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School Newsletter

Newsletter 5

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 5 October

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.' There is even a special music merit! The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit):

Class	Name of children
1GS	Renata, Nicholas, Gyima
1W	Connor, Elysa
2B	Ariana, Jude
2K	Princess, Elliot
2DS	Bernie, Toby
3M	Joaquin, Christine
3OS	Saoirse, Alex
3S	Kieran, Kloe
4A	John, Valentina
4P	Kenya, Robyn
4R	Kyle, Luca
5B	Tyler, CM
5CN	Matthew, CM
5S	Isabella, CM
6C	Dijdan, Rachel
6K	Kian, Amelia
6M	Raphaëlle, Anthony
Music	Finn (3M), Katie (5S)

Class 5S will be holding a cake sale in the school playground on Friday after school.

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Next Week in School

Friday 6 October

Year 4 visit to St Albans Cathedral
Cross Country at Forty Hall
5S cake sale

Tuesday 10 October

Year 3 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Netball match at Enfield County School

Friday 13 October

Non-Uniform 'Bright Colours' Day
Police workshops with year 6

Saturday 14 October

Happy Circus

In our special liturgies for two of our house saints this week, we were guided by words attributed to or guided by St Francis of Assisi: 'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.' A great message for children of that house to hear about how living out the simple teachings of our faith can lead to them being a better person, and being part of making a better world. On Monday, for the feast of St Therese of Lisieux, her words 'Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be' again guide the children to follow their faith in its simplicity, bringing them and others closer to God. We were delighted to welcome Father Daniel to share these special liturgies with us. The children seemed to enjoy the extra playtime, too!

It was lovely to welcome Fr Patrick Van der Vorst to school last week. He talked at length to Mrs McGivern and myself and is eager to support the school. How fortunate we are to have such supportive parish priests. He also enjoyed a tour of the school conducted by two of our year 6 pupils.

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.

Code of Conduct

Thank you to those of you who have signed the school code of conduct. For those who have not already done so, please visit our school website:

Parents information > code of conduct > acknowledgement form'

You support is greatly appreciated.

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."

St Therese of Lisieux

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.



Class Act

Last week, Make Believe Drama School led an entertaining assembly and they will be returning to lead workshops for all children just before half term. Children are then invited to take part in auditions in November, aiming to participate in a spectacular show at the Millfield Theatre in January.

All children are taking part in the educational workshops, but will need to sign up for the auditions. To sign up, parents need to register the children using the QR code below, or by visiting www.makebelievegroup.co.uk/class-act



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 was distributed with the newsletter last week containing 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.

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

School Building Fund

It is the responsibility of the Catholic School community to fund 10% of any capital works that are needed as a school. This arrangement is enshrined in law and this is how we maintain our status as a Catholic Voluntary Aided School. Parents of Catholic school children are therefore required to contribute towards this fund on an annual basis. At St George's, we have kept that contribution to £45 per family (£15 per term). A letter is being distributed from the school governors with this newsletter. Please read it carefully, for without sufficient funds, vital works for the school (such as updated heating,

lighting and electrical works) cannot take place.



Our special St Francis of Assisi liturgy yesterday was lovely

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

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
	Class Act workshops
Fri 20th	School closes for half term
Mon 30th	School closed - INSET day

November

Weds 1st	School Mass (All Saints)
	Reception Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Thurs 2nd	4P to Enfield Town Library
Fri 3rd	4A & 4R to Enfield Town Library
Mon 6th	Parent Consultations 4 - 6pm
	Nursery Curriculum Meeting 6pm
Tues 7th	Parent Consultations (4 - 6pm)
Fri 10th	Year 4 at Church
Mon 13th	Year 6 Book Look 9.10 - 9.40am
	Year 1 Book Look 2.30 - 3.30pm
Tues 14th	Year 5 Book Look 9.10 - 9.40am
	Year 2 Book Look 2 - 3.30pm
	Class Act Auditions
Weds 15th	Year 4 Book Look 2 - 3.30pm
Thurs 16th	Year 3 Book Look 9.15 - 10.45am
Fri 17th	Children in Need 'Odd Socks Day'

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival assembly takes place on Thursday 19 October. Once again we will be accepting donations for the The North Enfield Foodbank. We will be inviting donations to be brought into school on that day.

For parents of 5S, you are invited to join us for this celebration as it is your child's class who will be leading the liturgy.

Gates

Our school has operated a soft start between 8:45 and 9am for a few years now. This is to allow children to file into their classes calmly for a gentle start. Learning proper begins at 9am, so children need to be in their classes, ready to learn for that time. The arrangement has been popular and very effective

We understand that sometimes road conditions can prevent you from getting to school on time if you drive, and we would always rather you were safe than take risks to get here. However, for safety reasons, our Halifax Road entrance gates will be closed promptly at 9am from Monday.

We need more wire coat hangers for our lost property rails. Please do send any spares that you may have into school where we can put them to effective use!

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

Thursday 5 October

The Presentation in the Temple 5B

Friday 6 October

Finding Jesus in the Temple 5S

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Monday 9 October

The Agony in the Garden 5CN

Tuesday 10 October

The Scourging at the Pillar 4P

Wednesday 11 October

The Crowning with Thorns 4A

Thursday 12 October

Jesus Carries His Cross 4R

Friday 13 October

Jesus Dies on the Cross 3S



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.