

# The Good News Paper

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~ Newsletter for the St. Scholastica's School Community

## GREAT GOLDEN NEWS

To all the Children, Parents and Carers, Staff and Governors.

I am pleased to confirm that our school has achieved GOLD LEVEL STARS accreditation from Transport for London. The STARS scheme (Sustainable Travel Active Responsible Safe) recognises and monitors excellence in School Travel Plans with three award levels for schools that promote and achieve safer and more active travel.

To help us keep the Gold award for 2016 one of the targets we have to look at is how we all travel to school. We have all done some great work in doing this sustainably for many years but we could do better!!!!!! We need to reduce car journeys by 20% which is not a lot! That only means 1 day a week traveling to school without your car, I know it's very hard to do so in the winter months but in spring and summer I'm sure this can be achieved!

The children use Travel Tracker every day in class, ask them what this is I'm very sure they will be glad to tell you how it works.

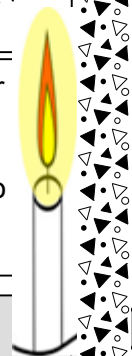
One of the biggest issues we have had in recent years is people parking on the double yellow and Zig Zag lines outside the school gates before and after school, this is not only dangerous for your child/children but for all the other families and the community who are trying to cross the road outside the school, it is also an offence to do so during certain times through the day.

If you are interested in becoming part of our school travel team please let me know.  
Mr Healy

## PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The new multi-sports pitch is now really starting to take shape and hopefully you can picture what it will look like in the end. We are very sorry that the side entrance at the front is having to remain closed but this is necessary in order to preserve the tree roots. We are unable to open this entrance to the playground until all the works in the main playground are completed. Hopefully this will be by the end of half term. Once again we apologise for any inconvenience this causes. but it will be worth it in the end.

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes! He helps us in our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Yr. 1 to Museum of Childhood

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Yr. 5 assembly

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Yr. 6 to Kench Hill Harvest Collection Assembly, World Heritage Month begins

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Orienteering in London

Fields 10 children from Yrs. 4 & 5

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Yr. 4 assembly

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - individual & family school photographs (only children in school), Gold Travel Plan Award Ceremony in Camden Town Hall for JRSO

Wednesday - 14<sup>th</sup> October Orienteering in Clissold Park 10 children from Yrs. 4 & 5

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Capital Growth Produce Show City Hall exhibiting our school produce including school chutneys & KS 1 Multi-skill Festival Queensbridge Leisure Centre

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October - SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Harvest Mass & Parents Workshop; Take Better Family Photos 3.30 to 5.30pm in school

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - World Heritage Celebration assembly & Yr 2 to The Museum of London

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October - school closed for half term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Mass for Holy Souls 10am in the Church

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Poppy Appeal Assembly & Orienteering - Wick Woodland Yrs. 4, 5 & 6

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 5 to Hackney Picture House & Yr. 1 Assembly

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Yrs. 1 & 2 to Rio Cinema  
All the school community are welcome to join us at all Masses at 2pm and assemblies at 2.45pm we love to share these special occasions with you.

## CHANGES TO YEARLY CALENDAR

Please note swapping of Yr 2 and 4 assembly dates.

Now

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Yr. 4 Assembly

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Yr. 2 Assembly

### **BEAT THE STREET**

This is a brand new idea to get yourself and your children walking around four London boroughs Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forrest

By now every child and parent from Reception to Year 6 will have received their Beat the Street pack containing two cards, one of the card's is for the child the other is for the parent/carer/guardian of that child.

For your child and yourself to take part you must register before using the cards so that the points you accumulate can be added to our school account.

There is a map which can be viewed on line via the website. We have a box outside our main school gate which can be swiped at least twice a day. There is at least one at Westfield shopping centre in Stratford

Please speak to me if you have any problems.  
Mr Healy

### **Mysterious Eggs Appear in our Reception Garden!**

This week in Reception we have been reading a wonderful story book called "Owl Babies". This is the story of three baby owls who wake up one night in their hole in the tree to find that their mother has gone, so they sit on the branch and wait, wondering when she will return.

On Wednesday afternoon, while we were playing outside in our garden we were thrilled to spot a large nest of green and brown speckled eggs that had fallen from a tree! We excitedly took a closer look and shared our ideas about what might hatch out of the peculiar eggs, hopeful and wishing for our own real white fluffy owlets.

What do you think might hatch from the mysterious eggs?

### **How our school prayer helps us in school.**

By Anabel Year 4

"He works with me at School"

At school, God helps us when we need Him. He tells us to always try our best and to believe in ourselves. He gives us the strength to wake up and get ready for school and protects us on our journey to and from school. He tells us to be honest and tell the truth to our friends and teachers. He wants us to show love, peace and respect, just like it says on our school logo. The more you show love, peace and respect, the happier everyone will be and our school will be a very happy place to be.

### **God is Every Where**

By Jason Year 4

This week in R.E. we have been learning about how God is everywhere. If we just take the time to stop and look we can see Him all around us.

I see God in the trees and in the bright blue sky. I hear him in the laughter of my friends at school. I feel Him when my mum hugs me.

God is everywhere and God loves us all.

### **The Fantastic Cave Paintings of Year 3**

By the fantastic Lolita and Thea.

During this term in Year 3 we are going to be learning about the Stone Age. Some of them were scavengers, and some of them were settlers.

We have been talking about how humans in the Stone Age didn't know anything about writing, so they used to tell each other stories by painting them on walls. This week we decided to try to make our own cave paintings. As Mr Zapata wouldn't let us paint the school walls, we took a large piece of paper and made it look like a cave by painting it with a sponge. We mixed four colours: Mayonnaise, Ketchup, barbecue sauce and mustard. Then we decorated our cave paintings with trees, animals and scavengers with pastels. We had fun, but we would like to use sand to age the paper.

### **Year 1 Time Travel!**

By Year 1

Today Year one visited the Museum of Childhood. It was our first school trip to a museum ever so we were really excited! We went there by bus and all of us took a packed lunch.

At the museum we travelled back in time and learnt all about the toys children played with in the past. We looked at different teddy bears that our parents and grandparents might have played with such as Rupert bear and Paddington bear.

We also saw some amazing giant dolls houses and a rocking horse.

We imagined what it was like to be a child many years ago and we even got the chance to play with some toys!

The museum of Childhood is a fantastic place to visit and hopefully we can go again one day. We can't wait for our next trip!