

St George's School News



RAISING AWARENESS OF HOW TO DEAL WITH BULLYING

Dear Parents,

We are having a very busy time at school and the children are joining in with great enthusiasm.

Thank you to Year 6 for their recent class assemblies, which were such a high standard and a positive example to the younger children.

We have just had Anti-bullying Week, which had the theme "Reach Out". We all wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us, and others, unique. We talked to the children about not being a bystander and doing something positive if they needed to, to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Anti-bullying week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year.

Next week, the children will have external workshop visitors so that they can reflect further and learn more about the topic.

We aim to:

- Help children understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying.
- Encourage parents to work with school and talk to their children about bullying and being confident to stand up for what they know is the right choice.

- Encourage school staff to take individual and collective action to prevent bullying, creating safe environments where children can be themselves.

We begin the season of Advent next week with our whole school Mass with Monsignor Jeremy, lead by class 4S.

This is the time when the infant children will be rehearsing their Nativity parts in earnest and we look forward to inviting parents to watch the Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes in the week beginning 12th December.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D. Monaghan

Headteacher



“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”

Parents and Staff Association News



Christmas Fair



The School Christmas Fair is on **Friday 2nd December 3 - 5pm.**

By Thursday 1st December please-

Return all sold raffle tickets and money, along with any unsold tickets to school



Bring in bottles for the Bottle Stall



Bring in Cakes for the Cake Stall



Bring in Lucky Bags filled with sweets/novelties



Help will be needed on Friday 2nd December at the following times:

2pm – 3pm to help set up the fair

3pm – 5pm during the fair

5pm – 6pm to help with the clean-up.

Please see any PSA Rep, Martina or Dorota if you can help make this a memorable Christmas Fair. Thank you.



Congratulations to our Black History Competition
Winners:-



Thank you PSA

A huge thank you to outgoing Chair, Suzanne Wozniak and Vice Chair, Patricia Scanlon, who took on the mammoth task of leading the PSA both during and coming out of the pandemic – with much success.

Both parents are still active classroom reps.

Welcome to Co-Chairs Martina Gilmartin and Dorota Wegrzyk and thank you to all the reps who have signed up for this year. We look forward to further success and close working relationships for the good of St George's pupils.

Deirdre Monaghan

Morning snack time in school

Children may bring in a piece of fruit ONLY to have in school.

All other snacks are not allowed.

Children's Nativity at St. George's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Would you like to take part or help?
Are you in Year 3 or above?



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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS



The children will have the opportunity to wear their Christmas jumpers on two days next month.

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fair Day

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Please note that they should wear their normal uniform and school shoes on the bottom half of their body.



CAFOD (The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) reaches out to Catholic schools through volunteers who deliver assemblies and workshops using the excellent resources produced by CAFOD's Education group. Would you, or someone you know, be interested in joining the team? We provide training and termly refresher sessions, arrange for you to have a DBS check and pay your travel expenses. The role is especially suitable for someone looking to return to work after a career break, thinking about a career in education or recently retired and looking for a volunteering opportunity where they can make a difference. For more information contact Marcela Keech at mkeech@cafod.org.uk or Chris Driscoll at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk 07776 493162.

Congratulations to Rodina, 6S, winner of our 100-square grid at the PSA Autumn Disco.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2023

The closing date for all common application forms (online through www.eadmissions.org.uk) for Reception September 2023 admission is 15 January 2023.

All supplementary information forms should be handed into the school office by 4pm on Friday 13 January 2023.

Parents are welcome to come and visit the school for an open morning on Tuesday 29th November at 9:30am.

FEEDING HUNGRY MINDS

Parents are reminded to register their child via the Feeding Hungry Minds website for school lunches.

Please do not hesitate to contact them by emailing feedinghungryminds@uk.issworld.com or telephoning 01924 792334 should you encounter any difficulties as we do not have admin access to Feeding Hungry Minds in the School Office.

Harrow Council are adding information to the council website about things that people can do to stay well this winter. There is information about the winter fuel payments for those on low incomes.

Families can self refer to SHINE (Home/shine-london.org.uk) who will give advice and support on fuel debt, and can arrange a visit to look at some simple things that can be done to reduce draughts and keep heat in. They also offer advice on eco grants for boiler energy saving tips.

HAF
IN HARROW

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB PLACES
in Harrow this Winter Holiday

Exciting activities and trips for primary and secondary school age children. FREE for those in receipt of means tested free school meals. All programmes include a free nutritious lunch.

book now youngharrowfoundation.org/haf-programme



Entrance to Christmas Fair

Foster Carers Needed In Harrow

Foster carers are needed in Harrow to look after children of all ages who cannot live with their birth families. There are many reasons why children need a period of fostering.

These include:

- a parent's illness or they are hospitalised
- a parent not coping because of substance misuse.
- a parent not coping due to mental ill health.
- bereavement.
- a child being abused or neglected.
- a parent and child placement where the parent is supported to look after the baby.

Some children stay in foster care for only a few days, weeks or longer until their families are able to care for them again. Sometimes it isn't possible for them to return home and alternative plans are made either through long-term fostering or adoption.

Foster carers offer children the opportunity to grow and develop in a safe and secure environment. Foster carers work as part of a team with the child's social worker, birth parents and any other agencies involved in the child's care. We offer the carers excellent support, comprehensive training, a dedicated supervising social worker, regular support meetings, membership to the Fostering Network and a generous financial allowance.

We particularly welcome people who have experience of working with children or have a good understanding of child development.

