



## Newsletter – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019



**\*\*So that you receive all school updates that we send out via email and text messages, please ensure that you inform us of any changes to your email/mobile numbers. By downloading 'Our School App' (the green logo) and selecting St. George's Central, you will receive reminders about upcoming events as it will 'sync' to your phone calendar. Remember that paper copies of all key documents are kept in the letter holders in our entrance area so that you or your child, can quickly nip in to pick one up should you wish\*\***



**Nursery and Reception** – It is great to see and hear about how our Nursery and Reception children have settled into life at our school. The children have been interacting well with each other, making new friends, learning the new routines and enjoying a variety of learning experiences. We would also like to thank you all for your support with our home visits during the first week in September.



**Tour of Britain** – Many thanks to all our families who came along to join with the local community on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September to watch as the Tour of Britain Cycle Race came close by our school. Our artwork on the school field was even shown on TV for all to see! I am sure that those of you who came along were not only blown away by the speed and effort the cyclists were putting in for the race.....but also by the



amount of spare bikes the teams had on top of all the support cars following! I am sure the event was something that will live long in the memory of everyone who came along.

**Target booklets** – If your child is in Y1 –Y6 then you will have received your copy of their Autumn Term target booklet last Friday. Nursery and Reception children will be bringing theirs home today. End of year targets have been set for your child in different subjects/areas. Teachers have then selected key objectives for the term that will support your child to achieve these targets. It is really important that you work with your child to support them so that they achieve or exceed their end of year targets. **Reading at home with your child (as least 3 times a week) and ensuring they complete and return any other home learning activities that are set will support your child to meet these targets.**



**\*\*NEW\*\* KS2 Fit:Hit** – We consulted with KS2 children, at the end of last year, about how we could develop the use of the gym equipment on our playground so that it was well used by all KS2 children. Using ideas from the children and more recently, from staff in school, we have come up with 'Fit:Hit playtimes' each Tuesday and Thursday. On these days, at playtime, the children will all have the opportunity to use the gym equipment and also take part in some running activities, before they then have their snack and a chat with their friends. This will be starting next week.

There is no need to send any different footwear in school for this as children have been running and playing on the equipment for a long time as it is, however, should they feel more comfortable, children could change into their pumps/trainers on these days. Mrs Cunningham will be organising the 'Fit:Hit playtimes' and Mr Cooke will soon be training play leaders to lead activities on the gym equipment at lunchtimes.

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**The statutory requirements for Relationships and Sex Education in schools are changing from September 2020 and so we need to start auditing and amending (if necessary) our provision for this time. Part of this will involve consultation with all stakeholders and so look out for information coming home to you soon from Miss Taylor, our PSHE leader.**



**Harvest Festival** – Last Sunday, children from our school started our Harvest celebrations by taking part in the 10:30am church service at St. George's Church. Thank you to everyone who came along to support this – it was a great see so many of you! This morning, Rector Martin led our service in school for Reception and KS1 children and families and then returned this afternoon to lead a service for KS2. Again, it was great to see so many of you in school supporting our events today. Many thanks to everyone who donated gifts as part of our Harvest celebrations. Next week we will start to combine gifts into Harvest hampers and distribute them to the nominated people within the local community.

**London Residential trip** – We recently held a meeting for the parents/carers of children in Y6 as, we will again be taking our oldest children to spend some time in London next June. The trip will be a great experience for these children as they near the end of their time at our school.



**Open afternoon** – This year's first open afternoon with headteacher forum will be on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** (1:30pm start) and will be for **Nursery, Reception and KS1 parents/carers only**. If your child is in these classes then you are invited into school to spend the first part of the afternoon in your child's class. For the second part of the afternoon you are welcomed into the school hall/library to enjoy some refreshments and there is the opportunity 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. There will be an additional 'Stay and Play' for Nursery parents/carers during the same week on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, in the morning**. Come to the main school entrance once you have dropped your child off should you wish to stay for this.

**PTFA meeting** – The first Parent, Teachers and Friends Association meeting of the year will be taking place in school at **3:30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. You are all very welcome to attend as we look for ideas about how we can raise money to provide some of the 'extra' things in school. A crèche will be provided should you require it for your child while you are at the meeting. Things that we are looking for our PTFA to support this year include: our Eco club as they develop different areas around school, the annual **FREE** trip to watch the pantomime at the Manchester Opera House for children in Reception to Year 6 as well as other things to enhance life at our school.



**School photographer** – We will receive our first visit of the year from the school photographer on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Children with pre-school brothers and sisters who do not attend our nursery, and nursery children who do not usually attend on a Monday morning can come into school from 8:30am to have their photographs taken. If the younger sibling attends our Lancaster Avenue Nursery, please bring them at 8:30am to school to have their photograph taken with their sibling attending school. All other photographs will be taken during the school day. The photographer will be visiting our Lancaster Avenue Nursery on the same day, again, during the morning. As at school, if any children there want their photograph taken with younger siblings, please arrive at the nursery for 8:30am. Please make any arrangements with Ms Naughton at the nursery office. Photographs can be taken with siblings, in family groups and also individually. A letter will be sent home to school based children next week so that you can indicate your preferred choice of photos.

