



St George's School News



Dear Parents,

In RE lessons, children are learning about Advent and how the prophets promised the HOPE & LOVE that Jesus Christ would bring. To begin the season, Mgr. Jeremy celebrated whole school Mass with us.

Next week promises to be a busy week at school. The infant classes have been practicing their Nativity Plays and I am sure like me, you are thoroughly looking forward to watching them perform. On Monday 11th December, some of our children from the school choir will be representing St George's in St Dominic's school chapel, at the VA schools Carol Service.

Christmas dinner is served on Thursday 14th and this is another chance for the children to wear their Christmas jumper to school.

I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and enthusiasm in preparing the children so well for all these events. And of course not forgetting the children themselves, who have been busy learning lines and songs!

On Tuesday 19th December, we will bring our Advent and Christmas celebrations at school to a close with the school Carol Service at St. George's church at 1.30pm.

During this season of waiting and preparing, a key part of our school is the coming together to gather in collective worship at these events with the children.

God Bless

Mrs. D Monaghan





Pope Francis : Prayer for Advent

“Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ’s return.”

FAREWELL – Mrs. Angela Conway

Very best wishes to longstanding member of staff, Mrs. Angela Conway, who will be leaving us on December 13th. Angela started work at St George's in 2011 and she has been a dedicated member of staff in our school community ever since.

Angela has carried out many roles as a classroom assistant at St George’s, supporting SEN pupils and supporting small groups of EAL pupils. In 2016, she was appointed as school learning mentor. This is a role that has given her great satisfaction and her support for families in our school community has been outstanding. Angela has played a key role in the effective safeguarding culture at our school and her kindness and empathy for children has ensured that they approach her with confidence, in the knowledge that she will do the right thing for them. Angela has been a pleasure to work with and we will all miss her warm personality. We wish her a happy and fulfilled time out, she certainly deserves it.

A HUGE THANK YOU & GOOD LUCK.

RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP

Supporting your child’s knowledge and development.

All reception parents are invited to attend phonic workshops with the class teachers and children in the small hall. These will support you immensely with your child’s reading and give you an insight as to how phonics is taught in school.

Tuesday 16th January 2024: 9.00-10.00am Class RL

Wednesday 17th January 2024: 9.00-10.00am Class RY

We know that these workshops are highly recommended by other parents who have attended in the past.

**Children's Nativity at St. George's
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**
Would you like to take part or help?



For further information please contact

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CHILDREN'S NATIVITY AT VIGIL MASS -

We are grateful to Bushra & her Team who are taking care of the **Children's Nativity** at the **Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**. Children who would like to participate **must be available for both rehearsals on 16th December from 2-3pm & 23rd December from 11-12pm**. To register your child's interest **please contact Bushra at 07843 053 076 / bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk**.

THANK YOU PSA

Thank you to the PSA and all who helped in any way to make our Christmas Fair a great success.

The preparation, set up, manning stalls, clearing up, organising the raffle, decorating the school, counting the moneyfor all of the work, we are deeply grateful.



PARENTS AND STAFF ASSOCIATION



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to all the generous local businesses and parents for their very substantial donations towards our successful raffle:

- Viaduct Pricast Factory organised by Mariusz Magda,
- GSL (Bernie McLaughlin)
- Daniel's Estate Agents,
- Kugaswaran Family,
- S.E.T Building Ltd (Brian Logan),
- Mariusz Magda,
- Alex's Hairdressers,
- Cooper Family, Natalie McDaid,
- Fiona Murphy,
- Spring Cleaning Ltd,
- FunDrawP Art Club – Chrissy Botros,
- PROFA – Paul Fitzgerald,
- Wioleta and family for the donation of all on the waffle stall,
- Corinna for the donation of all on the Irish coffee stall
- The Toy Club,
- Paolos Restaurant,
- Respira Yoga,
- Sundarban Restaurant,
- Nisa,
- Mick the Barber,
- Kristian (3OS) and
- the kind donation of a bottle of Moet Chandon and a coffee machine!

All winners have now been notified.