Anyone interested or wanting to find out more can contact us using the following:

Duty: 020 8736 6971

Free Call: 0800 064 1000

E-mail: fpuduty@harrow.gov.uk

Find out more: <https://www.harrow.gov.uk/childrens-social-care/fostering-harrow>



EXPLORE*DISCOVER*DEVELOP
SPRING TERM - 2023
Year 1,2,3,4, – LIMITED SPACES

“Fun, educational and creative classes to inspire children’s imagination”

Why not Join us in the fun and get to Paint, draw, model, collage, cut, stick, squish, squirt, mark, make, transform, laugh, imagine, think, create, experiment and make a mess & new friends!

Year 3 & 4 – Friday- 3.15-4.15pm (13 JAN – 24 MARCH)

Year 1& 2 – Wednesday - 3.10–4.10pm (11 JAN – 22 MARCH)

Cost: £60 Per Child (10 weeks – excluding Half term week)

10% Sibling Discounts Available

TO BOOK VISIT:

www.fundrawpclub.co.uk/booking

For more Information and to Book, contact: Christine 07933909400

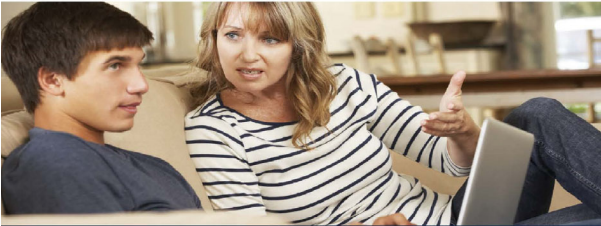
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FunDrawP Club



Teen Triple P Discussion Group

Reducing Family Conflict



Triple P Discussion Group – Reducing Family Conflict
Friday, 2nd December 2022
10-12 noon
Delivered via zoom

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:

<https://www.brilliantparents.org/brilliant-parents-bi-registration-form/>
<https://www.brilliantparents.org/triple-p-parenting-experience-survey/>

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Triple P Discussion Group

Dealing with Disobedience



Triple P Discussion Group – Dealing with Disobedience
Monday 5th December 2022
6-8pm
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 when your child doesn't do as they are told.

do as they are told and will give you some practical suggestions to help you prevent disobedience, teach your child limits and manage any problems if you need to.

Do you know that it's natural for children to test their limits, but they also need to learn to follow instructions? You can teach your child to cooperate and do the right thing. You also need a plan for dealing with disobedience if it happens, so you can follow through and make sure children do what they've been asked to do.

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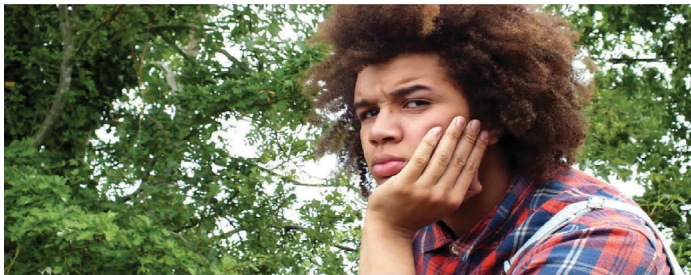
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Teen Triple P Discussion Group

Coping with teenagers' emotions



Triple P Discussion Group – Coping with Teenagers' Emotions
Tuesday 6th December 2022
10-12 noon
Delivered via zoom

IS THIS YOU?

You are doing a pretty good job at raising your teenager, but sometimes you struggle with knowing how to manage your teenager's emotions. This can be particularly challenging when you too find it hard to remain calm.

Do you know that the most important thing is for teenagers to learn how to calm themselves when they get upset about something?

Parents can help by acknowledging the emotional experience and providing appropriate support without being intrusive. Learning to manage emotions is an important life skill that parents can teach their teenagers by following some simple steps.

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Triple P Discussion Group

Managing Fighting and Aggression



Triple P Discussion Group – Managing Fighting & Aggression
Date: Friday 9th December 2022
Time: 10.00 – 12.00 noon
Venue: Pinner Centre, Chapel Lane Car Park, Pinner HA5 1AA

IS THIS YOU?

Most of the time, parenting is fun. You know you are doing a good job, but sometimes you struggle with what to do when your child argues or fights and becomes aggressive.

give you some practical suggestions to help you prevent problems, by showing you both how to teach your child to play cooperatively, resolve conflicts and how to manage any problems with fighting or aggression if you need to.

Do you know that the most important thing is for children to learn how to get along with others and to deal with disagreements and frustrations?

This is something parents can teach them, by having clear limits and setting a good example.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Mon 24 - Fri 28 OCTOBER HALF TERM

Normal School Finish Time

NOVEMBER

Tues 29 - Open Morning for Reception 2023 Parents

Tues 29 - Class 2OH to Parish Mass at St George's

Tues 29 - Advent Whole School Mass

Wed 30 - Class 2OS to Parish Mass at St George's

Wed 30 - Anti-bullying Theatre Show & Workshop

DECEMBER

Fri 02 - Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 02 - PSA Christmas Fair

Wed 07 - Book Fair in ICT Suite

Wed 07 - Class 6S to Parish Mass at St George's

Thurs 08 - Class 3PG to Parish Mass at St George's

Thurs 08 - Book Fair in ICT Suite

Fri 09 - Book Fair in ICT Suite

Fri 09 - Class 6WK to Parish Mass at St George's

Fri 09 - Year 6 Wizard Theatre Performance PM

Wed 14 - Year 2 Christmas Nativity at 09:15

Thurs 15 - Year 1 Christmas Nativity at 09:15

Fri 16 - Reception Christmas Nativity at 09:15

Tues 20 - Reception Theatre Trip

Tues 20 - PSA Mufti-Day

Tues 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

JANUARY

Wed 04 - Staff Training Day

Thurs 05 - Children return to school

Thurs 19 - 3PG Class Assembly

Mon 30 - Wizard Theatre Drug Awareness Workshops

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.