

# St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



## Newsletter – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Click the link to view a digital version of this newsletter: <https://youtu.be/RxzX9kH-Pw0>

Earlier today, I emailed you a link to our annual **'three stars and a wish' online survey**. We ask you to complete this survey so that we can reflect upon the previous 12 months, sharing any successes and considering any feedback for improvement. The survey is for all members of the St. George's Central community and involves you telling me three things you think the school does well and one thing that we might improve. Once surveys are returned, we collate and discuss the information we have received from you. We then aim to provide you with feedback before we break for summer. I would be grateful if you could complete this short survey by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. We hope that by completing the survey again this year, we can work together to continually improve our school and community.

### Class and whole school attendance updates (up to and including Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022):

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:KB	94.19%	Y1NT	94.56%	Y3LK	93.65%	Y5HJ	91.87%
YR:TK	93.48%	Y1/2TL	95.22%	Y3/4CS	93.66%	Y5/6NC	95.43%
		Y2JY	93.40%	Y4CB	93.75%	Y6AM	93.83%
<b>Whole school attendance: 93.91%</b>							

Thanks to all our children and staff who represented school in the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Tyldesley** over half term:



**Staffing updates** – We wish Mrs K Toone, Mrs S Toone and Mr Young the best of luck as they have recently left their roles in school. Miss Ranger will be continuing to teach in the Year 2 class for the remainder of this school year. I am pleased to inform you that **Miss L Birchall** (pictured left) was recently appointed as our new Admin Officer and will be starting her role before we break for Summer. We are currently in the midst of recruiting staff to different areas of school. A full and complete class teacher list for September 2022 will be included as part of the next newsletter, that will be emailed to you on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**NEW Parent Governor** – I am pleased to inform you that **Mrs Sarah Smith** (pictured right) was successfully appointed as a parent governor. Thank you to everyone who put themselves forward for this role. Parent governors are valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the Governing Body are aware of the views of parents and the local community. Click the link below to see all members of our Governing Body:



<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Governors/Governors%202021-2022.pdf>



**Music Alive** – Children in Y1 – Y5 recently experienced a visit from a group of musicians from Wigan Music Service who performed a number of musical pieces, using brass instruments. The idea of these visits is that not only do the children have the chance to see musicians perform, but it may also inspire them to want to learn a musical instrument themselves. Alongside this, we currently have students from Fred Longworth High School coming into our school each week, providing lessons using brass instruments to Year 5 and Year 6 children. Currently in school we have children who have drum lessons, guitar lessons, keyboard lessons and violin lessons. Therefore, should your child be interested in learning a musical instrument through school then please contact the school office.

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**Y6 London residential** – Some of our Y6 children recently experienced a two day residential visit to London. The trip involved the children enjoying a bus tour of London, a boat tour on the Thames, a trip to the theatre to watch the musical ‘Matilda’, a visit to London Dungeons and a London Eye Experience. Many thanks to Mr Cooke, Mrs Malley and Miss Peaty who accompanied the children on the trip.

**Y6 leavers’ service** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June saw our Y6 children attend a leavers’ service at Manchester Cathedral. This service is held annually and involves all the Y6 children from across the Manchester Diocese. This year, the children from our school were asked to make a prayer box for the service on the theme of Hope.



**ATHOS Music Concert** – On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, our school choir took part in the ATHOS Music Concert at St. George’s Church. This event involved the children performing two songs alongside other local schools. The children from our school performed ‘Rise Up and Serve’ and ‘When the Saints/Swing Low’. Miss Gray then led all the attending children in learning and performing ‘Sing’ by Gary Barlow.

**Language Workshop** – On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, children in Year 6 attended Fred Longworth High School for a languages workshop to aid transition into Key Stage 3 language learning. The children had the opportunity to complete some learning in both Spanish and French alongside some of the Fred Longworth staff and students.



**Pride Month Awareness Week** – This week we have celebrated Pride Awareness Month. The children have learned about the importance of equality, inclusivity and celebrating love. The children have explored how we are all different, celebrated their differences and thought about what makes them proud of themselves. They have also learned about current issues facing the LGBTQ+ community, inspirational members of the LGBTQ+ community and the importance of challenging stereotypes. They have reflected on how can we avoid LGBTQ+ discrimination in our school.

**Pictures from our recent Sports days**



**Extra-curricular clubs** – After today, there will be no more extra-curricular clubs until September 2022, **apart from choir, which will continue until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July.** I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff who have given up their time to lead these clubs, at lunchtimes and after school throughout this year. In September, we will continue to offer a range of extra-curricular clubs each half term for your children to take part in.



