

# St George's School News



## School News

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy first half term at school. The children have had many enriching experiences to enhance the curriculum already. We have had workshops to celebrate Black History Month, Fire of London workshops; Year 5 children have visited the Globe Theatre and produced some fantastic work at home for their Shakespeare projects.

All of our pupil groups are in place and the children are enjoying their positions, with some showing very impressive leadership and organisational skills already!

Thank you to Father John for celebrating All Saints Day with us today in a whole school Mass.

Thank you for your attendance at Parents' Evening. You were given the curriculum Age Related Expectations for your child in his/her year group. It is important that you are aware of these and what is expected at

school so you can support your child at home.

This half term, more enrichment activities are planned as we enter Advent and the lead up to Christmas (Please see event calendar on the back of newsletter). We look forward to the Christmas Fair on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December after school. Please come and give your support and if you can help in any way, contact the school office or any member of the PSA committee.

Yours Sincerely

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**Mrs D Monaghan**  
Headteacher

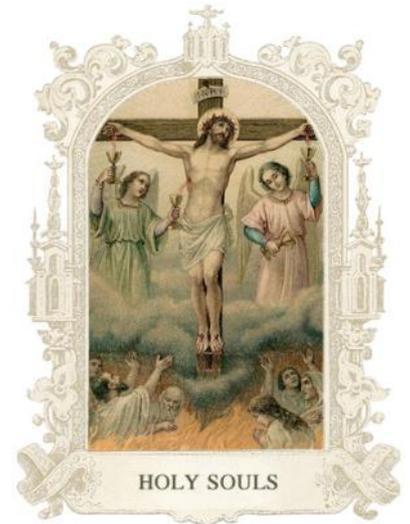


“We too can be saints in our family, in our neighbourhood, wherever we live and work. Be a person who listens to what people need”

## HOLY SOULS

We pray for all our family and friends who have passed away. A book of remembrance is in the school lobby for the month and we invite you to sign it with the names of loved ones gone to God's Eternal Kingdom. A school remembrance book will also be passed between classes with children invited to write the names in, should they wish

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**



## TIKTOK

More than 500 million people around the world—many of them children—regularly use the app TikTok to create, view and share 60 second videos.

TikTok can be a great tool for self-expression and connect users around the world, so it's important that children are aware of the potential risks and learn how to use it in a safe way. The link to the Parent Zone is:

[https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app?utm\\_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=589105154e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_10\\_15\\_08\\_56&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_1ee27d9000-589105154e-178764885](https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok-everything-you-need-know-about-video-production-app?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=589105154e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_10_15_08_56&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-589105154e-178764885)

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To celebrate Black History Month, our children all enjoyed a West Indian food and drink tasting session on Thursday afternoon. A big thank you to our parents for their hard work in the preparation and the facilitation of this event. It received a big thumbs up from the children and staff!



Before the half term holiday, all the children enjoyed workshops and performances by the Iroko Theatre company, where they took part in African Dance and Drumming sessions.

## RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2020

Admission information and Supplementary Information forms for those children due to start school in September 2020 are now available from the school office. Parents must also complete a Common Admission Form (available on line at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk).) Applications will **NOT** be processed unless both forms are completed.

Please ensure you read the criteria for admission in the school's admission policy fully, as this will affect the ranking of Catholic siblings who do not live in the parish of St George's .

There will be a meeting for all prospective parents on

**Thursday 07 November at 9.15am**

**\* Wednesday 20 November at 1.30pm**

**\* This is an additional date**



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Reilly on the birth of their baby daughter called Bronagh.



## CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please inform the school office if you change any of your contact details, including home, work or mobile numbers. In addition, if you have a new email address, please **print** this clearly and hand into the office.

We need to have these details for each parent and would also like to have two extra contact numbers for each child in case we cannot get hold of a parent on the odd occasion when a child might be unwell.

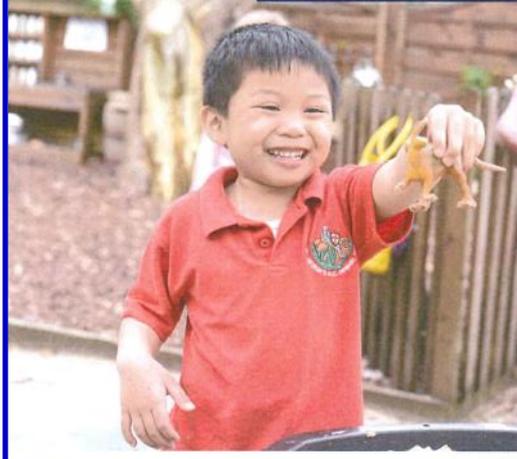
## SCHOOL TERM DATES

Please adhere to these dates when booking any holidays or family events during the school year.

