



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 10

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 16 November

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
RG	Albie, Nuala
RW	Mia, Alanna
1GS	Hannah, Bonnie
1W	Scarlett, Oriah
2B	Ruby, Ugonna
2K	David, Zachary
2DS	Igor, Olympia
3M	Jayden, Sofia
3OS	Rafael, Ruby
3S	Max, Neveah
4A	(Year 4 Mass)
4P	(Year 4 Mass)
4R	(Year 4 Mass)
5B	Jake, Grace
5CN	Antoinette, Justin
5S	Elliott, Ellen
6C	Leo, Sara
6K	Sonny, Akua
6M	Luca, Franciska
Music	RW: Balthazar, 3OS: Jessica

Apologies that the merits for those in Reception and KS1 were omitted last week! A big well done to the following children who received a merit on 3.11.23 Callum and Chaithri (RG) Finley and Emelia (RW) Maya and Ivy (1DS) Joshua and Oriah (1W) Noah and Harrison (2B) Georgia and Matthew (2K) and Sebastian and Orlagh (2DS)

Next Week in School

Friday 17 November

Odd Socks Day
Children in Need

Monday 20 November

Flu vaccinations

Tuesday 21 November

Spelling Bee semi-finals

Wednesday 22 November

Open Afternoon (prospective parents)

Thursday 23 November

Image Theatre

Friday 24 November

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It is lovely to be writing the introduction to this newsletter with the first strains of Christmas hymns and carols coming from Mr Cox's music session in the hall with our youngest children. Advent is nearly upon us and information regarding our performances, liturgies and services is outlined later in this document.

Mrs McGivern attended an RE conference last week and one of the sessions was led by none other than our very own assistant priest, Fr Patrick. We have enjoyed using his Christian Art resources for some time now so it is wonderful to have him working so closely with our school now.

Parent Governor

A letter was distributed with last week's newsletter alerting you to an opportunity to become a parent governor for the school. The letter explains how important a role this is, and how you can obtain additional information should it be a role that you would consider. Additional information is on the school website.

'school information > governors > parent governor'
The deadline for nominations is **Friday 24 November**.

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 recent letter contained a link to the online eConsent form.

For further information, visit www.saisenfield.co.uk It is important to complete the form whether your child will be receiving the vaccine or not!

"Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul." (St Augustine)

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.



Courtyard

We are currently developing the area that we often use for admitting parents into school for performances, and for dismissing children following clubs. Accessed via the Gordon Road gate and following the walkway past the year 5 classrooms, the area is convenient but undeveloped. As it forms the shape of a courtyard, we are improving it so that it has a clearer identity and provides a nicer experience for waiting parents.

From now on, the entrance will be known as The Courtyard.

To improve the area, we want to add some interest and colour with flowers, etc. If any parents have surplus flowers/ planters that they would consider donating to the school, please contact me via the school office.

Upcoming Dates

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

November

- Fri 17th Children in Need
'Odd Socks Day' (Anti-Bullying Week)
- Mon 20th Flu Vaccinations
- Tues 21st Spelling Bee Semi-Finals
- Weds 22nd School Open Afternoon
- Thurs 23rd Image Theatre
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Parent Governor nomination deadline
- Weds 29th Year 2 Carol Service 2.45pm (Main Hall)
- Thurs 30th Year 2 Carol Service 2.45pm (Main Hall)
Advent Spirituality Day

