



## Newsletter – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### Class attendance update:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EB	92.71%	Y1TL	95.56%	Y3EG	96.33%	Y5JY	96.62%
YR:NL	95.75%	Y1/2OB	96.38%	Y3/4CS	93.72%	Y5/6NC	95.09%
		Y2JW	95.39%	Y4HJ	96.64%	Y6AJM	97.20%
<b>Whole school attendance: 95.56%</b>							

\*%'s are up to and including Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February



**Hinning House** – Recently, 29 children spent a week at Hinning House in the Lake District for the annual Y5 residential. This year, due to the popularity of this trip, our school ended up visiting the centre twice. In January, one group of boys joined up with children from St. Philip's to enjoy a snowy week in the mountains and then in February a larger group of boys and girls from St. George's Central made the coach journey up to the Outdoor Education Centre. The children spent the week exploring the countryside, orienteering, mountain biking as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure the children had a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities.

**Chinese New Year** – Celebrations for Chinese New Year took place in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February as the Year of the Pig started. It was great to see each class undertake a variety of activities throughout the day, with children showcasing their learning in a sharing assembly at the end of the day.



**Upcoming meetings/workshops for parents/carers** – Before half term, Mr Simmons led an E-Safety Workshop. Should you have any questions about this topic, feel free to come into school to speak to Mr Simmons who will be able to point you in the right direction. See below for upcoming parent/carers workshops/meetings in school:

Date/Time	Meeting/Workshop	Led by	For
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 9:00am – 9:45am and repeated at 5:00pm – 5:45pm	Early Learning Goals	Miss Booth	Reception parent/carers
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm – 4:00pm and repeated at 6:00pm – 6:30pm	Year 2 SATs meeting	Mrs O'Brien	Y2 parents/carers
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March between 4:30pm and 5:30pm	'Drop in' meeting for Y6 residential trip to London	Mrs Malley	Y6 parents/carers
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 9:00am – 10:00am at Darlington St and repeated at 3:15pm – 4:15pm at Lancaster Ave	Specific Parent Partnerships workshop	Mrs Davies	Nursery parents/carers

**Eucharist for Ash Wednesday Service in school** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March will see Rector Martin lead a Eucharist for Ash Wednesday Service in school for all our children and families within the St. George's Central community. The service will take place in our school hall, 9:15am – 10:00am with refreshments served afterwards. You are all very welcome to attend this. I hope to see you there.



**World Book Day** – Don't forget that on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, children at school and Lancaster Avenue Nursery can bring their favourite book to school/nursery to share and to also **dress up as a character from a book**. Classes have planned lots of different reading activities to take place throughout the day.

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 **Red Nose Day** – In a change to the date originally advertised, we are supporting Red Nose Day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** with children and staff donating £1 so that they can ‘wear something red’ for the day.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – We will be continuing with our Easter competition this year at St. George’s Central CE School and Nursery. Each class will have a 100 square grid. For 50p, your child can choose one of the numbered squares. On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April there will be a draw – should your child’s number be drawn out, and they are in school, then they will win an Easter egg. We are anticipating that there will be at least 10 eggs per class. The grids will be in class from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** and to give everyone in the class a chance, we are asking that during this week each child chooses only one number from their grid. From **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, your child will be able to have as many choices as they like until the grid is full. This money can be brought into class or nursery with your child.



**Open afternoon (HT Forum) and Stay and Play sessions** – The next open afternoon (HT Forum) will be on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March (1:30pm – 3:00pm)** and will be for **KS2 parents/carers only**. The original plan was for this to be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, however a meeting has been arranged that day which I am required to attend. The plan was also to have this at 5pm – 7pm as a ‘drop in’ session to meet with me, however, this proved unpopular last year and people fed back to me that they preferred the chance to work alongside their children in class during the school day before joining me in the school hall or library to enjoy some refreshments and to ask me questions about school life. It’s quite an informal afternoon and provides you with the opportunity to gain an insight into life at our school. Stay and Play sessions at our Darlington Street Nursery will be on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 9am – 10:30am** and **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1:30pm – 3pm**.

**Shoebbox service** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March will see our school choir take part in the annual Rotary Club ‘Shoebbox’ service at St. George’s Church. Each class will be given 2 shoeboxes to fill and we would be very grateful for your kind donations (small toys, pencils, colouring books and children’s toiletries).



**Book Fair** – There will be a Book Fair in school from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. We will receive ‘commission’ based on the money you spend on books for your children, which we will be using to purchase further books as part of upgrading our school library. See below for the days/times books will be on sale:

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>8:30am – 8:50am and 3:20pm – 4:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>8:30am – 8:50am and 3:20pm – 4:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>8:30am – 8:50am and 3:20pm – 4:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>8:30am – 8:50am</b>

Please feel free to come into school via the library door that opens onto the playground on any of these days, at the times stated.

