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George Spicer Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 7th January 2021



Important information

We are now in a national lockdown. Please ensure that you follow the latest guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Quotes of the week

"In our perfect ways. In the ways we are beautiful. In the ways we are human. We are here. Happy New Year's. Let's make it ours." —Beyonce

"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves." —William Shakespeare

It's Spring term 2021!

It's not the big welcome back that we'd like this term (yet), but Happy New Year! We hope that you are all well, safe and looking out for each other.

As a school community, we are working hard to support you all with your child's learning; individual needs and trying to make sure that you feel as equipped as you can to support with remote learning.

We ask that you keep in touch via your child's class (the "classname"@georgespicier.enfield.sch.uk email address) and let us know if there is anything that you need help with. We have access to various external support networks and agencies within Enfield, so please contact us and we will try to support you and your family.

Like yourselves, we appreciate how overwhelming it can be to cope with new challenges. As a school, we are now faced with another period of teaching your children remotely, whilst supporting our keyworker and vulnerable children within school.

This is not a position that we would like to be in, however we are using this time as an opportunity to learn and develop creative ways of teaching. We were delighted to see so many children tune into Mr Combe's (1.30pm) and Mrs Mangiapane's (2.45pm) assemblies this Wednesday. Same time, next week!

Remote learning support

With over 800 children and 600 families at George Spicer, last week we sent out a technology survey to identify families' needs to ensure that everyone has access to some sort of a device. The DfE has sent us 60 laptops so far and we are hoping to receive more, but you can appreciate that this isn't enough for everyone. **We have a plea:** If you have any unwanted devices at home, please can you donate them so we can allocate to another family. Thank you!

Communication with school

A reminder that the main contact with the school is via the office email: office@georgespicier.enfield.sch.uk Telephone: 020 8363 1406.

Every class has their own email to be able to contact their teachers e.g. daffodil@georgespicier.enfield.sch.uk

Felix Project and Free School Meals

If your personal circumstances have changed and you need access to Felix Project food, please contact the [School Office](#).

If you think you may now be eligible for Free School Meals please complete the form via the link here: <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/school-welfare-and-information/school-meals/>

Reception 2021 intake – admissions deadline

If your child was born between **1 September 2016** and **31 August 2017**, you will need to apply for a primary school place by 15 January 2021.

Please submit your applications electronically [here](#).

"Give a little love" appeal – supporting our school

Waitrose is collecting for George Spicer throughout the month of January with the 'Give a little love' appeal. We are asking people who are able to shop at the Enfield Town store to support our school - the more support, the more money for the school.

Community News

Bush Hill Park litter pick is cancelled

Please note that the litter pick scheduled for Sunday 17th January 2021 is now **CANCELLED** due to the national lockdown.

Attendance week ending 8th January 2021

Due to lockdown and only a number of children in school, there will be no weekly attendance reports at present. However, please remember to report your child's absence if they are booked in to attend school, before 9am. Thank you.

Miss Spillman's Esafety tips

USING XBOX/PLAYSTATION TO ACCESS TEAMS

If your child does not have a laptop but has an Xbox or Playstation, they can use these to access Microsoft Teams.

Xbox - Plug in a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot.

1. Go to my games and apps.
2. Find Microsoft Edge and select.
3. Type in: <http://teams.microsoft.com> and enter.
4. Log in using your school email account.
5. To move around you use the Xbox controller or can plug in a mouse.

Playstation

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it).
2. Press the PS logo on the computer.
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications.
4. Go to the applications and you will find the internet browser.
5. Type in: <http://teams.microsoft.com> and enter.
6. Log in using you school email account.

Happy New Year from FoGS!

While you're keeping yourselves and your families safe at home, please use **Easyfundraising** as an easy way to generate income for FoGS when you shop online! If you haven't used it before, click through this [link](#) for a bonus donation for you and FoGS!



If you're a regular **Amazon** user, activate **Amazon Smile** to gift a small amount when you purchase an eligible item. Simply go to AmazonSmile in your account settings, choose 'Friends of George Spicer' and make sure it's turned on.

Friends of George Spicer's first meeting of 2021 will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 13th January at 8pm. Please join us virtually to discuss how we can support each other through this bizarre time. We welcome all parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school.

As we approach our AGM in April, we are looking for a new **Treasurer** (which can be shared), also a **Secretary** (to join a role share). If you would like more information (no commitment necessary) please join our meeting, or email friendsofgeorgespicer@gmail.com

Topic: FoGs January meeting
Time: Jan 13, 2021 08:00 PM London
Meeting ID: 883 5046 7470
Passcode: 562693

Teams Live Lessons

Live lessons details are below. Please ensure your child logs into Teams daily for all work.

Reception

Reception: videos uploaded on the Reception Teams channel. Live content will be coming soon.

Year 1

Days of live lessons	Which class? What time?
Monday (PSHE)	All classes @ 9am
Tuesday (English)	Oak / Willow 10am Ash / Elm 11am
Wednesday (Maths)	Oak / Willow 10am Ash / Elm 11am

Year 2

Days of live lessons	Which class? What time?
Tuesday (English)	Woodpecker/Sparrow - 9:30am Robin/Owl - 10:30am
Wednesday (Maths)	Woodpecker/Sparrow - 9:30am Robin/Owl - 10:30am
Thursday (PSHE)	Woodpecker/Sparrow - 9:30am Robin/Owl - 10:30am

Year 3

Days of live lessons	Which class? What time?
Tuesday	Cheyenne/Navajo @10am Apache/Sioux @ 11am
Wednesday	Cheyenne/Navajo @10am Apache/Sioux @ 11am
Thursday	Cheyenne/Navajo @10am Apache/Sioux @ 11am

Year 4

Days of live lessons	Which class? What time?
Monday	Achilles/Odysseus @ 10am Theseus/Heracles @ 11am
Tuesday	Achilles/Odysseus @ 10am Theseus/Heracles @ 11am
Wednesday	Achilles/Odysseus @ 10am Theseus/Heracles @ 11am

Year 5

Days of live lessons	Which class? What time?
Tuesday	Ra/Thoth @ 1:30pm Osiris/Anubis @ 2:30pm
Thursday	Ra/Thoth @ 10:30am Osiris/Anubis @ 11:30am
Friday	Ra/Thoth @ 10:30am Osiris/Anubis @ 11:30am

Year 6

Days of live lessons	Which class? What time?
Tuesday	Hurricanes/Lancasters @ 10.30am Spitfires/Defiants @ 11.30am
Wednesday	Hurricanes/Lancasters 10.30am Spitfires/Defiants @ 11.30am
Thursday	Hurricanes/Lancasters 10.30am Spitfires/Defiants @ 11.30am