



Newsletter – Friday 6th September 2019

Welcome back – I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and have had the chance to spend some quality time with your families. During the first week of the holidays we received some good news as Miss Booth and her partner celebrated the birth of their son, Kian James. Congratulations to Miss Booth and her partner as they settle into life with their new son.

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. Over summer, we welcomed Mr Ingram to school as our new caretaker and Miss O'Connell as our new cleaner – I am sure they will settle in nicely as new members of our school team.



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

School Value: Trust

Class Worship Focus: Get HeartSmart

Reflective question: What is the most amazing thing in Creation?



School morning routines – Please remember that, classroom doors for children in Reception to Year 6 will open when the first bell rings at 8:45am. Our second bell will 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 via the main school entrance. Lessons will be promptly starting at 9:00am and so being late for school will put your child at a disadvantage. 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 first bell at 8:45am, when classroom doors are opened.

School Bells – From now on, the school bells will only ring at: 8:45am, to signify the opening of classroom doors; 8:55am, to signify the start of the school day and the closing of classroom doors, and 3:15pm, to signify the end of the school day.

Nursery morning routines – Doors will open at both Darlington Street and Lancaster Avenue for children at 8:50am so that sessions can start at 9am. It will support your child to settle well into nursery if you are here for 8:50am. You can take time to bring your child into nursery, supporting them in the cloakroom and be there as they settle to an activity or come onto the carpet before leaving nursery by 9:00am so a prompt start can be made with your child's learning.



Parental data agreement/consent form – 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. Please could you complete the form and return it to your child's teacher by **Friday 13th**

September. Please note, from now on, this form **will not** be reissued at the start of each school year. Please inform us in writing if you would like to make any changes for your child during their time at our school.



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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 .



Key Dates 2019/20 – Before we finished for summer you should have all received a paper copy of the 'Key Dates 2019/20' document (there are paper copies of this in the letter holders in our entrance area at school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery 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 (you should have received the Autumn Term (1st half) dates via email earlier this week). 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 areas meaning there will be no need to wait at the office as you can simply call in and pick up what you need.



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:

Ms Naughton @MsSNSGC	Mrs Davies @MrsDSGC	Miss Taylor @MissTSGC	Miss Killian @missksgc
Mrs Leech @MrsLSGC	Mrs O'Brien @MissOBSSGC	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	Mr Grogan @MrGSGC

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
Y1TL – Mrs Leech Y1/2OB – Mrs O'Brien Y2JW – Mrs Wright	Monday 9 th September – 3:30pm start
Y3EG – Miss Glassbrook Y3/4CS – Mr Simmons Y4HJ – Mrs Jeffries	Tuesday 10 th September – 3:30pm start
Y5JY – Mr Young Y5/6NC – Mr Cooke/Miss Gray/Mrs Morris	Wednesday 11 th September – 3:30pm start
Y6AJM – Mrs Malley/Mrs Morris	To be arranged when Mrs Malley returns

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September 2019 PE kits – Please could you ensure that all children from Y1 – Y6 have both our indoor and outdoor PE kits as outlined in the pictures. Reception children only need the indoor PE kit.

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
- Trainers

On our plan below, children in **Nursery and Reception** will have an increased amount of time in our school hall than in previous years. Some of these sessions will be used for a physical 'indoor PE lesson' and some sessions may be used to do other activities. Nursery children do not need an indoor PE kit (just some PE pumps). However, we ask that Reception children do, and that this is kept in school all the time. In having the hall available each day, staff can take a flexible approach with their sessions and with the kit being in school, the children can get changed 'as and when' throughout the week. Children in **Year 3 and Year 4** will start swimming at the Pelican Centre **after February half term** and like last year, on the days classes go swimming, children can wear their outdoor PE kit to school. More details about swimming will be provided in the January 2020 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 2019 – February 2020:

PE timetable: September 2019					
Outdoor lessons: Kits needed to be worn for school on these days			Indoor lessons:		
Day	Class	Time	Day	Class	Time
Monday	Y1TL *Y4HJ	Afternoon Afternoon	Monday	Reception Nursery Y5JY Y3/4CS	9:45am – 10:45am 11:00am – 11:30am 1pm – 1:45pm 1:45pm – 2:30pm
Tuesday	Y1/2OB Y5/6NC	Afternoon Afternoon	Tuesday	Reception Nursery Y4HJ Y3EG	9:45am – 10:45am 11:00am – 11:30am 1:15pm – 2pm 2pm – 2:45pm
Wednesday	*Y3/4CS	Afternoon	Wednesday	Reception Nursery Y1TL Y2JW	9:45am – 10:45am 11:00am – 11:30am 1pm – 1:45pm 1:45pm – 2:30pm
Thursday	Y6AJM *Y3EG	Afternoon Afternoon	Thursday	Y5/6NC	2:15pm – 3:00pm
Friday	Y2JW Y5JY	Afternoon Afternoon	Friday	Reception Nursery Y6AJM Y1/2OB	9:45am – 10:45am 11:00am – 11:30am 1:15pm – 2pm 2pm – 2:45pm

***Until February 2020 half term when swimming starts**

Birthday treats – In order to celebrate birthdays, it is widely known that children (and staff) can come to school in non-uniform (if this is in the holidays then the children can choose either before or after the holiday). This was a suggestion by a parent in September 2012 and has been a very successful part of our school ever since as children from all classes can clearly see that it is, or recently has been, someone's birthday. As this is what we do as a school, we kindly remind you that when it is your child's birthday, you **do not send sweets or treats into school.**



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****Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are only permitted to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to and/or from school on their own! These children do not need to bring their phone in to school if they are being picked up by parents/carers and there is no need for any other children to bring their devices into school. All phones must be switched off as children enter the school gates on Darlington St and must only be turned back on once they leave the school site.****



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 – Current options for snack provided by school are: Milk and Toast. Children can have both or just milk, or just toast. Payment for this is made **half termly in advance** and made online using the Tucasi payment system or by cash in the white payment envelopes that are provided. See the Key Dates letter for all payment dates and the emails from school about the different



costs. Please note that your child cannot change options mid-term. 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**). Please note, we will be reviewing our snack provision in school over the next few months and will keep you updated if any amendments are made.

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)
£11.75 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	
Arrival between 7:30am – 7:55am	£4.00 per day
Arrival after 7:55am	£3.50 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).

Hinning House Residential – In order to ensure that all Year 5 children have the opportunity to go to Hinning House, this year we have booked two separate weeks at the Centre in January/February 2020. Last year was the first year this trip has been oversubscribed and once we knew this, we successfully linked up with another school so that all our children could attend. This year, we will offer places in the first instance to our Year 5 children (letters are being sent out today with deposits to be paid by Friday 20th September). Should there be any places remaining, we will offer them to our own Year 6 children before we approach any other schools. Please note, Year 6 children will only be allowed to attend for a second time if payment for the London Residential has been paid in full. More details will follow over the next few weeks.



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Harvest celebrations – Children from St. George's Central will start our Harvest celebrations on Sunday 22nd September as part of the 10:30am church service at St. George's Church. We hope to see lots of families there. Due to the popularity of our school services, this year, we have decided to have two events in school on Friday 27th September. The service involving Reception and KS1 children will take place at 9:10am and the service with KS2 children will start at 2:30pm. Rector Martin will lead these celebrations 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 services 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 23rd 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.



Children and staff at our school regularly take part in lots of sporting events which are organised by ATSA (Atherton and Tyldesley Sports Association). Events are organised for specific year groups and we usually plan our extra-curricular clubs around these events, so that our children turn up fully prepared. For more information about ATSA, look on the website (www.atsa.org.uk) or look for the green logo (above) on Facebook.

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 27th 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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