



Newsletter – Friday 7th September 2018

Welcome back – I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and have had the chance to spend some quality time with your families. I am pleased to announce that just before we finished for summer, Miss Worden was successfully appointed as our Admin Officer and we welcome her to our school team. Over summer I enjoy going through the feedback you provide us through '3 stars and a wish' questionnaires as, not only is it great to read the positive things that you write about our school, but I also find that, as you view school from a different angle than us, you are able to provide many ideas which can help us to improve. Working together in partnership like this is a vital part of helping to ensure we are continually improving, developing and meeting the needs of your children. Feedback from this will be in the next newsletter.



Morning routine – Please remember that classroom doors will now open when the first bell rings at 8:45am. Our second bell continues to ring at 8:55am and this will signal to class teachers that they need to close their classroom doors for the start of the school day. All children who are not in school at this point will need to enter school via the main school entrance – **we will no longer be opening the doors at each side of school or in the middle of the 'quiet' area.** Lessons will be promptly starting at 9:00am and so being late for school will put your child at a disadvantage when it may not necessarily be their fault. As all teachers will have activities ready for your children at 8:45am, it would be best to aim to be outside the classroom door in time for the new first bell at 8:45am, when classroom doors are opened.

Extra-Curricular clubs – Today your child will have been given a letter detailing all the after school clubs that will be happening **this half term.** There is a slight amendment with the way that we will be offering clubs this year – there are four 'types' of clubs on offer:



*Child led clubs that are **FREE** to attend;

*Adult led clubs that are **FREE** to attend;

*Adult led clubs (school staff) that are chargeable (**50p per child, per week**);

*Adult led clubs (external providers) that are chargeable (**Price vary**).



This half term, all chargeable adult led clubs will be run by school staff at the cost of 50p per week. There will no longer be a need to return a paper reply slip to school with your payment, as requests for places on ALL adult led clubs will now be made via our Tucasi online system. Therefore, for Autumn Term 1 clubs, we will need to receive **responses and payment** through Tucasi by **Thursday 13th September.** At **4pm** on this day, all club lists will be taken offline, printed out and given to staff so that they can make preparations for the number of children attending their club the following week. Only children who are on the list printed by our system will be able to attend. Each half term the clubs that are on offer may change and so, as we near the end of each half term, a letter for the clubs available after the break will be emailed out and children will be required to sign up again. All funds acquired from chargeable clubs will be used to provide resources for after school clubs and prizes for our weekly lucky dip box used in Celebration Worship. Please note that we will expect all children to be collected by an adult at 4:15pm, unless you have written in your child's planner that they can walk home on their own. All children leaving after school clubs will leave via the main school doors – please wait at the front of school for your child. This may mean that your child does not come to school on a bike/scooter on the days they are at a club.

Parental data agreement/consent form 2018/19 – Your child will come home with this form today.

From time to time we are required to share your data, or your child's data, to enable you to access school services or to share good news about our school – this includes the use of photographs or videos of your child. At the end of May 2018, new data regulations were brought into effect which requires school to collect formal consent from you, for information to be shared with other companies that we use for school services. Please could you complete the form and return it to your child's teacher by **Friday 14th September.**



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Key Dates 2018/19 – Before we finished for summer you should have all received a paper copy of the ‘Key Dates 2018/19’ document (there are paper copies of this in the letter holders in our entrance area if you require one). Included in this document are all the ‘major’ events that we know are taking place where prior planning/time off work may be needed. There will be more events that occur throughout the school year and these will be included on our usual half termly dates letter (the Autumn Term 1 dates should be attached to this email). All date letters will also be on our school website and there will be links on our school Facebook page and my Twitter page on the days they are emailed out. Over the course of the year, we will communicate to you via letters, emails and texts and messages are sometimes posted on our school Facebook page and my Twitter account. Please ensure that we have an up to date copy of your current contact details (email and mobile phone number) so that you don’t miss out. Also, remember that paper copies of all newsletters/dates letter are kept in the letter holders in our entrance area meaning there will be no need to wait at the office as you can simply call in and pick up what you need.



