



Newsletter – Monday 16th December 2019

Our first term has almost come to an end. Remember that we break up for Christmas at **3:00pm** for families at our nurseries and **3:15pm** for everyone at school on **Thursday 19th December**. We will re – open for all children on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**. At school, the first bell will be at 8:45am, for an 8:55am and our doors will open at 9:00am at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery.



Parent/carer questionnaire results – Below are the results from the recent parent/carer questionnaire. Many thanks to everyone who returned a completed questionnaire. Thanks to school governor, Mr Costello, who collated all the results from the questionnaires. Remember, should you wish to 'formally' register your responses, then please click onto the Parent View link on our website and submit the questionnaire for our school. See below for the results of our schools questionnaire:

Darlington Street (school site) results: 87 questionnaires returned/completed

Questions	This question is not relevant for my child	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	No response given
1. My child is happy at this school.	N/A	74.7%	24.2%			1.1%	
2. My child feels safe at this school.	N/A	78.2%	20.7%			1.1%	
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	N/A	58.6%	35.6%	3.4%		2.3%	
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	51.7%	9.2%	6.9%	3.4%	2.3%	10.3%	16.2%
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	N/A	67.9%	29.9%	1.1%			1.1%
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	N/A	47.1%	35.7%	3.4%		4.6%	9.2%
7. My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	50.7%	8.0%	13.8%	1.1%		8.0%	18.4%
8. The school has high expectations for my child.	N/A	66.8%	26.4%	1.1%		4.6%	1.1%
9. My child does well at this school.	N/A	62.1%	37.9%				
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.	N/A	57.6%	39.1%	1.1%		1.1%	1.1%
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	N/A	65.5%	32.2%	1.1%			1.1%
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	N/A	63.2%	25.4%	4.6%	1.1%	2.3%	3.4%
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	N/A	52.9%	37.9%	2.3%	1.1%	1.1%	4.6%
14. I would recommend this school to another parent.		YES 100%		NO			

****Should you wish to discuss the results of this questionnaire, or provide any further comments, please do not hesitate to contact me in school****

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Attendance updates:

On Friday, you will have received your child's termly attendance report with the colour of the paper signifying your child's current attendance in relation to our school attendance targets (green: **98% - 100%**, amber: **96% - 97.99%**, red: **95.99% and below**). Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance then please come to the school office and we can arrange for you to meet with our Learning Mentor, Mrs Kearns. See below for class and whole school attendance:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:NT	97.31%	Y1TL	94.92%	Y3EG	97.31%	Y5JY	95.46%
YR:TK	92.63%	Y1/2OB	96.56%	Y3/4CS	92.92%	Y5/6NC	96.38%
		Y2JW	93.14%	Y4HJ	96.85%	Y6AJM	96.12%
Whole school attendance: 95.42%							

*%s are up to and including Friday 6th December



School choir events – Our school choir has been involved in a few events over the last few weeks. First, they sang at the turning on of the Christmas lights in Tyldesley and then there was the annual Rotary Club Community Carol Service at St. George's Church. This year, at the Rotary event, our children sang: 'It'll soon be Christmas' and 'Child in a manger born' (including solos from Pippa



Edwards-Shorter and Eva Molyneux). Then there was our usual half termly choir performance in school. Thank you to all the families who attended and supported these events and to Miss Gray who brought the children together.



PTFA events – Many thanks to everyone who has supported our recent PTFA events. We raised **£1056** at our Christmas Fair and **£245** at our recent Bingo night! It's great to see everyone coming together as a school community to raise funds to support events in school. The money that has been raised from these two events was used to support the whole school trip to the pantomime that is taking place tomorrow. Look out for the email in January I will be sending out regarding the PTFA.

Year 3 and Year 4 trip – The People's Museum in Manchester was the destination for our Year 3 and Year 4 children on Tuesday 3rd December, where they spent time looking at the history of the city over the years. They also were led on a walk through Manchester by a local guide who showed the children how Manchester had changed and what used to be like in the past. This trip has really enhanced the children's learning as part of their geography topic about cities.



Year 1 and Year 2 trip – Our KS1 children recently visited Chester Zoo. The children enjoyed seeing the African animals such as giraffes, chimpanzees, meerkats and lions which they had been learning about in their geography topic. Other highlights included the jaguars, orangutans and the walk through the bat cave which the children found amazing.

Year 4 Wider Opportunity Music – Parents/carers and other visitors were recently treated to a xylophone/glockenspiel performance from the children in Year 4. Our school 'buys in' to the Wigan Music Service 'Wider Opportunity Music' scheme which means that each week a specialist music teacher comes into our school to teach the children to play musical instruments. Our children learn to play a different percussion instrument each term with Mrs Lord, the music specialist who comes into school. It was a great performance from the children. After Christmas, the children will be learning to play African drums and there will be another whole school performance just before Easter.



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Table Tennis Taster Session – Children from St. George’s Central were recently joined by children from four other schools to take part in a table tennis taster session at Fred Longworth High School. Thanks to Mr Gregory from Fred Longworth High School for leading this session.

KS2 Dance Competition – A team of children from St. George’s Central School took part in a Dance Festival at 180 Dance club, with children from six other primary schools. Well done to Gracie Boyle, Amirah Edwards, Isabella Grimes-Brown, Poppy Hampson, Mabel Iwelu, Princess Iwelu, Eva Molyneaux and Ryhan Ogungbola who made up the St. George’s Central team.



Kickstarterz Taster Session – Last Monday, four Reception children took part in lots of fun style fitness activities at a ‘Kickstarterz’ session with Reception children from other local schools. This was a great opportunity for some of our children to take part in their first ever ATSA event.