**Show your support for England Days** – This summer will see the return of our ‘Show your support for England Days’ as the 2022 UEFA European Women's Football Championship takes place. We will go with the same approach as last year where on the days that the England team play, instead of wearing their school uniform, children can come to school



wearing either red, white and blue clothing or England football items. In return, we ask that you bring in a food item that we will pass on to the Atherton and Leigh Foodbank. Therefore, the ‘Show your support for England Days’ we have planned will be on:



**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** England v Austria

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July:** England v Norway

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** England v Northern Ireland



**Good luck to the England team!**

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**Annual Reports and School books** – Your child’s annual school report will be sent home on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. On the report, there is an opportunity for you to comment and let us know any thoughts and feedback on the year as a whole. Please ensure that you return any completed forms to class teachers at school by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. This last half term, all children have started their new school books that they will take with them to their new class in September. We will therefore be sending your child’s school books (September 2021 – May 2022) home on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. 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. If this is the case for your child, please call into school to have a look at them. They will be given them to keep at the end of next year.



**KS2 end of year production** – Rehearsals for Y6 children are now well under way for the end of year KS2 production. This will start to gather pace over the next few weeks as the stage will be set up in the hall. Although Y6 make up the main cast for this performance, the children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 play a major role in making up the choir that sing all the songs during the play (which is a key aspect in telling the story). Please see ticket information and performance details below, taken from our Summer Term (2<sup>nd</sup> half) dates letter:

Dates	Ticket information/Performance details:
From Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	*Tickets available for KS2 production from Mrs Kearns’ room at 8:45am, each day this week: <b>Y6 parents/carers only: 2 ticket per family in total</b>
From Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	*Tickets available for KS2 production from Mrs Kearns’ room at 8:45am, each day this week: <b>Y3 – Y5 parents/carers: 2 tickets per family in total</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Any remaining *tickets available for KS2 production from Mrs Kearns’ room at 8:45am, (Mon – Wed): <b>ALL KS2 parents/carers</b>
	<b>KS2 Production: ‘The X Factory’ (6:00pm start)</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>KS2 Production: ‘The X Factory’ (9:30am start)</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>KS2 Production: ‘The X Factory’ (1:45pm start)</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	A filmed version of ‘The X Factory’ will be uploaded to YouTube

*\*there is no charge for tickets this year. You will need to bring your ticket with you to the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.*

### **Y6 LEAVERS’ EVENTS**

**Drayton Manor** – Year 6 will make their way to Drayton Manor on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July. A letter will soon be sent out to Y6 children providing the finer details of this trip.

**Leavers’ disco** – This disco will be for Y6 children only and will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 5:00pm – 7:00pm (including pizzas).

**Leavers’ service in church** – This will take place at St. George’s Church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July (10am start). Family members of the Y6 children are invited to come and watch as the children ‘perform’. The whole service will involve three other local primary schools.

**Leavers’ service in school** – This will take place in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (9:15am start). Family members of the Y6 children are invited to come and watch as the children ‘perform’ for the final time at St. George’s Central. The whole service will not only incorporate a performance from the children but will involve end of year prize giving – we hope to see you there.

### **Attendance Matters**

**Class Attendance Treat Day** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July will see the overall Class Attendance winners enjoy a ‘treat’ day.



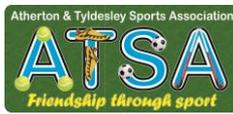
We keep a record of the class that has topped the attendance chart each week. Therefore, the class that has achieved the highest weekly attendance, on the most occasions will be classed as the winners and will enjoy part of the day out of school – further information will be provided to the winning class!

**Team Treat Day** – Throughout the year, your child will have been earning team points, for their work and behaviour, for their team: St Matthew, St Mark, St Luke or St John. Mr Simmons is organising a ‘Team Treat’ day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July where all children from the overall winning team (as shown by how far that team has moved on our guided busway display) will have a non-uniform day with food and drink to acknowledge their victory. Letters will be sent out soon to children who are on the winning team.



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**Crown Green Bowling Taster Sessions** – Children in Y5HJ, Y5/6NC and Y6AM recently enjoyed taking part in Bowling Taster Sessions at Tyldesley Bowling Club. From the children who attended we will be selecting a team to take part in a Crown Green Bowling Competition for schools in July.

**Cycle Speedway Taster Session** – Five children from Year 5 and Year 6 recently took part in Cycle Speedway Taster Sessions at Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club. The children will return on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to take part in a Cycle Speedway Competition against children from four other schools.



**Yoga Taster Session** – Children from Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in some Yoga activities at a Yoga Taster Session. The session was led by Toni Aspinall from Toni Marie Yoga.

**Netball league** – A group of girls recently represented the school in netball matches against Garrett Hall, Holy Family, St. Stephen's and Tyldesley Primary. Well done to all the girls that took part in the matches.



**KS2 Mixed Football Cup Competition** – On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, the mixed football team took part in an ATSA competition involving five schools. The children from St. George's Central played very well and finished as *runners up*, narrowly missing out on winning by one point.

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

- \*\*Cycle Speedway Competition\*\*
- \*\*Tri-Kidz '10 years' Competition\*\*
- \*\*Zumba Taster Session\*\*
- \*\*Y3/4 Rounders Competition\*\*
- \*\*Residential Sports Weekend\*\*

As well as being on the school website, there are paper copies of all newsletters available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. The next newsletter will be sent out on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. On the same day, children in Reception – Year 5 will bring home a letter informing you of their class for September 2022. Have a great few weeks.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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