

School Newsletter

Newsletter 4

Autumn Term 2024 Thursday 28 September

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

Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux

St Oscar Romero

St Francis of Assisi

St Josephine Bakhita

Blue

Red

Yellow

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):

Chosen by their teachers (Civi - Class Ment).	
Class	Name of children
1GS	Liam, Elisiya
1W	Zane, Tommy, Azaria
2B	Roisin, Avery
2K	Apollonia, Jimmy
2DS	Mani, Ruth
3M	Nana, Rosie
3OS	Charlize, Gloria
3S	Sebastian, Cevdet
4A	Cressida, Oscar
4P	Mairead, Leon
4R	Rory, Levi
5B	
5CN	
5S	
6C	Theodore, Alex
6K	Lacey-Anne, Joseph
6M	Donovan, Noah
Music	Thalys (2K), Alex (6K)

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

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Next Week in School

Friday 29 September
National Teaching Assistant Day

Monday 2 October
Feast of St Therese of Lisieux

Tuesday 3 October

Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm Football (boys) Enfield Grammar 3.45pm

> Wednesday 4 October Feast of St Francis of Assisi

> > Thursday 5 October National Poetry Day

Friday 6 October

Year 4 visit to St Albans Cathedral Cross Country at Forty Hall

Next week we enjoy a double-header of saints days. On Monday, the children in St Therese of Lisieux house are invited to come to school wearing own clothes with a blue theme. During the day they will participate in a special liturgy and enjoy an extra play-time. On Wednesday, the children in St Francis of Assisi experience the same arrangements, wearing a yellow theme to represent their house colour. We look forward to celebrating the feast days of these wonderful and popular saints





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.

"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.

Please be aware of the new highway code Using The Road - Road junctions (170 to 183) - THE HIGHWAY CODE (highwaycodeuk.co.uk) which states pedestrians have priority (when on the road) crossing at junctions. People parking on double yellows near junctions are likely to cause further conflict and visibility will be impaired for both users.

https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/road-junctions.html

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. This makes the school a safe and comfortable learning environment for the children.

Upcoming Dates

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

St Therese of Lisieux House (wear blue)

October Mon 2nd

Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Boy's football (3:45pm) Grammar School
St Francis of Assisi House (wear yellow)
Year 4 to St Albans
Year 5/6 Cross Country at Forty Hall
Netball (County School) 3:45pm
Year 3 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Police workshops to Year 6
Non-uniform day - wear bright colours!
Happy Circus (Helping Hands event)
Year 2 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Year 1 Curriculum Meeting 2.50pm
Girl's football (3:45pm) Grammar School
Open Afternoon (prospective parents)
Year 1 Chickenshed workshops
Harvest Festival assembly
School closes for half term

November

Mon 30th

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
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
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'

School closed - INSET day

Choir School

Every year up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School as choristers in Years 4 or 5. Becoming a chorister offers boys the opportunity to sing in a world-famous choir, and to join a top school for boys age 4 – 13 with up to 100% off fees.

Every half term, we welcome families over Zoom who would simply like to explore what it means to be a chorister. We take a behind-the-scenes look at the life of a chorister, focusing on what it means to board, and why being in a top choir is such a joyous experience. Our Zoom sessions this term are at 6.30 pm on the following dates, each

lasting 30 minutes.

Wednesday October Wednesday November

22nd

If you'd like to find out more, email Lucy Auger to register for the next Zoom session.

Email lauger@choirschool.com



Names

time to write your child's name on each piece of clothing, particularly on jumpers/ cardigans, as this gives us the school website: 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 I shall you have not done so already. restate my aim to remove completely the need for our old. We would appreciate all parents signing the agreement lost property box. Anyone who has looked through that and understanding the spirit with which it is being sent, for uniform items will understand why!

Code of Conduct

The new uniforms look absolutely lovely, but please take Our parental code of conduct was being distributed with the newsletter lasty week and can also be found on the

'parent information > code of conduct' to

Please read through the document and sign digitally if

and that is harmonious and productive relationships between school and home for the benefit of the children at school.

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.

Anna and her gorgeous baby boy Cassian visited year 2 on Tuesday afternoon as our science topic is humans and other animals. The children have been learning about what a baby needs to survive and grow. They asked Anna some brilliant questions about baby Cassian. Here is a list of the questions they asked:

Why doesn't baby Cassian have any pillows when he sleeps?

Why does baby Cassian wear a nappy?

Did you lose some hair because some people lose hair when they give birth?

Is it hard work having a baby?

How do you know what baby Cassian wants when he cries?

What does baby Cassian like?

The children were so well behaved which helped to keep Cassian calm. He didn't make a single sound!

Miss Khalili



Healthy Eating

Just a reminder that we are a healthy eating school. Please find attached to this newsletter some guidance recommendations for healthy and nutritious snacks and packed lunch.