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

- **Graham Jackett Cross Country Challenge**
- **Mixed and Girls’ Football League starts**
- **Y1 Football Festival at MUFC**
- **KS1 Sportshall Athletics**

Christmas at St. George’s Central CE Primary School and Nursery



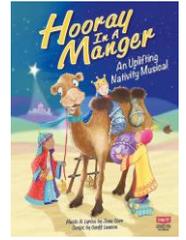
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School productions – Congratulations and well done to all the children who took part in the most recent performances at school and at Shakerley Community Centre. I know how, in these situations, it is a real team effort in school and at home, to ensure that ‘everything is alright on the night’ and so thank you for all your help and support with providing costumes and helping the children to learn lines. A big thank you should also go to all the adults involved with the shows. You can see from some of the comments from our school visitors’ book below how much people enjoyed all the opportunities to see their children perform:



“Fab performance! Well done to all the staff and children. Great singing by all!”
“Wonderful Nativity with a modern twist. The children were fantastic.”
“Fantastic show. Christmas has started!”



Thank you to everyone who attended the performances and purchased raffle tickets – your contribution helped to raise **£759** which was then used to fund class Christmas parties. The money raised from the ‘Cauliflower’ Christmas cards, **£249**, also helped contribute towards Christmas events for your children – thank you for your continued support.



Theatre trip – Tomorrow, children from Reception to Year 6 will travel to the Opera House in Manchester to watch Snow White. Thanks to Mrs Morris for organising this annual event and thanks again to everyone who supported PTFA events to ‘part fund’ the trip.

Nursery treat – Children at our Darlington Street nursery will receive their annual visit from Kevin the Clown later this week as part of their party day.



KS2 Carol Service – On Wednesday morning, all KS2 children will be walking to St. George’s Church to take part in our very own carol service. This will start at 10am and will involve the children telling the story of the first Christmas through a mix of narration and songs. All members of the St. George’s Central community are invited to this. We hope to see you there.

Christmas disco details: Wednesday 18th December 2019	
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	<p>3:30pm – 4:30pm Children to bring their disco clothes to school and remain in school at home time to get changed. The disco will be £2 per child (cash brought to the school office beforehand). There will be some light refreshments included and children will not need to bring any other money on the night – just their dancing shoes!</p>
Year 3 – Year 6	<p>5:00pm – 6:30pm The disco will be £1 per child (cash brought to the school office beforehand). ‘Tuck shop’ available for children (£2 maximum will be sufficient) There should be no need for children to bring a mobile phone with them to the school disco</p>

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January 2020



School day changes for January 2020 – Upon our return to school, Whole School Worship will revert back to taking place each morning. It will start each day at **9:00am**. Our first bell will continue to ring at 8:45am – this tells staff to open their classrooms doors to let children in. Our second bell will ring at 8:55am – this is the start of the school day and all children should be in school at this point. It is important that your children are at their classrooms doors (and not simply on Darlington Street) for the 8:55am bell as this is when classroom doors are closed. We are looking to make a much ‘sharper’ start to the school day and our aim is to have all children in the hall for the 9:00am start. Click the link to see a full outline of the school day for January 2020:

<http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/home/School%20day%20Jan%202020.pdf>



Worship themes – During the first half term of 2020, children will be focusing on the following themes:

School Value: Friendship

Class Worship Focus: Too much selfie isn't healthy/Relationships

Reflective question: What is your favourite Old Testament story?



Knowledge Organisers – Click the links below to view the Knowledge Organisers for some areas of work that your children will be undertaking during the first half of the Spring term. Your child could start to become familiar with the kinds of activities and learning that will be taking place in classes when they return to school in January:



Y1 & Y2 Science: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/spring1/ks1%20Science%20Mat%20Spring%201.pdf>

Y1 & Y2 Topic: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/knowledge/Autumn%202%20KS1%20Topic%20Knowledge%20Organiser.pdf>

Y3 & Y4 Science: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/knowledge/Autumn%202%20LKS2%20Science%20Knowledge%20Organiser.pdf>

Y3 & Y4 Topic: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/knowledge/Autumn%202%20LKS2%20Topic%20Knowledge%20Organiser.pdf>

Y5 & Y6 Science: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/knowledge/Autumn%202%20Science%20Knowledge%20Organiser.pdf>

Y5 & Y6 Topic: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/knowledge/Autumn%202%20UKS2%20Topic%20Knowledge%20Organiser.pdf>



Hillcrest Nursing Home – From January 2020, classes from our school will regularly visit Hillcrest Nursing Home as part of a new community project. The ‘All Being Well’ project will soon be developing different ideas within the Tyldesley area. Intergenerational work is one of the areas within the project. During the first half term, children in Year 6AJM, Y5/6NC and Y5JY will visit Hillcrest.

Reception starters 2020 – Applications have almost closed for parents/carers to submit for their child to start our Reception class in September 2020. Applications need to be submitted by **15th January 2020**. **Please ensure that if you have a church card to support your Reception application that you hand this in at the school office.**



This is the final school newsletter of 2019, I hope that this has been a great year for you. For me, the last few weeks in school have shown me how as a school community we are all brought together as one team that wants the very best for your children....and that team is **St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery**. I would of course, like to thank you as parents/carers for all your support over the past 12 months. It is my role to ensure that we all follow the mantra of 'Never settle for less than your best' and we could not do that with the children without your help – it is very much a team effort. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr M Grogan'.

Mr M Grogan - Headteacher

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