



St George's School News



Reading at St George's Parents Guide to Book Bands

Dear Parents,

The Book Band system used at St George's helps us to grade our books by difficulty level. Each level has its own colour and includes a selection of different reading scheme books. The difference between each band is gradual so that children will not experience difficulty when moving from one to the next. The chart on page 2 gives an indication of the range of Book Band levels at which children will be reading as they progress through primary school.

The black boxes indicate the age-related expected book bands that children should be reading by the end of each year (e.g. by the end of Year 2, we aim for children to be reading Book Band 9 (Gold) in order to achieve age-related expectations).

It is really important that children develop their comprehension skills alongside their ability to read the words on the page, so you may find that your child is able to read the words fluently but continues on the same Book Band colour for some time, to enable them to focus on developing their understanding.

Class teachers assess the children's reading on a regular basis and will change their Book Band colour when they are confident that both the comprehension and word reading targets have been fully met. This ensures breadth and depth in the children's reading.

Thank you for reading with your child at home. It really is an essential part of their development and you play a vital role in nurturing their love of reading.

Please follow the link below to the school website for guidance on how to support your child at home with reading each Book Band.

<https://www.stgeorgesprimary.org/curriculum/>

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

MRS D MONAGHAN

(Headteacher)



Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for November

Intention for evangelisation: Children Who Suffer

"We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection"



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Book Band Number	Book Band Colour	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Lilac							
1	Pink							
2	Red							
3	Yellow	End of Reception						
4	Blue							
5	Green							
6	Orange		End of Yr1					
7	Turquoise							
8	Purple							
9	Gold			End of Yr2				
10	White							
11	Lime							
12	Brown				End of Yr3			
13	Grey					End of Yr4		
14	Blue (KS2)						End of Yr5	
15	Red (KS2)							End of Yr6

Weekday Parish Mass

Year 2 - Year 6 children will be joining 9:30am Parish Masses. If you are able to accompany your child's class walking from school to church and back, please let the class teacher know through the Reading Record.

Thank you.

Interfaith Week: 13 November (Sunday) to 21 November (Monday)

Beginning on Remembrance Sunday and running until the following Sunday each year, Inter Faith week seeks to strengthen good inter-faith relations, increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, and increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs.

Reception classes began this half term with a lively African drumming workshop from Iroko theatre. Reception are now ready to attend whole school events and they have been exceptional at their first assembly and Mass.



WINNERS OF BLACK HISTORY

COMPETITION

KS1

- 1st Asharna, 1P
- 2nd Jenae, 2OS
- 3rd Tulani, 1P

KS2

- Winner Carlos, 4S
- Runner Up Audrey, 3M

Writing Competition for Year 4, 5 and 6



Tell us why you love this city. Write a *Love Letter to London* of up to 500 words around the theme of 'making connections'. You can write on any aspect of London's past, present or future. It might be reportage, a historical essay, a 'think piece', a spot of futurology, a work of fiction, a poem. **The competition is open to all forms and styles.**

There are two categories St George's pupils can enter:

- Aged 11 and under
- Poetry

The prizes for the 'Poetry' category will be as follows:

- Category winner £500
- Category second £250
- Category third £100

The prizes for the '11 and under' category will be as follows:

- Category winner £500
- Four runners up prizes of £150 each

Entries must be typed on a Word document and emailed to Mrs Dravins (Writing Lead) on or before the 25th November.

Email address- year4@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk

All entries will be judged anonymously, so the first page of the entry must have:

1. The title of your entry
2. The category you are entering
3. Your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address
4. The name of your school

Calling all parents to share their careers with pupils.

In our role in preparing children for their next stages in life, we would like to run sessions for pupils on careers and jobs.

This will give pupils the opportunity to hear what mums and dads do in our school community and to find out what actually happens in your jobs.

It will also enable them to relate and connect their learning with the real world.

This would happen in the spring term and take place during the school day.

At the moment we are just gathering interest.

If this is something that you would like to assist with, please contact Mrs Mary Walsh through the School Office email: office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk

All offers would be most welcome and it would be great to see as many of you as possible in school.

Thank you.



Congratulations Sports Leaders!

James
6WK

Amy
6S

Tyler
6S

Georgia
6S

Adrian
6S

Adam
6S

Erykah-Monae
6S

John
6WK

Olivia
6WK

Andre
6S



Parents and Staff Association News

It was wonderful to meet new parents at the **PSA Annual General Meeting** last Wednesday evening; remember all parents/carers are invited to all meetings so please do come along.



Following the meeting the PSA Committee are delighted to introduce **Dorota** (years 6, 4, and 1) and **Martina** (5M) as the new Chairs of the PSA. If you've not already met them, please come and say hello at school drop off or collection.

Martina – 07796 698547 / Dorota – 07902 766409



Christmas Fair Notices



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

This is a major fundraising event for the school and all parents/carers/staff get involved – if you don't yet have a role at the Fair please speak to one of the PSA.



The children will be issued with **Raffle Tickets** next week. Please try and sell as many of these as possible and return all money to school by Thursday 1st December.

The children will also be issued with a **white bag** next week to decorate and fill with sweets/novelties and bring back to their classroom by Thursday 1st December. These will be sold at the Fair and are very popular with the children.



Donations of **bottles** for the Bottle Stall and **cakes** for the Cake Stall need to be in school also by Thursday 1st December please.

The PSA thank you for all your help and are looking forward to a great event.