December

- Fri 1st Own Clothes day— £1 donation please
- Sat 2nd Helping Hands Christmas Fayre
- Mon 4th Year 6 Advent reconciliation
- Tues 5th RG Nativity 9.45am (Main Hall)
Year 5 Advent reconciliation
Year 3 Carol Service 2.45pm (Main Hall)
- Weds 6th RW Nativity 9.45am (Main Hall)
Lights of Love (Choir) 6.30pm
- Thurs 7th Year 3 Carol Service 2.45pm (Main Hall)
- Fri 8th Nursery Nativity 9.45am (New Hall)
Year 4 Advent reconciliation
- Mon 11th 4A Advent liturgy 9.30am (New Hall)
School open afternoon
- Tues 12th Year 1 Christmas liturgy 10am (Church)
Christmas lunch
- Weds 13th Year 5 Production 9.30am/ 2pm (Main Hall)
- Thurs 14th 4P Advent liturgy (New Hall)
Year 5 Production 2pm (Main Hall)
- Fri 15th 4R Advent liturgy 9.30am (New Hall)
RW Stay & Play
- Mon 18th Year 6 Carol Service 2pm (Church)
- Tues 19th End of term Mass
Christmas Jumper Day
Class parties
- Weds 20th School closes for Christmas 2pm

January

- Mon 8th School reopens for the Spring Term
- Tues 9th School Mass and KS1 liturgy
- Weds 10th School open afternoon 2pm

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 held a very well attended open afternoon yesterday, with our year 6 children proving themselves to be fantastic tour guides for our prospective parents. The next open afternoon will be held at **2pm on Wednesday 22 November**. Booking can be made via the same webpage.

Building Fund

A huge thank you to those parents who have contributed to our school building fund. If you have not already done so, the suggested contribution is £15 per term, £45 per year, payable on ParentPay. More information can be found on the school website 'school information > governors > school building fund.'



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in the community



Immunisations For Children Attending School, College or Universities

Vaccines help to protect your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases. It helps to protect other people in your family and community by helping to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have the vaccination. They prevent millions of deaths worldwide every year.

Always get your vaccine and health information from trusted sources, such as the NHS or World Health Organisation (WHO).

The School Aged Immunisation Service administer vaccinations in schools and hold catch-up clinics for children who have missed any immunisations.

For Pre-School Boosters Please contact GP.

Flu Year group changes each year depending on NHS requirements.

HPV and MMR Year 8 (these are normally done at school).

MEN ACWY, Diphtheria, Polio, Tetanus Year 9 (these are normally done at school).

Important

If your child has started college or university, make sure they have already had:

- **Men ACWY vaccine** Protects against serious infection like meningitis (the GP can give this vaccination)
- **2 doses of MMR vaccine** There are outbreaks of mumps and measles at universities (your GP can provide this vaccination)
- **HPV vaccine** Helps protect against genital warts and cancers caused by the human papilloma virus (HPV) such as cervical cancer.

Before the Enfield Immunisation Team visit your child's school for the different vaccination(s), you will receive a consent form via email to complete.

If your child is of school age, and you would like further information on the vaccinations and/or you need your child to attend the catch-up clinic, please contact **The School Aged Immunisation Service** on 020 8702 3499 or email beh-tr.enfieldimmunisationteam@nhs.net.

Until April 2024, there is an NHS Polio Campaign running. This is aiming to catch children up with all of their missed vaccines. If your child is in school and is missing MMR or Pre-School Booster doses, please contact our Polio phone line on 020 8702 6187.

For more information, please visit our website www.saisenfield.co.uk.

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CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION

Design a decoration to hang on our school Christmas Tree and help to raise money for Art supplies in school.

Entries to be clearly labelled with NAME and CLASS and handed into Mrs Bedbourough (2B) by Friday 1st December 2023.

Winners to be announced before the end of term in assembly. Prizes to be won for winning entries.

Enjoy getting festive and creative!

£1 to enter on Parent Pay



Our wonderful cross country runners took place in a competition at Forty Hall last week. Congratulations to the boys who were awarded third place overall, but well done to everyone for taking part and we are so proud of you for representing our school.



Little Owl's Music

Come and join Ben our music teacher and Oakley the Owl
for our brand-new toddler music and movement class.



Little Owl's Music is packed with age-appropriate singing, action songs, puppets instruments and bubbles! Our classes will introduce your toddler to fun and educational themes such as animals, transport, the weather, using nursery rhymes, props and action songs to get everyone involved!