Our School App – To ensure that you don’t miss out on any key events over the course of the school year, on your mobile phone you can download ‘Our School App’ (the green logo on the left) and search for St. George’s Central. You will be able to save our school as your home page and this will provide you with quick links to our school website, Facebook page, my Twitter account and other key information. A great feature of this App is that we can add dates of all the key events taking place in school which this will ‘sync’ to your phone calendar and you will receive reminders .



For school and class information in ‘real time’, make sure you follow our teachers in school on Twitter. My Twitter account links to the opening page of the school website (Mr Grogan **@MrGSGC**). Below are current Twitter accounts from school staff:

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| Mrs Davies @MrsDSGC | Miss Booth @MissBoothSGC | Miss Leonard @MissLSGC | Mrs Leech @MrsLSGC |
| Mrs O’Brien @MissOBSCG | Mrs Wright @MrsWSGC | Miss Glassbrook @MissEGSGC | Mr Simmons @MrSimSGC |
| Mrs Jeffries @MrsJeffriesSGC | Mr Young @mrysgc | Miss Gray @missvgsgc | Mr Cooke @MrCookeSGC |
| Mrs Malley @AJMSGC | | Mrs Morris @MrsMSGC | |

Meet the Teacher meetings – This year we will continue with our ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings. These will take place for all children in Y1 upwards (Nursery and Reception children had INSPIRE sessions in June/July). These meetings will provide you with an opportunity to come into your child’s classroom, after school, and meet their new teacher. At the meeting, the adults that are involved in working with class will be present and information about the expectations for the coming year will be communicated to you. The meetings will also provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions. They will start at **3:30pm** and last approximately 15 - 30 minutes. You can access the classroom via the main school entrance OR the classroom door. This meeting is for adults only and so all children will be taken to either the ICT suite or the school hall where you will be able to collect them when the meeting is over. Please make a note of the date of your meeting – we hope to see you there:



| Class/teacher | Date |
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| Y1TL – Mrs Leech Y1/2OB – Mrs O’Brien Y2JW – Mrs Wright | Monday 10 th September – 3:30pm start |
| Y3EG – Miss Glassbrook Y3/4CS – Mr Simmons Y4HJ – Mrs Jeffries | Tuesday 11 th September – 3:30pm start |
| Y5JY – Mr Young Y5/6NC – Mr Cooke/Miss Gray Y6AJM – Mrs Malley/Mrs Morris | Wednesday 12 th September – 3:30pm start |

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PE kits – All children (Y1 – Y6) are required to have both our indoor and outdoor PE kits as outlined in the pictures. Reception children only need the indoor PE kit. Our updated PE policy was recently agreed by governors and gives clear information about kit for PE lessons:

The indoor PE kit should include:

- Plain navy blue shorts with school logo
- Plain white T-shirt with school logo
- Black Pumps



The outdoor kit should include:

- Plain navy blue hoody with school logo
- Plain navy blue tracksuit pants with school logo
- Plain white T-shirt with school logo
- Trainers

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 will only now start swimming at the Pelican Centre after **February half term** and we have decided that on the days classes go swimming they can wear their outdoor PE kit to school. More details about swimming will be provided in the January 2019 newsletter. These PE kits (and all elements of our uniform) are available at Wendy's in Tyldesley and Icon Embroidery in Astley. Please see below for the PE timetable for September 2018 – February 2019:

| PE timetable: September 2018 | | | | | |
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| Outdoor lessons: Kits needed to be worn for school on these days | | | Indoor lessons: Indoor PE kit needs to be in school | | |
| Day | Class | Time | Day | Class | Time |
| Monday | Y1/2OB Y2JW | Afternoon Afternoon | Monday | Y1TL Y5JY | 1pm – 1:45pm 1:45pm – 2:30pm |
| Tuesday | *Y3/4CS *Y4HJ | Afternoon Afternoon | Tuesday | Y5/6NC Y3EG | 1:15pm – 2pm 2pm – 2:45pm |
| Wednesday | Y5JY Y6AJM | Afternoon Afternoon | Wednesday | Reception Y2JW Y1/2OB | Morning 1pm – 1:45pm 1:45pm – 2:30pm |
| Thursday | Y1TL Y5/6NC | Afternoon Afternoon | Thursday | Y4HJ | 2:15pm – 3:00pm |
| Friday | *Y3EG | Afternoon | Friday | Nursery Y6AJM Y3/4CS | Morning 1:15pm – 2pm 2pm – 2:45pm |

***Until February half term when swimming starts**

Snack options: Nursery and Reception – There is **no snack charge** for all our Nursery and Reception children. Your children will help prepare some of the snacks on offer, which will include cheese and crackers, plain brioche, rice cakes, scotch pancakes and fruit.