PSA Class Reps

As mentioned in our last Newsletter we still need some Class Reps for the PSA. The PSA Reps help to pass information to/from the PSA to the parent/carers in your class.

Thanks to all who have signed up so far – contacts for you to get in touch below:

Year Group	PSA Rep
Reception	• Debbie (07786 875206) / Sashi / Lisa
Year 1	• Kiera / John K (07956 183233) / Kinga K / Katarzyna
Year 2	• Julie (07862 271491) / Tati
Year 3	• Minal / Indi / Jennifer (07540 978192)
Year 4	• Rosie (07729 461003) / Siobhan / Barbara / Magda
Year 5	• Donna / Angie / Ann / Patricia / Martina (07796 698547)
Year 6	• Suzanne / Corinna / Dorota (07902 766409)

Amazon Smile

When shopping on Amazon if you use Amazon Smile money is donated to the school – a very easy fundraising tool. More information on Amazon Smile is available here:

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_aas_redirect

Book Fair! Coming Soon!

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Book Fair is coming to our school very soon. It's the perfect opportunity for you and your child to explore a treasure trove of books and add them to your reading list.

There will be over 200 titles for you and your child to browse through and with prices starting from £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy.

Don't forget that every purchase benefits our school.

Date: Wednesday 7th December – Friday 9th December
Time: 15:00-15:30
Place: School ICT Room
Payment: QR Code for Cards or Cash

TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

FILL YOUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR*

FIND HUNDREDS OF THE BEST NEW BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £2.2M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

Book Title	Author	Price	Special Offer
SPACEBOY	David Walliams	£14.99	Hardback only £8.99
The Baddies	Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler	£12.99	Hardback only £7.99
MATILDA	Roald Dahl	£6.99	Best Buy Only £3.99
RANDOM ACTS OF FUN	Tom Gates	£7.99	NEW in paperback
BLUEY	Goodnight Fruit Bat	£6.99	As seen on TV
A SUPERPOWER Like Mine	Dr Ranj	£6.99	NEW
THE ELEMENTAL DETECTIVES	Patrice Lawrence	£7.99	NEW

OVER 200 BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM!

Help disadvantaged children this Christmas

Every year CCS supporters generously donate gifts for disadvantaged children who would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas.

These gifts help families create happy Christmas memories that their children will never forget.

This year we are anticipating an even higher level of need due to the cost-of-living crisis and would greatly appreciate your donations. Please drop off any gifts to our main office (73 St Charles Square, London W10 6EJ) by Monday 5th December.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept second hand items. For more information please get in touch with Emily on 020 8969 5305 or email emilym@cathchild.org.uk



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Helping Families to Live and ...learn Together

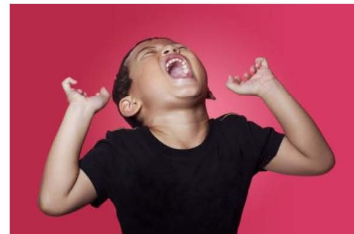
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Effective Parenting - Anger Management A workshop for parents of children aged 3-11

Does your child become angry easily?
Could anger management strategies help you at home?
Would you like to understand your child's anger?

In this 2 hour workshop we will look at improving our understanding of anger and share tips and strategies on how to manage difficult often destructive behaviours and emotions helping to create a happy cohesive home environment.

Starting: Monday 28th November 2022
Time: 7.00-9.00pm
Venue: On-line
Cost: £15.00 or £7.50 concession if in receipt of a means tested benefit (with proof) **Per Parent**



To book a place please call us on **020 8863 7319**
or **07498881496** Or email info@hopeharrow.org.uk

On-line Workshop - Motivating Our Children To Learn

A workshop for all parents of children aged 3 -11

As a parent it can be exciting and satisfying seeing our children grow into unique individuals and also challenging if we see them struggling or disinterested with school. We will discuss how to support our children sustain the joy of learning in the face of any possible struggles and frustrations.

Topics include:

- Taking an interest
- Positive communication
- Encouraging self-discipline
- SMART Expectations
- Natural rewards and consequences

Date: Monday 5th December 2022
Time: 7.00-9.00pm
Venue: On-line Via ZOOM
Cost: £15.00 / £7.50 concession (with proof)
Price is per parent/carer living in London



To book a place please call **0208 863 7319** or **07498881496**
Or Email: info@hopeharrow.org.uk

On-line Workshop –Setting Limits and Boundaries

A workshop for all parents of children aged 3 -11

Generally children need to know where they stand and what the rules are. As children hurtle along the path of growth and development, one of the main roles parents can play is to provide boundaries that help to contain, guide them and keep them safe.

Topics include:

- Effective boundary setting
- Positive communication
- Eliminating power struggles
- Effective rewards and consequences

Date: Monday 12th December 2022
Time: 7.00-9.00pm
Venue: ONLINE VIA ZOOM
Cost: £15.00 or £7.50 concession (If in receipt of a means tested benefit with proof)
Price is per parent/carer living in London



To book a place please call **0208 863 7319** or **07498881496**
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Mon 24 - Fri 28 OCTOBER HALF TERM

Normal School Finish Time

NOVEMBER

- Wed 16** - Class 4D to Parish Mass at St George's
Thurs 17 - 6S Class Assembly
Thurs 17 - Class 5M to Parish Mass at St George's
Thurs 17 - Uniform Sale Kenny Hall @ 2:30pm
Wed 23 - Class 3M to Parish Mass at St George's
Thurs 24 - Class 5H to Parish Mass at St George's
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.