 **Non – uniform day** – On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be having a non – uniform day in school for children and staff. We are asking for a contribution of an Easter egg for this that can be handed in to your child’s teacher on the day.

**Mothering Sunday** – On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March, our Ethos Council will be taking part in the 10:30am Sung Eucharist Service at St. George’s Church to celebrate Mothering Sunday. A letter will be sent out inviting children to take part in this service.



**Easter Bingo** **PTFA events** – Easter Bingo will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. You are all very welcome to come and join us with your families for a 6:30pm start. Lots of prizes will be on offer and refreshments will be on sale throughout the evening. I look forward to seeing you all there.

**KS2 Easter Service** – At 10am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, our KS2 children will walk to St. George’s Church to take part in our very own Easter service. This will involve the children singing Easter songs with the Easter story being narrated and acted out by the children.



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**Shakerley Fun Day** – There will be a variety of fun activities taking place on the Shakerley estate on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April (12pm – 3pm)** which will involve some of our school staff. Our Lancaster Avenue Nursery will be open for you to have a look around and there will be lots of other activities: ‘beat the goalie’, throwing wet sponges at someone in the stocks, pottery painting, a climbing wall as well as an Easter egg hunt and much more. I hope to see you there.



**Live British Cycling** – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January saw children from our school join with children from four other schools to go on a trip to watch The National Track Cycling Championships at the National Cycling Centre in Manchester. A fantastic day was had by all and our children were able to watch some top British cyclists from their finishing line seats.

**Wigan Athletic ‘Premier League All Stars’** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February saw four Y6 children enjoy a ‘Premier League All Stars’ Day at the DW Stadium. The children took part in a variety of activities including: performance poetry with poet – Matt Goodfellow, First Aid activities with the ambulance service and they also did some work on the importance of recycling. During the day, the children also got to meet ‘Hacker T Dog’ from CBBC and some current Wigan Athletic players.



**KS1 Kurling festival** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February saw our KS1 Kurling team take part in a festival against seven other schools. The team played really well and managed to qualify for the final where they beat St. Richard’s to become the 2018/19 **KS1 Kurling champions!** Well done to Corynne Beca, Nadia Lawal, Alissia Meskell and Luiza Zgierun who made up the team.

**Y3/4 ‘Quicksticks’ Festival** – Monday 11<sup>h</sup> February saw the Y3/4 hockey team take part in a festival against six other schools. The team successfully managed to qualify, from their group, for the final where they met Parklee. In a great final I am pleased to inform you that the team successfully **won 2 – 0** to become the 2018/19 **Y3/4 Hockey champions!** Well done to Mrs Leech, Mr Simmons and their team: Marley Crawford, Poppy Hampson, Oliver Houlihan, Maisie Millward, Eva Molyneaux, Leah Molyneaux, Cole Stoneley and Caden Womersley.



**ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision**



February half term saw children from our school join with children from 4 other schools to attend the second ‘All Sports Holiday Provision’. A varied programme of sporting opportunities (dance with WigLe Dance, athletics with Trevor Painter, First Aid, Yoga and Fun Swim, football with Wigan Athletic and rugby with Leigh Community Trust) were on offer over the 5 days with children being able to sign up for different days for £3 a day (with lunch included)! See the Spring Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half dates letter for more details about this or look out for information sent home about this soon.



**Mixed football league update** – Earlier this week, our school football team started playing matches in the Tyldesley section of the league. Matches take place each Monday, after school at Fred Longworth. So far, our children have made a winning start – playing two matches, winning both!

**First Aid for Sport** – On Tuesday, some of our Y6 children recently took part in a First Aid for Sports session at Garrett Hall. The children learned basic first aid skills with a focus on the types of injury children may experience in competitive sports.



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**Y2 & Y3 Football Festival at MUFC** – Earlier this week, we took a Y2 and a Y3 football team to The Cliff Training Ground in Salford to take part in a football festival against seven other schools. Both our teams did really well with our Y2 team winning every match to make it to the final where they narrowly lost. Our Y3 team also won every match and qualified for the final where they managed to beat Parklee on penalties to become the **Y3 champions!** The Y3 team has now qualified for a finals day at Carrington in June.



**Before the next newsletter, children from St. George's Central will be taking part in:**

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| **KS2 Mini Waterpolo**           | **Y3/4 Futsal Festival ** | **Y5/6 Golf taster session**        |
| **Y1 Football Festival at MUFC** | **KS1 Dance Festival**    | **Ultimate Frisbee taster session** |

The next newsletter (with Summer Term 1<sup>st</sup> half dates) will be sent out on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, the last day of term! Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan - Headteacher

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