Any holiday leave requested will be unauthorised, as holidays or travelling for family occasions **cannot** be seen as exceptional leave.

We issued penalty notices last year and also closely monitor any absences in the last week of each term and compare this to the previous year's attendance for the same period of time and at other end of term breaks during the year.

# St George's Catholic Primary School



**Children  
due to start  
Reception in  
September 2020**



**Reception Open Morning  
Thursday 7th November  
at 9:15am**

**Reception Open Afternoon  
Wednesday 20th November  
at 1:30pm**



## CLASS ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS UP TO HALF TERM

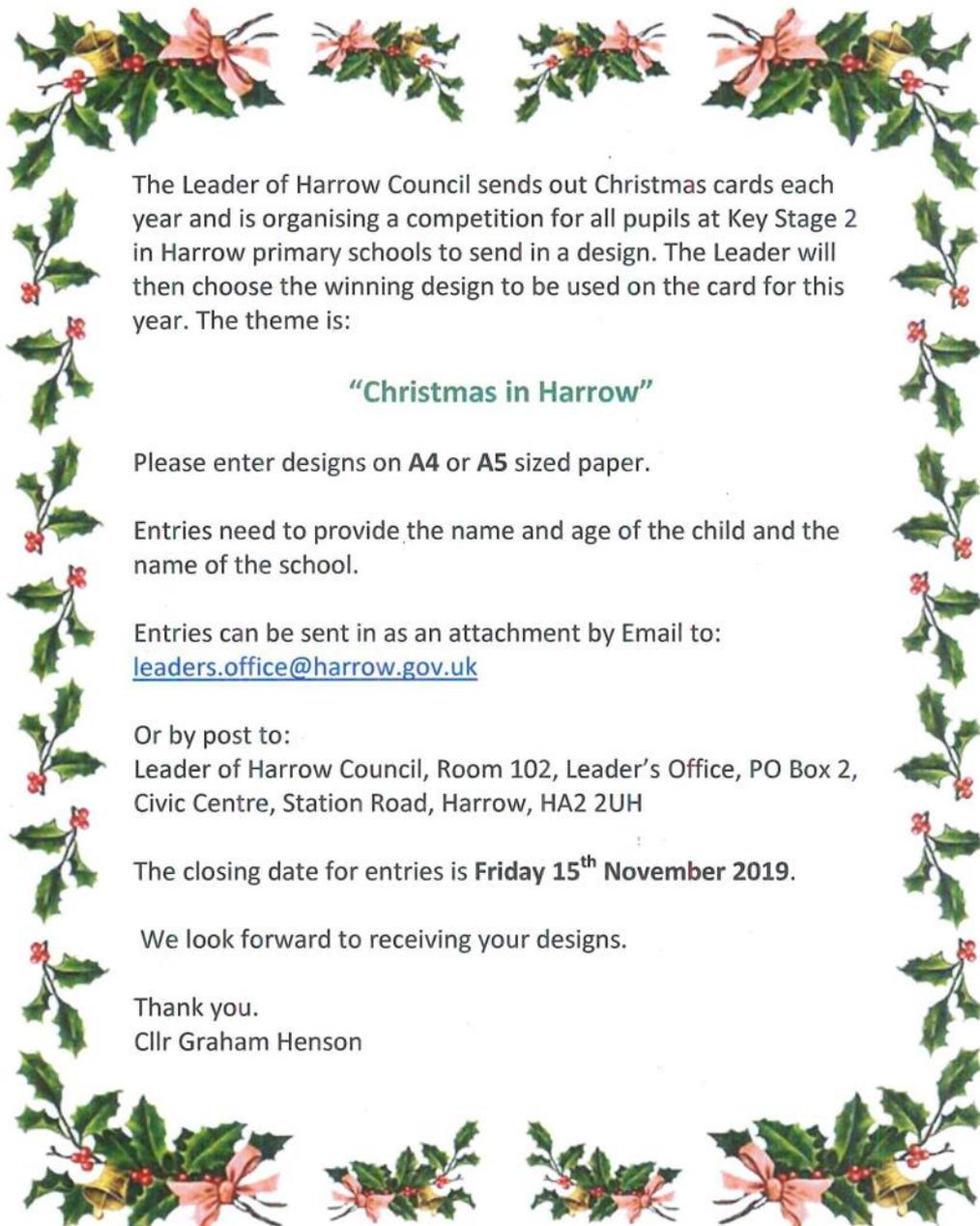
Listed are the attendance rates and number of lates for each class up to half term. Congratulations to classes 1T, 3R and 4T who had the best attendance, for the 1st half of the autumn term.

