

# St George's School News



## 10 Reasons to join St. George's PSA (Parent -Staff Association)

1. Budgets at every school are tight. Money raised in school fundraisers is often used to pay for those little extras that can make a school a bit special, be it an interactive whiteboard or a theatre visit.

2. Knowing that they can predict a certain level of fundraised extra income each year, will allow the school to plan an effective and realistic budget.

3. Helping at PSA fundraising events helps you get to know the school better.

4. Being part of the PSA helps you get to know other parents and their children. This is important for the school community but also great for a more active social life.

5. By joining the PSA you have the chance to promote and enhance your school's standing in your local community and with school inspection teams.

6. Your children do actually like to know that you are there for them, taking an interest and sharing their experience.

7. Talking to other parents helps you and them. Sharing experiences helps all.

8. The commitment is not too much. The occasional evening meeting and the Christmas and Summer Fairs or other school fundraisers.

9. Everyone has different talents and skills they can bring to the school and parents are a great interface between the school and the "outside world". Very handy for raffle prizes, sponsorship or professional help.

10. It's actually quite fun to run stalls or watch the children enjoy themselves at a school disco or at other events. Isn't this what it is all about - part of the whole parenting package!

So isn't it time to get involved? Your support is always greatly valued and appreciated.

To find out more contact our school PSA or Mrs Maria Power at the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Monaghan'.

Mrs Deirdre Monaghan  
Headteacher



“The family is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of society”

## COOKERY SCHOOL—HARROW

Cookery and Craft workshops during the Spring half term:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 , Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The workshops will be held at the Cookery School which is located at the Civic Centre, Civic 7, Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2XY.

The sessions costs only £29.50 per day and we offer a 15% sibling discount.

You can book online at:

<https://www.harrowcommercialservices.co.uk/services/catering/harrow-cookery-school/children-s-cookery-courses>

They are make and bake workshops - Activities include making monsters, painting, decorating and baking a range of sweet and savoury pastries, cupcakes and cookies.

## FIZZ FREE FEBRUARY

Friday 01 February marks the start of Fizz Free February meaning it's time to ditch sugary drinks for 28 days.

Fizz Free February is a great way to reduce your sugar intake by cutting out fizzy drinks. By going fizz free for all of February, it can help you on your way to drinking less sugary drinks for the rest of the year too.



## CHANGE OF MAY DAY REMINDER

The Government has announced that the early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4 May to **Friday 8 May 2020** in order to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

### FOR YOUR DIARY

#### CALENDAR DATES—Autumn Term 2020

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<b>Children return to school</b>	<b>Thursday 03 September</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 26—Friday 30 October</b>
<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Friday 18 December</b>

## MORNING START TIMES

The school gates to both the infant and junior classes close every morning at **8.55am**. All children should be in school before this for a punctual start. The gates open at 8.40am

## INCONSIDERATE PARKING

A letter was sent home earlier this week about inconsiderate and illegal parking (letter is attached to this newsletter). It is therefore disappointing that the manager of Buchanon Care Home has reported these cars listed below for parking in their car park, whilst collecting/bringing children to school:

**N66 ATY - black Mercedes**

**RV08 MJX—white Mercedes**

## SPORTS RESULTS

On 21 January our Cross Country team went to Kenton Park to take part in the 'Saints School' Running Competition. A great afternoon led the teams from years 5 and 6 to have some amazing results including 3 boys coming in the top 10 in year 6. Well done!

### FOOTBALL

On Friday 24th January 2020 a small squad of the girls football team took part in the Watford Football Club Premier Stars Competition. They played 7 games against schools from Harrow and Hertfordshire winning 4 losing 4. It was a great way to warm up before our main Harrow fixtures this half term

Mr Lewis—sports coach



## WORLD WETLAND DAY

**World  
Wetlands Day**  
2 February 2019



Wetlands and  
climate change

A new wetland is being created at [Headstone Manor Park](#) and on Sunday 2 February Harrow are celebrating [World Wetlands Day](#) to raise awareness of this important natural habitat for biodiversity and for controlling flooding and pollution. All the family, young and old, are invited to come down and find out more about wetlands and have a go at weaving a willow wetland animal and making seed bombs of wetland plants.

## REMINDERS

Please label all items of school uniform as we are still finding jumpers, cardigans etc without any name. This makes it very difficult to return lost uniform to the correct child. If you need to order name labels, we have these in the front reception area and all orders will generate a donation to the school.

### APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a hospital appointment, please bring copy of letter to the school office in advance of the date.

### DINNER MONEY

All dinner money accounts should be in credit. There are a lot of families whose Parentpay account is very overdue for school lunches that their child has taken. Maria Power spends a lot of unnecessary time having to ring parents every week in order to try and get their overdue accounts cleared.