Winner of Guess the Teddy name: Zac 6H





BARNET CUP TRIUMPH

In a remarkable display of skill and teamwork, the Year 5 and 6 girls' team has achieved an impressive feat by reaching the finals of the Barnet Cup for the 2023-2024 season. Their dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and they deserve heartfelt congratulations for their outstanding performance. Wishing them the best of luck in the finals as they aim to seize victory and make us proud!

Ideas for Christmas

FROM DON BOSCO PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Little Camel for Jesus (4002)

Join Joel as he embarks on an exciting adventure as he follows the star to meet the King of Kings. This beautifully illustrated hardback book will delight young children and readers alike. From 5 years.

£8:00



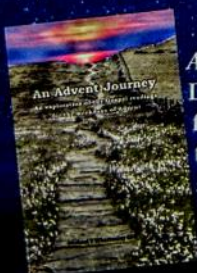
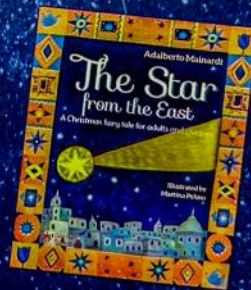
The Story of Mary (4142) recounts stages in the life of Mary and Jesus from the Annunciation to Pentecost in a beautifully illustrated, colourful mini book. Ages 3 to 8 years.

£2:50

The Star from the East (4081)

Leila is the daughter of the Persian King. But when her beloved friend, Tulipano, doesn't return from a quest, she embarks on a journey to find him, following the Star from the East as it crosses the desert skies. Beautifully illustrated hardback book. From 7 years.

£8:50



An Advent Journey (4008)

During the busy time of Advent, Fr Michael's book helps us to focus our waiting and preparation for Christmas by taking time to reflect on Gospel readings.

£10:00

Recommended resources for gifts at Christmas.

Don Bosco publications offers books and other gifts.



"On Monday 20th November, 5 Sacred Heart girls doing Spanish GCSE came to help us with our Spanish. We played Spanish bingo with numbers, we learnt about fruits and vegetables in Spanish and in pairs we performed a role play with a Spanish shopkeeper and customer. They taught me and the class a lot. Thank you Sacred Heart!"

Sam Kelly 6B

"With the girls from Sacred Heart, we played Spanish games, asking each other questions and we also did role plays in a Spanish market. If you were good you even received a pencil with Spanish words on it!"

Ella Chahin 6B

Our Spanish GCSE students at Sacred Heart absolutely loved giving a Spanish workshop one Monday morning in November to Year 6, and were extremely impressed by the Spanish pronunciation and confidence of the St George's pupils. They felt very nostalgic for their days at primary school! Several had attended St George's themselves, and went to chat afterwards to Mr Lewis. They had all grown a little taller since he had last seen them!

Mrs Alexander - Spanish teacher

SCHOOL MINIBUS

Dear Parents,

Do you have a driving licence that qualifies you to drive the school minibus?

Would you be available to take the children to sports competition as and when needed?

If so, please contact the School Office on:-

office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk

Thank you.

COLDS AND TISSUES

Avoid the spread of germs

At this time of year when many children have coughs and colds, we ask that you send your child into school with a small packet of tissues to have in their pocket for their personal use.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

Tues 12 - Nursery Nativity in the Small Hall

Wed 13 - Year 2 Nativity Play for Parents 9:15am

***Thurs 14** - Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
(* Date changed)

Thurs 14 - Year 1 Nativity Play for Parents 9:15am

Fri 15 - Reception Nativity Play for Parents 9:15am

Tues 19 - 1:30pm KS2 Carol Service at St George's Church

Wed 20 - LAST DAY OF TERM - EARLY FINISH

On the last day of term, children finish at the following times:

1.10pm Reception

1.15pm Year 1 & Year 2

1:25pm Year 3 & Year 4

1:30pm Year 5 & Year 6

4:45pm After School Club

Please be aware that there may occasionally be a change to dates due to circumstances beyond our control

HEADTEACHER'S DROP IN SESSION—EVERY FRIDAY AT 2.45PM

This is a time when the Headteacher is available if you want to discuss any matters.

Mrs Monaghan is also available at other times if you wish to make an appointment through the School Office.