



St George's School News



Happy New Year

Dear Parents,

The children have had a good start to the new term and have settled back to school routines, and last week Monsignor Jeremy celebrated Epiphany Mass with us.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to you all - children, parents and staff - for the accomplishments and achievements of last year.

New Year is a great opportunity to fulfill our aspirations. Key objectives for us as a school this year are:

1. ***Curriculum – To ensure that all groups of pupils consolidate and deepen their knowledge, understanding and skills across subjects through a consistent planned and engaged curriculum.***

Curriculum subject leaders have reviewed the content of the curriculum and have been working hard developing progression of skills maps so that pupils are building on skills developed year on year.

2. ***Raise standards in the computing curriculum***

We have adopted a new scheme of work called "Purple Mash" which teachers are using to plan and teach the computing curriculum.

3. ***Raise standards in writing at expected and greater depth across the school.***

We have invited an external literacy consultant to visit our school in January to review the

writing curriculum and work with us for next steps for improvement.

4. ***Personal Development - Strengthen cultural capital within the school by offering experiences that pupils may not be able to have.***

We provide many opportunities for children with trips, visitors and workshops in school, in order to enhance the curriculum. We ask that parents contribute to this, as without your support we would not be able to provide as much as we do. The constraints in the school budget means that we cannot finance all of these ourselves. We are firm believers in the broad and holistic curriculum and wish to be able to offer opportunities to children that they may not otherwise experience.

Best wishes to all in the school community for the coming year and I look forward to working with you in 2023.

Yours sincerely,

MRS D MONAGHAN

(Headteacher)



Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January

For educators

“We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition, and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all”



Children in Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful poetry writing day with Poet Neal Zetter.

Children received first hand knowledge and tips from a published poet and learned the importance of editing in order to perfect their craft.

Boys Football Match Report

On Monday 9th January 2023 the boys football team played their last league game at home to Roxeth Primary. A wet and cold afternoon meant the boys had to really put in a huge effort to break down a tough Roxeth team, with Daniel R eventually breaking the deadlock to make it 1-0 at half time.

The boys started the second half quickly with goals from Tyler and Byron to make it 3-0. We continued to play well hitting the post, crossbar and making the Roxeth goalkeeper work hard to make some fantastic saves. A 4th goal came via an own goal from a cross, then the final goal from Tyler made it a 5-0 victory to St George's.

This victory means that we win our group and go through to the tier 1 finals day which will take place before the Easter break.

Well done to all the team and to James and Kuba who as our goalkeepers did make some cracking saves during the game when we were hit on the break!

PE DAYS

Earrings should be removed or covered with plasters on PE days.

Please note that children are not allowed to wear necklaces on any day to school.



St George's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy

We are learning and growing together as God's family.

We will always do our best to love and respect each other as we prepare for our future.



Are you interested in working part time with children?

We are looking for enthusiastic 'as and when' School Midday Supervisors to join our fantastic team!

Please speak to Mrs Power at the School Office

or call 0208 422 1272

or email office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk



Online Safety (Christmas Gifts)

When children return to school after the Christmas holiday, it is natural for them to discuss what they got for Christmas. For many the answer will almost certainly be 'a Fortnite battle pass, a new PC, a PlayStation 5 etc'. All devices which allow both unfettered access to the internet and expose children to voice chat, text chat and photo sharing with complete strangers.

This year presents an acceleration of vulnerability window as, VR headsets, connected to Facebook's Metaverse have been released onto the marketplace. The Metaverse seeks to link users to the internet as a Virtual Entity through the use of Virtual Reality Headsets. This amplifies the danger children are exposed to online.

We are encouraging parents to familiarise themselves with the risks young users can face in virtual worlds. This month the NSPCC have published new straightforward advice for families on how to keep children safe when using virtual reality including utilising the device's safety features and supervising children's use as they navigate both the virtual risks and physical space around them.

To find out more please follow the link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2022/christmas-vr-safety-advice-for-parents-metaverse/>

Online Safety & Gaming



Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.



Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others



Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others



Reporting and Blocking

Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support



To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub: swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/

or scan the QR code



Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/

Report Harmful Content: reportharmfulcontent.com



St George's Nursery - Dragons

Sudbury Hill, Harrow, HA1 3SB



OPEN MORNING

FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2023

Ages 2 - 5 years

Open 49 weeks a year
Term-time availability

15hr and 30hr
Funded sessions

To book please
contact us on 0208 423 9846
or dragons@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk

We pride ourselves on offering children

We are based on
the secure grounds
and managed
by the Governors
of St George's
Primary School

Access to a vast outdoor play
area full of adventure

A setting offering exceptional
nurture and care

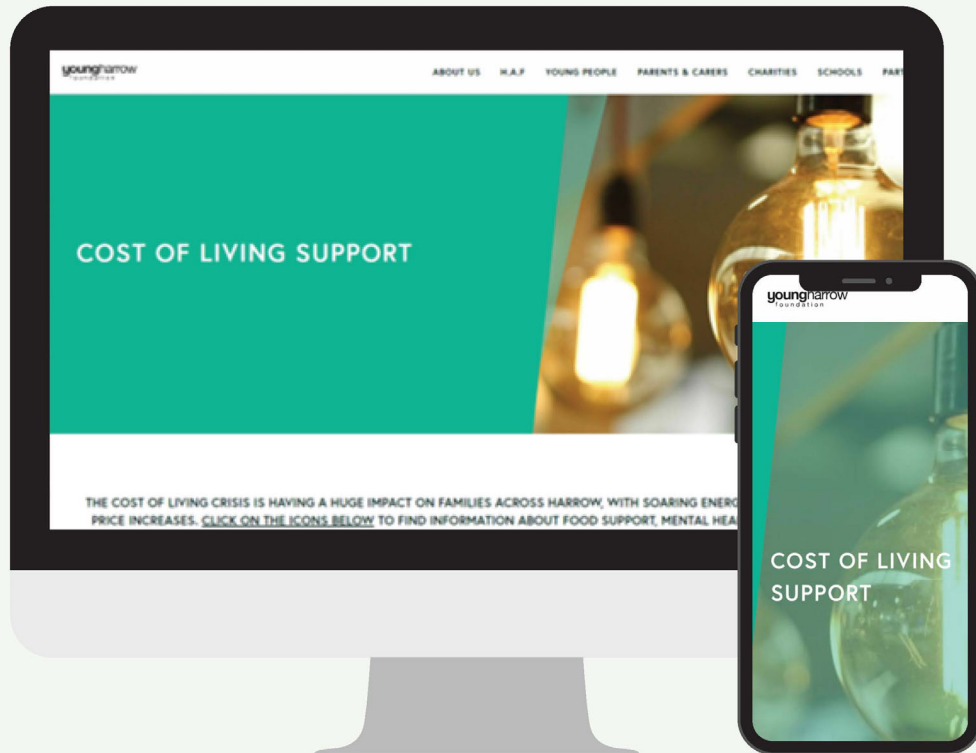
A secure environment.
Interactive learn & play

Meals prepared daily by in-house chef

Support preparing a child for school and more



COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



A **new webpage** for Harrow,
directing families to local support and organisations
that can help during **the cost of living crisis**.



[https://youngharrowfoundation.org/
cost-of-living-support](https://youngharrowfoundation.org/cost-of-living-support)

Help available for households facing risk of homelessness

Harrow Council has received funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to help residents living in private rented accommodation in the borough who may be at risk of losing their home due to rent arrears and residents who need help securing private rented accommodation.

Households can self-refer or be referred to Harrow Council for assistance until March 2023.

Each household's circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

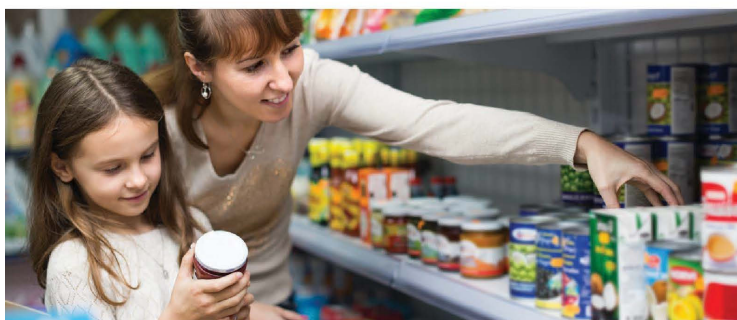
The funding can be used to prevent evictions and homelessness, such as for a payment directly to the existing landlord to prevent an eviction or to a new landlord to support a household to find a new home.

Referrals or self-referrals can be made using the dedicated webform that can be found here: www.harrow.gov.uk/winterfund or by contacting the Homelessness Prevention & Solutions Team on 0208 424 1093 (option 1).



Triple P Discussion Group

Hassle-free Shopping with Children



Triple P Discussion Group – Hassle Free Shopping with Children
Monday 16th January 2023
10-12 noon
Delivered via zoom

IS THIS YOU?

Most of the time, parenting is fun. You know you are doing a good job, but sometimes you struggle with your child's behaviour when out shopping.