**Parent/carer questionnaires** – Many thanks for all the '3 stars and a wish' questionnaires that were returned to me in school before the summer break, in July. I have now had the chance to read through all of them and your child will come home tonight with a copy of the comments received and the school's response to your comments. Should you wish to discuss any of these issues further then please do not hesitate to contact me in school.



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**Class Worship** – Please see below for the dates of the Class Worship for each class this year. Most parent/carers and family members choose to attend the Class Worship that their own children are involved in. However, you are all very welcome to attend any of these throughout the year. As well as each class sharing their work with you, weekly certificates are also given out.

Date	Class
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	<b>Y6AJM</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:05am start)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	<b>Y5/6NC</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:05am start)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2019	<b>Y5JY</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:05am start)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	<b>Y4HJ</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:05am start)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	<b>Y3/4CS</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:05am start)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	<b>Y3EG</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:05am start)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	<b>Y2JW</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:05am start)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	<b>Y1/2OB</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:05am start)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	<b>Y1TL</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:05am start)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	<b>Reception</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:15am start)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020	<b>Nursery</b> Class Worship with Celebration (9:15am start)

 **Bikeability sessions will be starting for some Year 6 children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. A reminder for all that when bikes and scooters are brought onto our school site they are pushed and not ridden so as to reduce the risk of accidents.**

**Parents' evening** – You are invited to come into school to discuss your child's start to the school year with their class teacher on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm – 6:30pm OR Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm – 6:30pm.** In order that we can accommodate everyone, you will be asked to select a time slot most convenient to yourselves. We will then collate the requests taking care to ensure that those with more than one child have appointments that suit. Your confirmed times will then be sent out to you. Please ensure that you arrive at the school's main entrance 5 minutes before your allocated time and take a seat in the area provided. The meeting with your child's teacher will take place in the school hall with a strict time limit of 10 minutes. I will be available in the school hall on both evenings should you need to speak to me – no appointment will be necessary for this. Appointment letters are being sent out on Monday and are due to be returned to your child's teacher by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, with confirmed times being sent home, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.



**Choir Performances** – As well as regular performances at community events, throughout the year, there will also be regular performances in our school hall by our choir. You are all very welcome to attend these, which start at 9:05am:



Date of choir performances
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2020



**Class attendance updates:**

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
<b>YR:NT</b>	99.17%	<b>Y1TL</b>	98.21%	<b>Y3EG</b>	98.03%	<b>Y5JY</b>	93.96%
<b>YR:TK</b>	97.63%	<b>Y1/2OB</b>	96.79%	<b>Y3/4CS</b>	93.60%	<b>Y5/6NC</b>	98.02%
		<b>Y2JW</b>	92.09%	<b>Y4HJ</b>	97.29%	<b>Y6AJM</b>	94.05%
<b>Whole school attendance: 96.26%</b>							

*\*%s are up to and including Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September*

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**Secondary School applications** – For the parents/carers of children in Year 6, do not forget to complete your child's application for Secondary School by the closing date of **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. The children have recently visited our local high school for a taster session and there have been open evenings for you to attend. You will be notified in March next year of the name of the Secondary School that your child will be going to.



**ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision** – Letters have recently been sent out to children in **Y2 – Y6** regarding this. Your child can sign up for as many or as few days as they like for **£3 a day (with lunch included)**! As other schools in our area have allocated places for this, we will confirm sessions with you during week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. See below for the full October half term programme:

Days	Provision	Venue	Time
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	Jenny Meadows Athletics Masterclass	Hindsford	10:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019	Miriam Bowyer Dance	St. George's Central	9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019	First Aid and Fun Swim	The Pelican Centre, Tyldesley	9:30am – 3:30pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Dave Morris Boxing and Bootcamp	St. George's Central	9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Wigan Athletic FC Community Trust	St. George's Central	9:00am – 3:30pm

**Adult football match** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September saw a team of staff from the ATSA schools (Atherton and Tyldesley) take on a team of teachers from Leigh, Lowton and Golborne in a football match at Atherton Collieries. Staff from St. George's Central were joined by staff from Atherton Community School, Atherton St. George's, Garrett Hall, Sacred Heart, St. Michael's and St. Philip's. The final score was 5-1 to the ATSA team.



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

- \*\*Boxing Taster Session\*\*      \*\*Y5/6 Hockey Competition\*\*      \*\*KS2 Swimming Gala\*\*  
 \*\*Kickstarterz Taster Session\*\*      \*\*KS2 Cross Country Competition\*\*

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Paper copies of the newsletter will be made available in the letter holders in the school entrance area for you to pick up should you wish. Have a great month.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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