# St George's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents

## **PARKING SAFELY AND BEING CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS**

It is with regret and concern that I am writing to you regarding a number of complaints from local residents and drivers regarding illegal and/or dangerous parking outside the school.

### **ASSISI COURT**

Parents are parking in Assisi Court (on the corner of Sudbury Court Drive and Harrow Road) and residents are reporting that they are unable to get in or out as parents from our school are illegally parking in their car park. There is a clear sign at the entrance to Assisi Court, indicating that the car park has allocated residents parking spaces. There are also smaller signs in the car park as well indicating that it is for Genesis Housing Association residents only. Please see below car registrations from a complaint recently received:

**Grey BMW – LK 15 ZPG, Black Mercedes – LL16 OYC, Black Mercedes SUV – S58 LLW**

### **CARELESS DRIVING**

Today (Monday 27 January) we received a complaint from a driver who was coming down Sudbury Hill at 8.50am and was nearly hit by a white car that was trying to move out onto the road. The lady rang us to say that she was quite frightened and upset, as the parent was verbally abusive to her and we had to apologise for the behaviour of this parent on behalf of the school.

### **CONSTANT BLOCKING OF THE SCHOOL GATES**

There are very few schools that allow parents to drive into their car park either to bring or pick up their children. Our carpark is open until 8.15am to allow children to be dropped to Breakfast Club and opens every day at 4.30pm (5pm on Monday) to allow children to be collected from the various clubs we offer. We are continually asking that parents **do not sit** outside the gates waiting for them to be opened, as this prevents either staff trying to enter the carpark, or for an emergency vehicle to come into the school if the need arises. On occasions, parents have left their car parked outside the main gate and walked up to collect their child and have then reversed into Sudbury Hill.

### **FIVE MILES PER HOUR IN SCHOOL CARPARK**

When the car park is opened, we would ask that parents drive carefully into the school grounds as it has been reported that parents are driving very fast into the car park. There are also children who may be in the carpark leaving school, especially in the evenings when it is dark, and drivers are coming into the carpark too fast and may not see them. The signage in the carpark states five miles per hour to ensure safety.

Taking all of the above into consideration, we would ask that all parents think about parking safely outside the school and not use carparks that are specifically for building residents, nor try to park in the nursing home across the road. If a parent becomes abusive or rude I have had to apologise on behalf of the school and this behaviour goes against the morals and teaching that we are trying to instil in our children as they grow in their Catholic faith.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Monaghan'.

**MRS D MONAGHAN**  
(Headteacher)

## FEBRUARY

**Mon 03**— Reception & Yr 6 Height and Weight check.  
1.15pm class 1Y visiting church

**Tue 04**—Pupil chaplains meet with Fr John

**Wed 05**—Yr 6 SATS Information Evening at 5.3pm

**Thu 06**—Class 6W attending parish Mass at 9.30am.  
Drugs Awareness workshop – yr 6

**Fri 07**—1.15pm class 1T visiting church

**Mon 10**—Cyber Wise workshops—yrs 3-6. Yr 4 visiting the Tate Gallery.

**Tue 11**— Cyber Wise workshops - yrs 3-6. Arts award children visit Ryan Theatre pm. Parents' Evening.

**Wed 12**—Class 2GO Valentine Assembly at 9.05am

**Thu 13**—Parents' Evening

### Mon 17—Fri 21—Half Term

**Wed 26**— Ash Wednesday Service led by 5G

**Thu 27**—Vision screening for reception children. 5R Class assembly at 9.05am

**Fri 28**—Yoga starting for yr 6

## MARCH

**Mon 02**—Reconciliation Service for yr 3

**Tue 03**—Class 20 Parent Reading workshops in small hall at 9.00am

**Wed 04**—Class 2GO Parent Reading workshops in small hall at 9.00am

**Fri 06**—Morning Mass at 8.30am—all families welcome

**Mon 09**—Reconciliation Service for yr 4

**Wed 11**—St Patrick's Day Assembl6 led by 4T

**Mon 16—Fri 20** Science Week—Our Diverse Planet

**Mon 16**—Yr 4 Bikeability training level 1. Reconciliation Service for yr 5

**Tue 17**—Class 4C attending parish Mass at 9.30am.

**Wed 18**—Mother's Day Assembly led by 1Y.

**Mon 23**—Yr 5 Bikeability training—3 days. Reconciliation service for yr 6

**Wed 25**—Sacrifices Assembly led by 3V at 9.05am

## APRIL

**Wed 01**—Legloland trip for yrs 3-6

**Fri 03**—Last day of term

On the last day of each 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

Yr 6 SATs Booster classes - those concerned. Drugs Awareness workshop—yr 6. Parking Safely – whole school, Bikeability—Yr 4 Gym competition—those involved, Health Screening Questionnaire—reception, Tate Gallery—yr 4

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.