



## Newsletter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

In our last newsletter on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, I focused on ensuring that everyone was fully aware of our plan with regards to our wider opening school to children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6** (as well as other identified children). Since we opened to more children, I have felt so proud of the way that everyone has worked hard to ensure that things have run smoothly. I felt a great sense of pride on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 as I stood outside school and I saw the look on children's faces – I don't think I appreciated the significance of that moment in time as we started to return to some kind of 'normality' for some of our children. As staff, we have all certainly missed the 'hum and buzz' of a working school. In school, your children have adapted well and have been great!

We have also had to adapt as a governing body, as our April and June meetings have taken place via Zoom which has been a totally new experience for me. Our staff in school have adapted their usual ways of working, some working in different classrooms, with different children whilst at the same time ensuring that home learning packs are ready to send out each week. Our staff have also been working hard to adapt our approaches to many of the special events that usually take place at this time of year that are unique in the life of a child.



**Nursery Worship** – It was planned that our Nursery children from Darlington Street would celebrate their learning and time in our Nursery with their Class Worship in our school hall today. Unfortunately, this alongside many other events, has had to be cancelled. Our Nursery Worship is a significant event for me as some of the children in this group will not be returning to us in September and so it would have been the final time that all the children would have been together as a whole cohort. Therefore may I take this opportunity to wish all our Nursery children good luck as they start Reception in September. For the children

starting at new schools, we will always remember you as being part of our school and we hope you remember us too. May I also personally take this opportunity to thank all the Nursery parents/carers who have been so supportive of our school this year. Your positive feedback has been much needed and appreciated. I am sure that we will see you and your children again, at some point in the future. As part of the Nursery Worship, a photo video is usually put together that is shown as part of the Worship. Click the link below to view this year's photo video: <https://vimeo.com/432509346>

**Annual Reports and School books** – Children in school will receive their annual school report to bring home on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Please note, we will not be posting any reports out and so if your child is not currently attending school, you can come and collect their report from the school office, from 2pm onwards on that day. This will be the same for school books, which will be either be sent home with children on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July or they can be collected by you. We are required to keep a sample of books as evidence of work completed in previous academic years. Therefore a small number of children will not bring some of their books home this time. Teachers will let you know if this is the case for your child and you will be contacted to come and collect the books next year. For children in current Reception – current Year 5, along with their report, they will also have a letter informing them which class and which teacher they will have in September. We are looking into class teachers sharing a video via their Twitter pages to introduce themselves to the children. Look out for these over the coming weeks. As part of our usual transition to new classes, children would spend a day in their new class in July. Instead, we have already factored in a longer transition period for when our children return fully to school in September. As our teachers are now working with specific groups of children, it is difficult to release people to make phone calls home or to undertake home visits. However, if during the weekend after receiving the report, you feel your child would benefit from either of these, then please contact our school office by 12pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July and we will do our best to arrange either a phone call or a short 'door step' visit with their new teacher.



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**Parent/carer 'drop in'** – Unfortunately, our usual 'drop in' session for you to come into school and discuss your child's report will not take place this year and so it is crucial that you complete the feedback slip as part of the report. If you are unable to hand in the 'official' form at the school office then please feel free to simply type your report feedback in an email to the school email address by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. We will ensure staff are made aware of any feedback received and any 'follow up' required can take place in the future, if needed.



**Key dates letter 2020/2021** – In order to help you make arrangements with work around the events we have planned in school for the year ahead, for the last few years, we have aimed to email you all the key dates for the school year ahead. You should be receiving this on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. As you can imagine, at this time, it is difficult for us to plan ahead for the next year and so I have not yet finalised this document. My aim is to use any government guidance that we are provided with over summer to have something prepared for you in September.

### **End of year events for Year 6 children**

When the children in Year 6 reflect back on their last year at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery, they will certainly have a unique tale to tell. Please see below the planned events we have in place for the children who have regularly attended school over the last few weeks:

<b>Events for Year 6</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
During week commencing Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	*Visit from Fred Longworth High School for transition work* *Y6 Sports Day* *Y6 Leavers' Services to be filmed (in current groups) with images from Y6 home visits added*
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-Uniform day (party clothes) *Y6 Leavers' quiz and disco with pizza (in teams with current groups) (2:00pm – 6:00pm)*
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> or Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	*Film afternoon*
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (last day in school for Y6 children, school will close at 3:15pm)	*All Children to receive a copy of the DVD with all 3 Leavers' Services included and a souvenir t-shirt to be signed by all class members and staff*

*We are planning for all our Y6 families to return in the Autumn Term so our official end of year prize giving can take place.*

**Opening of school over summer** – Many thanks to everyone who replied to our online survey regarding the opening of our school over the summer holidays. We have taken the time this week to collate the results from the 74 surveys to inform our planning, and we are now in a position to share with you our approach. School will be open for children during the following weeks only:



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**



School will be open for teaching and learning to children who are currently in the following year groups only:

**Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5**

There will be **no breakfast club** and school gates/doors will open for children at **9:00am**, with school finishing at **3:15pm**. Due to the number of requests, it has been difficult to accommodate all the days/weeks that people have wanted. We have aimed to ensure that our approach has been fair to all children whilst also considering those who have been in school since March. **We will be posting out letters on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** to families confirming the days that your child/ren will be attending school over summer.

The final school newsletter of the year will be emailed out to you on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (our last official school day). In line with government guidance, we will look forward to seeing all our children in September. We will be using the summer holidays to work on our final plans for September which will email out to you before your child/re return. As always, thank you for your support and have a great two weeks.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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