



January Newsletter 2023

"Faith We live it, Love it And Learn it.

Headteacher Mrs. K. Bickley



Dear Parents/carers

It has been a pleasure joining St George and St Teresa's Catholic Primary School. I have been very impressed with the children and their positive attitude to school. Everyone has settled back into the routines of school life and our learning for the spring term is under way.

As part of our learning about the Catholic faith, weekly class masses are scheduled and the children will join the parish at Mass on Tuesday mornings at church. Everyone is very welcome to come. The children will continue to lead liturgy in class regularly to deepen their understanding of the gospel and wider Catholic Social issues. There will be a renewed focus on Living simply, Living sustainably and living in solidarity.

We will also be focusing on the children's learning, the curriculum and the progress they are making. We are teaching the next athletes, teachers, historians, geographers, scientists, mathematicians, authors and writers of the future! All of us have something we are good at and we all have something to offer - it's time to maximise our true potential and aim high. Look out for new learning overviews, we'll be sending them out next week.

Best wishes Mrs. K Bickley

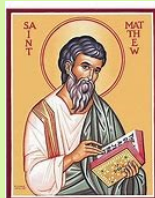
Reflection for the month of January

During our Monday morning prayer services we will be sharing the gospel message in school. This week's gospel Matthew 3:13-17 tells us of Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. John tried to dissuade Jesus saying

'It is I who need baptism from you and yet you come to me'!
'But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands'.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him'.

Dear God,
Grant Your special graces on our school family.
May our school be a place of faith-filled learning.
Protect and bless each and every one of us.
Amen



Staffing news

We recently said thank you and goodbye to Mrs Julia Evans after 26 years of dedicated service. We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life.



Congratulations are offered to Mrs Catrina Fahy who is expecting her second child later on this year. We wish her well in the weeks ahead. Year 5 will certainly miss her when she commences her maternity leave. I will let year 5 parents know the arrangements for the class later on this term.



Lastly may I extend my thanks to all the staff for the warm welcome I have received. There will be changes to ensure learning is the best we can offer. Rest assured we will work hard to provide the very best provision.

Dates

Spring Term 2023

Half Term: Monday 20th February- Friday 24th February

Term finishes Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2022

Starts: Monday 17th April 2023 (Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

and Monday 8th May)

Half Term: Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June

Term finishes: Friday 21st July 2023 for pupils



Reminders!

Nut Free School



In order to maintain as safe an environment as possible. Our school is a nut-free school. Please can we ask that you don't send your child to school with nuts to eat or with any nut-rich products such as Nutella or peanut butter. Chocolate spread without nuts is a safer alternative.

St George and St Teresa's will be taking part in Number Day on Friday 3 February 2023 to support fundraising for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). We will be planning and organising lots of fun with number activities for the children. More details to follow.



Home Learning

Please encourage your children to complete their home learning tasks

Here are some websites that you might find useful to further support learning at home.

TT Rockstars <https://trockstars.com/>

Top Marks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

BBC <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

www.spellingframe.co.uk

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Oxford Owl

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/oxford-reading-tree-levels/>



Uniform

The children look incredible in the St George and St Teresa's uniform. It is a uniform that can be worn with pride. Please continue to adhere to the following:

PAINTED NAILS: Please ensure nails are not painted.

JEWELLERY: Only plain wristwatches and medical alert pendants are to be worn in school.

EARRINGS: Small, plain stud earrings are permitted in school but we ask that no jewellery is worn for PE lessons. Please ensure that your child can confidently remove their own stud earrings before PE lessons. If they are not able to do this, then we ask that they do not wear earrings on the day that they have PE.

HAIR STYLING: Long hair should be tied back. Hair bands and bobbles should be in school colour – blue or yellow. Large, claw style clips are not permitted. Extreme hairstyles, colour, gel, wax or mousse are not permitted.

Thank you for your co-operation.