Sessions will be held every Wednesday 2:30pm-3:15pm
in the New Hall (Scout Hut-via the Halifax Road entrance)

For more information see www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk (Parents' information)

Sessions cost £7 (£5 for second child). Book a block of 4 lessons £28 22nd Nov-13th Dec

Sessions are appropriate for confident walkers -3 year olds

Important information

Sessions are appropriate for confident walkers -3 year olds
Parents will need to accompany their child at all times
Parking available on side roads near to school entrance on Halifax Road.
Gates will open at 2:25pm
We will provide all the equipment you need for your class.
Please remove your shoes before sitting on the mats
Please make Ben aware if your child has any additional medical needs

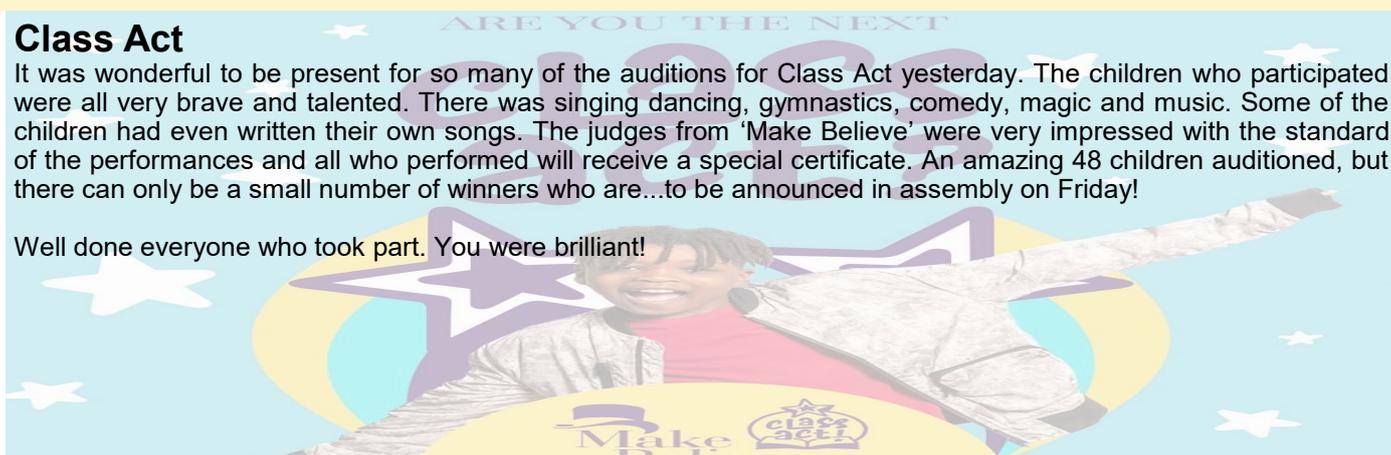
Booking information

Bookings for the first block will be exclusively for current parents at St George's school. We will open classes out to the wider community in the new year
Places are limited and will be reserved on a first come first served basis.
Payment must be made via ParentPay. Your place will only be reserved once we have received payment in full.
Unfortunately, we are unable to provide refunds for any cancelled sessions. Payment will be taken in advance for the 4 week block in full.

Class Act

It was wonderful to be present for so many of the auditions for Class Act yesterday. The children who participated were all very brave and talented. There was singing dancing, gymnastics, comedy, magic and music. Some of the children had even written their own songs. The judges from 'Make Believe' were very impressed with the standard of the performances and all who performed will receive a special certificate. An amazing 48 children auditioned, but there can only be a small number of winners who are...to be announced in assembly on Friday!

Well done everyone who took part. You were brilliant!





PIZZA & COOKIE EVENING

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (**regular or vegan**), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.

Orders to be placed via the Doughies link below by Saturday 18th November
<https://doughies.co.uk/products/st-georges-en2>

Orders to be collected at school pickup on Friday 24th November