There are quite a considerable amount of late arrivals to school— please take time to read the Attendance guidelines that were sent home in October. The infant and junior gates are closed at 8.55am and children arriving after this time, have to sign the late book and are marked late on their attendance record. It is important that children arrive to school on time.

Class	% Attend	Lates
RL	95.0	2
RH	93.1	3
1Y	97.4	4
1T	99.0	3
2O	97.8	6
2GO	98.4	3
3R	99.0	2
3P	98.8	13
4C	98.5	2
4T	99.0	2
6E	95.9	2
6W	97.2	3
5G	97.6	3
5R	98.1	2
<b>Average attendance for school</b>	<b>97.6</b>	

# CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Cllr Graham Henson  
Leader of Harrow Council  
Tel: 020 8424 1897  
[leaders.office@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:leaders.office@harrow.gov.uk)



The Leader of Harrow Council sends out Christmas cards each year and is organising a competition for all pupils at Key Stage 2 in Harrow primary schools to send in a design. The Leader will then choose the winning design to be used on the card for this year. The theme is:

**“Christmas in Harrow”**

Please enter designs on **A4** or **A5** sized paper.

Entries need to provide the name and age of the child and the name of the school.

Entries can be sent in as an attachment by Email to:  
[leaders.office@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:leaders.office@harrow.gov.uk)

Or by post to:  
Leader of Harrow Council, Room 102, Leader’s Office, PO Box 2,  
Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, HA2 2UH

The closing date for entries is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**.

We look forward to receiving your designs.

Thank you.  
Cllr Graham Henson

## NOVEMBER

**Tue 05**—St Martin's Feast Day Mass at 11am.  
**Thu 07**—Reception 2020 Admission Open Morning at 9.15am  
**Fri 08**—Year 4 to Vue Cinema  
**Wed 13**—Yr 3 Stone Age Workshop  
**Fri 15**—Morning Mass for parents and children at 8.30am. Pupil Chaplains visit Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre.  
**Mon 18**—Arts Ambassadors to the National Gallery . Yr 2 Brent Museum workshop.  
**Tue 19**— Power of One— Anti Bullying Workshop—whole school  
**Wed 20**—\*Reception 2020 Admission Open Afternoon at 1.30pm  
**Thu 21**— \*Year 5 & 6 Drama Showcase at 2.15pm  
**Fri 22**—Nasal Flu Spray—whole school  
**Mon 25**—Brent Museum assemblies for whole school

\*Change of / or additional date

## DECEMBER

**Mon 02**—Advent Whole School Mass led by 5R.  
**Tue 03**—Arts Award children to National Gallery  
**Wed 04**—Advent Carol Service at Westminster—Pupil Chaplains .  
**Thu 05**—Yr 1 visit the Lyric Theatre for Christmas Performance  
**Fri 06**—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair (3pm)  
**Mon 09** - 6.30pm Carol Service for Voluntary Aided Schools  
**Thu 12**—Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day  
**Fri 13**—Wizard Theatre performance for whole school  
**Tue 17**—Year 2 Nativity at 9.15am  
**Wed 18**—Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am.  
**Thu 19**—Reception Nativity at 9.15am. 1.30pm Carol Service in Church  
**Fri 20**—Last day of term. Reception visit the Lyric Theatre for Christmas Performance

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

**1.45pm Reception, 1.50pm Yrs 1 and 2**  
**2.00pm Yrs 3-6**  
**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.

## EMAILS AND LETTERS SENT HOME

Cork Exchange – yrs 5/6. National Gallery—Arts Ambassadors Just Enough Workshops—yr 5/6 Stone Age Workshops—yr 3 Clarinet Project—those concerned

**Most letters are sent as an attachment via SchoolPing. Please download the app for your smartphone to keep up-to-date with correspondence from the school.**