit

- ☐ Support your child to manage their feelings, and deal with difficulties
- ☐ Better awareness to manage your own emotional responses
- ☐ Help your child to listen to and cooperate with instructions
- ☐ Foster a more secure relationship and strengthen trust
- ☐ Build your child's self esteem
- ☐ Experience more joyful parenting

The Incredible Years

Join a supportive weekly group to share this 12 week programme
Taking place at Bush Hill Park Primary School
Starting: **FRIDAY 20th October 2023**

To register your interest, and to receive a follow up call, please visit your child's school to ask for a registration form

Limited spaces are available

Delivered by accredited Incredible Years' Practitioners from Enfield Primary Behaviour Support Service **SWIRRI** Team

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Special Guardianship Education Support



Coffee Morning

- Are you a Special Guardian?
- Are you aware of the educational support available for your child?
- Would you like the opportunity to discuss any educational issues? (Examples could include SEN, attendance, homework, friendships, or anything else!)
- Would you like to meet other Special Guardians?

Please come and join us on

Wednesday 4th October 2023
10 – 11.30 am
Dugdale Arts Centre Cafe,
39 London Road
Enfield Town. EN2 6DS

Please contact Jane Manning (contact details below) to reserve your space

To find out more contact: Jane Manning (Previously Looked After Children Officer): jane.manning@enfield.gov.uk



Whats App Groups

Whats App groups for parents can be brilliant. Reminding each other of important school information or events can be beneficial as well in addition to the socialising aspect that it offers. Please, however, refrain from using the app for expressing negative views of the school as this often creates bigger issues. If a problem exists with something that the school is doing, please speak to us about it, whether the class teacher or through the school office. Towards the conclusion of the last school year, such was the level of negativity that some parents had made us aware of, that the remarks being made about individual school staff were extremely derogatory and verging on the slanderous. The problem is that when something is posted on a Whats App group, everyone in that group is exposed to it, whether they share that view or not, or whether they wish to be exposed to bad language or not. We respectfully ask all parents, therefore, to keep using Whats App groups in the spirit in which it is intended and to keep communicating with the school if anything causes you difficulty. And, as always, the vast majority of parents do this as, if nothing else, it is in keeping with the Gospel values that we live by in school each day.

Code of Conduct

Our parental code of conduct is being distributed with this newsletter. Please read through the document. There will be a facility to sign digitally on the school website. Please go to 'parent information > code of conduct' to sign.

We would appreciate all parents signing the agreement and understanding the spirit with which it is being sent, and that is harmonious and productive relationships between school and home for the benefit of the children at school.

Names

The new uniforms look absolutely lovely, but please take time to write your child's name on each piece of clothing, particularly on jumpers/ cardigans, as this gives us the best chance of reuniting the children with their jumpers if they have needed to remove them.

Our uniform monitors will be in action soon, and it is my aim to remove completely the need for our old lost property box. Anyone who has looked through that for uniform items will understand why!

Green Team

Last year, the Green Team led an assembly to inform the children about different forms of pollution and what we can do to promote a cleaner environment to live and breathe in. The Green Team are currently taking part in a special project where the air in different parts of our school environment will be tested. A report will then be sent to inform us of the quality of the air and what we can do to ensure that the air in our school environment is clean.

The Green Team are also inviting children to take part in a poster competition organised by the Asthma and Lung UK charity.

Please find details below about the art poster competition.

Theme: Healthy Air and Healthy Lungs

Your poster could promote active travel, encouraging car drivers to not leave their engine on outside of school, the effects of dirty air etc.

The poster can be completed using any creative format- e.g. digital design, collage, paints, pencil- as long as the poster can be scanned and emailed or posted (we will scan/email/post it for you).

Please put your first name only and class at the back of the poster.

Closing date: Thursday 28th September. Please hand in your poster to the school office.

After we have sent the entries to Asthma and Lung UK, a select choice of designs will be displayed to clean air, council and health representatives at an event they are holding next month and there is also the chance for artwork to be featured as part of a nationwide schools resource. *Please refrain from using Asthma + Lung UK logo etc. as this may be added later!*

Through this work, we can continue to live out and promote the Catholic Social Teaching theme of 'Care for Creation' and answer Pope Francis' call to look after our Common Home (Laudato Si).

Vacancy

We are currently recruiting a TA to work across our EYFS (nursery and reception). For full details, please visit our school website 'vacancies' section. Closing date is Friday 29 September.