Do you know that one of the most difficult times for parents is when their children misbehave in public – those times when either children won't do as they are told or really lose their cool?

Parents often have to deal with difficulties like these when they are out shopping. You'll be happy to hear you can make shopping fun and you can teach your child to behave well on shopping trips.

This Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) workshop will look at some of the reasons why children misbehave on shopping trips and will give you some practical suggestions to help you avoid those hassles and manage any problems that happen while you are out shopping.

To register, kindly complete and submit both the registration form and parenting experience survey at these links:

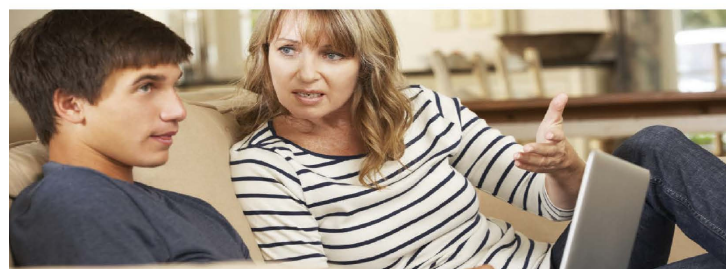
<https://www.brilliantparents.org/brilliant-parents-bi-registration-form/>

<https://www.brilliantparents.org/triple-p-parenting-experience-survey/>



Teen Triple P Discussion Group

Reducing Family Conflict



Triple P Discussion Group – Reducing Family Conflict
Date: Friday, 20th January 2023
Time: 10-12 noon
Venue- Church Lane FWC, Fryent Primary school, NW9 8JD

IS THIS YOU?

You are doing a pretty good job at raising your teenager, but sometimes you struggle with knowing how best to cope with conflict between siblings and amongst family members, as children move into the teenage years.

Do you know that conflict between siblings and among family members, increases as children move into the teenage years?

It can be quite a challenge to know when to intervene in an argument or how to remain calm when you become involved. Teenagers need to learn good problem-solving skills to help them deal with disagreements without become aggressive.

This Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) small group workshop will look at some of the reasons why teenagers can get into fights and arguments and gives some practical suggestions to both help you teach your teenager to solve problems peaceably and manage any problems if you need to.

To register, kindly complete and submit both the registration form and parenting experience survey at these links:

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

Tues 17 - 1P Parents Phonics Workshop 9am

Thurs 19 - 3PG Class Assembly 9am

Tues 24 - 1N Parents Phonics Workshop 9-10am

Mon 30 - Wizard Theatre Drug Awareness Workshops

FEBRUARY

Mon 06 - Children's Mental Health Week - Wear your favourite scarf to school day

Tues 07 - KS1 Perform for Schools Circus Adventure

Wed 08 - 1N Class Assembly 9am

Thurs 09 - 5M Class Assembly 9am

Thurs 09 - St Bernadette's House Mass

Fri 10 - PSA Mufti-Day

Fri 10 - PSA Valentine's Disco 6:30-8pm.

Mon 13 - Fri 17 FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Tues 21 - PSA Fat Thursday

Wed 22 - Ash Wednesday

MARCH

Wed 01 - KS1 Dance Workshop

Thurs 02 - KS2 Dance Workshop

Thurs 02 - PSHE Workshop

Tues 07 - 3M Class Assembly 9am

Fri 10 - PSA Cinema Night

Mon 13 - Science Week

Tues 14 - 1P Class Assembly 9am

Fri 17 - 4D Class Assembly 9am

Fri 17 - Children playing Irish Music at 9:30am Parish Mass

Thurs 30 - The Passion of our Lord Play at St. George's Church 2pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 31 - PSA Bend the Rules Day

Fri 31 - Last Day of Term - Early Finish

Mon 03-FRI 14 APRIL EASTER HOLIDAY

APRIL

Mon 17 - Academy Inset Day

Tues 18 - Children return to school

Fri 21 - PSA Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 21 - PSA St George's Day Strawberry & Cream

Fri 21 - PSA Spring Disco 6:30-8pm

Mon 24 - St George's Day Whole School Mass at St George's Church at 2pm

MAY

Tues 02 - Vision Screening for Reception

Tues 02 - Height & Weight Check Reception to Year 6

Wed 03 - 5H Class Assembly 9am

Mon 08 - Bank Holiday for the Kings Coronation

Tues 09 - SATS Week

Tues 16 - 4S Class Assembly

Thurs 18 - Ascension Thursday

Fri 19 - PSA Bingo Night

Thurs 25 - 2OS Class Assembly

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.