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George Spicer Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 19th November 2020



Important information

There may not be many dates in the school 'calendar' so far this year, but we're delighted that **Christmas** lunch and jumper day will be taking place on **Wednesday 16th December!**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today." – Thich Nhat Hanh

Don't forget **Odd Socks Day** is tomorrow, **Friday 20th November**, as part of Anti Bullying Week.



Parent Reps for classes

A big thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be class rep for this academic year. There are still some spaces and we don't have any reps for Year 6 Defiants class so if you can help, please email the [office](mailto:office@georgespicer.enfield.sch.uk).

Years 3 & 6 Flu Vaccinations - update

The new date for Years 3 & 6 is **Thurs 3rd December 1.15-3.15pm**

We currently have some staff isolating as well as the usual winter illnesses, which has resulted in smaller teams. Please email the office or class teachers (insert classname @georgespicer.enfield.sch.uk) if you can't get through by phone. Thank you.

Reception class – Remembrance Day

Last week was Remembrance Day and in Reception, we learnt all about the significance of poppies, why we have Remembrance Day as well as taking part in the two minutes silence. We discussed Sir Tom Moore and his active role in the war and now this year when he raised over £32 million for the NHS. The children were so enthralled that we decided to make our own tribute to help us remember. We drew around a child in the class and then filled the paper with poppies. Lest we forget.



IMPORTANT: Change to Start Times for Reception

We are returning to the soft start time you were originally given pre-Covid.

From Monday 23rd November, ALL Reception children should arrive between 8:45am – 9:00am. Please note that children arriving after 9:00am will be recorded as late. Parents & carers, please drop your child 2 metres from the gates, remembering to social distance & wear a mask. Many thanks for your support.

Friends of Bush Hill Park contribute to North Enfield Foodbank

It was great to see so many George Spicer families out litter picking and donating to North Enfield Foodbank last Sunday. We've already been thanked by the Foodbank, so every contribution is hugely appreciated. There are plans for the park to have another food bank drop off in January, so if you do have items to donate and don't drop them off by another means sooner, please come along.



Thanks for the donations to help our families

We would like to thank our local **Morrisons** supermarket for supporting our families regularly with food donations.

Also a big thank you to **The Dunelm Group** who are supporting the school community with the 'Delivering Joy' scheme which involves their customers and staff buying gifts for selected children at the school.

Free/cheap food Apps

We have been notified of the following Apps:

TOO GOOD TO GO! That lets you know where there is cheap or free food from shops and restaurants.

OLIO where people give away free food

Attendance week ending 19th November 2020

Whole school 97.26%

Best attendance 1st Sparrow 2nd Woodpecker 3rd Achilles

Punctuality 1st Oak 2nd Woodpecker 3rd Anubis - not quite 100% but very close

And the winners are! - Road Safety Week

Congratulations and well done for all of you taking part in our Road Safety Week "Hide and Stride" competition.

The response was phenomenal! 2 names were selected from each participating year group to win prizes.

Congratulations to our winners:

Reception: Ezra and Baha

Year 1: Katie and Elsie

Year 2: Beatrice and Ajayan

Year 3: Sabrina and Martin

Year 4: Luke and Julia

Year 5: Olivia and Erdem



Miss Spillman's Esafety tips

Anti-bullying week – Are you worried about cyber bullying? Talk to your child about who they're talking to online and encourage them to think before talking to people they don't know in person.

Try to understand and guide your child's online behaviour - negotiate and establish boundaries and discuss sensitively the issues around the concept of 'friends'. Familiarise yourself with the social networking sites and chat programmes your child uses. Find out more about its build-in safety functions and how they can be contacted within the service.

Ask your child if they know how to block someone who they don't want to talk to anymore. If they don't, help them learn how to use the blocking feature.

Reception hearing tests will be taking place this year, as usual. You will be contacted once the date is confirmed. If you **DO NOT** want your child to have a test or your child is already under the care of Audiology or ENT, please let us know in writing as soon as possible.

Safety update – Playing fields behind the school

We have had a report that one of our parents was attacked while on his bike by a group of teenagers in Enfield playing fields (near David Lloyd's entrance) in broad daylight. This has been reported to the police, but please take care if you are using any of the nearby car parks / communal areas which are linked to the playing fields and look out for each other. We wish the parent well.

Parking reminder – please do not park in the 'Residents only' bays in Kimberley Gardens Road and the top part of Sketty Road. Let's be respectful of the local residents.

FoGS Dates for your diary:

Winter Wonderland Edition of Community Directory will arrive in your inbox.

Sat 28th Nov Storytime with Santa links sent out
12pm Auction of Promises ends
1pm Raffle Draw live on Parents FB Group

Sun 29th Nov Arranged collection of prizes.

Fri 4th Dec Pre Loved Uniform Sale, Kimberley Gardens



Virtual Winter Wonderland is almost here!

Winter Wonderland wouldn't be complete without a raffle, even Virtually! **Top Prize** Amazon Dot and Smart Plug (Rrp. £65), **2nd Prize** 24 bottle of London Session IPA kindly donated by Enefeld Brewery, **3rd Prize** £20 Sprint Stationers Voucher to be spent in-store on any of the ranges including toys, books, board games, puzzles and stationary. Buy your tickets now by visiting

<https://buytickets.at/thefriendsofgeorgeschool>



A live draw will take place via the George Spicer Parents Group at **1pm on Saturday 28th November.**

Auction of Promises is back, perfect place for bargain brand new gifts and experiences for the whole family. If you're new to it, FoGS have put together 2 online auctions made up of new, donated goods that you can bid for (and win), then all the monies raised goes directly to support George Spicer School. Some of our top items include a 1-Hour Mindfulness Session over Zoom, 3 class pass for Yoga Lily, numerous Harry Potter goodies, Christmas novelty items and a Best Friends Teepee Party Rrp. £90. **Bidding is open from now until 12pm Saturday 28th November.**

Grab yourself a bargain:

<https://auctionofpromises.com/VWWFoGSGifts4Adults>

<https://auctionofpromises.com/VWWChildrens>

Santa has been talking with Mr Spong about how good the children (and parents/carers) are being this year. A ticket for **Storytime with Santa** includes a private YouTube link for you and your family to watch as many times and whenever you choose as well as a book donated to your child's classroom. Santa has books suitable for all ages from Reception right up to Year 6. So even if they don't want to watch the story, £3 for a brand new books for the classroom is a bargain! Titles include Billionaire Boy, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, Dork Diaries, Snowball, Horrid Henry, Magical Ballerina and Aliens Invaded my Talent Show. Buy your tickets here <https://buytickets.at/thefriendsofgeorgeschool>

You can also purchase Christmas Stories to have at home as well as many other titles and earn books for George Spicer School through our local Usbourne Books seller, Anne Croxford. She offers local delivery and FoGS can arrange discrete collection from school. Look for Anne on [Facebook](#) and Instagram, posters around the school gates, or you can email annecroxford4@gmail.com