Snack options: Year 1 to Year 6 – Snack for children in Y1 – Y6 is paid **half termly in advance**. Payment is to be made online using the Tucasi payment system or by cash in the white payment envelopes that are provided. The first payment will be expected by **Monday 10th September 2018** in full for the half term starting Tuesday 4th September 2018 (34 school days). **Sorry but late, weekly or daily payments are not possible**. Please note that your child cannot change options mid-term. The options and prices per child for the half term are as follows:



| Tuesday 4 th September 2018 – Friday 19 th October 2018 | |
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| Year 1 to Year 6 | |
| Milk and toast: | £15.30 |
| Milk only: | £10.20 |
| Toast only: | £5.10 |



In October, you will be contacted by email about the payment details and options for snack for Autumn Term 2 (Monday 29th October – Friday 21st December). Please note, if children are not accessing the snack provided by school, the only other snack option is for children to bring their own fresh fruit and plain water (**no cereal bars or flavoured drinks/juice**).

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Dinner money – This can be paid online via our Tucasi system or money can be sent into school each Monday in the yellow coloured envelopes (available for free from the school office):

| Dinner Money (Key Stage 2) | |
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| £11.50 per week | |

We have water coolers in both KS1 and KS2 so please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day!

Breakfast Club (7:30am – 8:40am) – A choice of toast, cereals, fresh fruit and juices are available at our breakfast club each morning



| Prices | |
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| Arrival between 7:30am – 7:55am | £3.50 per day |
| Arrival from 7:56 onwards | £3.00 per day |



Payments to school – Remember that with our Tucasi online payment system, no change will be returned – any funds overpaid will be carried forward to meet future payments. Please send all money into school in the correctly coloured money envelope (available for free from classrooms or the school office).

Birthday treats – In order to celebrate birthdays in school, it is widely known that children (and staff) can come to school in non-uniform. This was a suggestion by a parent in September 2012 and has been a very successful part of our school ever since. However, after recently receiving some feedback, I realised that there has been no clear information from us about the bringing in of treats from home on birthdays. Therefore we have decided that from September 2018, children can continue to come in non-uniform when it is their birthday (if this is in the holidays then the children can choose either before or after the holiday) but that there are **no longer to be sweets or treats brought into school**.



Harvest Festival – Our Ethos Council will start our Harvest celebrations on Sunday 23rd September as part of the 10:30am church service at St. George's Church. Our school service will be on Friday 28th September, starting at 2:00pm. Rector Martin will be in school for this and he will be formally welcoming all Reception children to our school by presenting each child with a small gift. Children from each class will also be contributing to the service which will be co-ordinated by Mrs Jeffries and the Ethos Council. You are all invited to attend the service and watch the children from each class present their work. For Harvest gifts this year we are again asking that children bring in tins from home (please bring these in W/C Monday 24th September). These gifts that you provide will be put together to make hampers that we will be looking to distribute to people within the Tyldesley community. A letter nearer the time will explain this in more detail, but we again will be asking for **you to nominate** people within the local community who you think would benefit from such a gift – look out for the letter with the nomination slip soon!



Reception and Nursery children – This week, our staff have been undertaking 'homevisits' for our new nursery children (Darlington St) and Reception children as, next week, they make the next step in their lives by starting at our school! Staff will be out slightly earlier on Monday as we welcome all Reception children for their first day at school. For new nursery parents, please walk down to the path towards our nursery and wait at the door/gate when it is your child's first session. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 28th September and will include our responses to your '3 stars and a wish' questionnaires. Have a great month.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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