

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 28th January 2022

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This is the first newsletter of 2022 and so, although it may seem late....**Happy New Year!** I hope that you are managing to keep to any resolutions that you may have set on 1st January? Traditionally, resolutions usually involve you saying that you will stop doing something and so an alternative (maybe a more 'positive' approach) where you say that you are going to **start** doing something? Obviously the thing you are going to start to do should be 'in the spirit' of a new year's resolution. I am told people are more likely to 'keep going' with positive things they have said they will start to do! Whichever way you have decided to word any resolutions (and even if you have not bothered this year) I wish you all the best for 2022!



Recent performances – It was great before Christmas to welcome some of you into school to watch our half termly choir and musical performance. As well as hearing the choir sing, it was really good to see all the children who learn instruments in school perform for everyone. Don't forget that the next choir and musical performance in school will be on Wednesday 16th



February 2022. Look out for the letter about this from Miss Gray soon. I have also recently enjoyed watching more of our children make use of our 'Green Room' facilities to produce YouTube clips to share their learning. Click the links below to watch some of the recent 'films' created:



Y4CB – Year 4 News Report: <https://youtu.be/sEclTn1x4xU>

Y6AM – Amazon Rainforest: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrrJ3ej2tGsk>



'50 things at SGC' Passport – Part of our aim as a school is to enable your children to develop a range of skills and knowledge that they can apply independently and that will contribute to life-long success. We recognise that learning is not just confined to the classroom; learning can occur anywhere! This is why, during the Autumn Term, you, your children, our staff and governors provided feedback and helped us to develop the '50 things at SGC' Passport. The Passport includes 50 experiences that children will have during their time at St. George's Central CE Primary school and Nursery. Children all have their own copy of the 'School Passport' and



they will be given regular time in class to complete and update their experiences within the Passport. Our aim is that as children leave our school in Year 6, that they will have enjoyed all 50 experiences which will support their holistic development as they move on to Secondary School. Through undertaking this process we realised there was quite a lot that we offered your children and there were also things that your children were keen for us to add to our provision. I look forward to seeing all our children achieve all '50 things' before they leave our school. Please click the link to view the full '50 things at SGC' Passport:

<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/CulturalCapital/SGC%20'50%20Things'%20Passport.pdf>

Class and whole school attendance updates:

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
YR:KB	93.86%	Y1NT	95.60%	Y3LK	94.82%	Y5HJ	92.34%
YR:TK	96.29%	Y1/2TL	95.51%	Y3/4CS	94.88%	Y5/6NC	96.09%
		Y2JY	93.79%	Y4CB	94.42%	Y6AM	94.49%
Whole school attendance: 94.72%							

*%'s are up to and including Friday 21st January 2022

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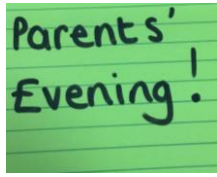


'Celebration days' in school – On Tuesday 1st February, we will be celebrating

Chinese New Year in school – an email was recently sent to you about this.

Tuesday 8th February is Safer Internet Day and, as well as undertaking activities on the day, we will be visited by 'Altru Drama' who will be

undertaking some online safety workshops with KS1 classes on Thursday 17th February and KS2 classes on Friday 18th February.



Spring Term parents' evening – We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for 'face to face' Spring Term parents' evenings. We will continue with the approach we took in October to reduce the amount of people in our school building/hall on each evening. At school, paper copies of the parents' evening letter will be sent out on Monday 7th February (letters will be sent home with Year 5 children on Friday 4th February as they will be away on their residential trip on the Monday). Miss Cowley will be speaking to parents/carers at Lancaster Avenue and there will be a slightly amended approach to what was originally advertised. Please see the table below, with our 'plan' for how we will manage the Spring Term parents' evenings:

Date	Event
Friday 4 th February	Paper copies of parents' evening letters will be sent home with Y5 children
Monday 7 th February	Paper copies of parents' evening letters will be sent home to all other year groups
Mon 7 th – Thurs 10 th	Select a day and a 'time slot' that would be most convenient for you
Friday 11 th February	Return your child's completed form to the class teacher by today
Tuesday 15 th February	Our teachers will meet in school to arrange time slots to coordinate time for siblings
Wednesday 16 th February	Paper copies of confirmed parents' evening time slots will be sent home
Monday 28 th February	Lancaster Avenue Nursery Parents' meetings will take place throughout the whole week Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (3:30pm – 7:00pm): Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: KB, Reception: TK, Y1NT, Y1/2TL, Y2JY
Tuesday 1 st March	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (3:30pm – 7:00pm): Y3LK, Y3/4CS, Y4CB, Y5HJ, Y5/6NC, Y6AM
Wednesday 2 nd March	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (3:30pm – 7:00pm): Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: KB, Reception: TK, Y1NT, Y1/2TL, Y2JY
Thursday 3 rd March	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (3:30pm – 7:00pm): Y3LK, Y3/4CS, Y4CB, Y5HJ, Y5/6NC, Y6AM

For all appointments, please ensure that you arrive 5 minutes before your allocated time. In order to ensure we are able to accommodate all families, there will be with a time limit of 10 minutes. I will be available in the school hall on all school based evenings should you need to speak to me – no appointment will be necessary for this. I look forward to seeing you then.



School Swimming – Our children in Year 3 and Year 4 will start school swimming lessons at The Pelican Centre after February half term. For parents/carers of children in **Year 4CB**, it is worth noting that the children will be attending their first swimming session on the **first day back after February half term**. More information has been included on the letter that has been sent home with all Year 3 and Year 4 children today.

Reception starters 2022 – If you have a church card to support your child's application into our school for September 2022, please ensure you hand this in at the school office by **Monday 28th February 2022**.



Nursery places for September 2022 – We have recently sent home letters to parents/carers of children who are on our list to start at our Darlington Street Nursery in September 2022. It is never too early to have your child's name down on our nursery lists for either our Lancaster Avenue Nursery or our Darlington Street (school based) Nursery. If you have a 2 or 3 year old child who will be needing a nursery place at either of our nurseries for September 2022 then please contact Mrs Smith at our school site (01942 882773) who will add you to our lists so that you will then receive letters in April/May time inviting you to our 'Welcome Sessions'.



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World Book Day – This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March 2022. To celebrate, we will be linking this day to the work of poet, Matt Goodfellow. Matt has already been into our school this year, he visited last November to work with classes around school and **he will be returning to see us on Monday 7th February to sign copies of his book**, 'Bright Bursts of Colour'. We will be pre-ordering copies of the book for you to purchase prior to the visit so that your children will have them ready



for him to sign on the day. On World Book Day, we are asking children to come to school wearing clothes to show their own 'Bright Bursts of Colour'. Throughout the day, children will be completing activities based on Matt's poems. We do not expect you to purchase or create costumes this year – your children will look great in their own brightly coloured clothes. As this is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day, children will receive a book token to spend on a book of their choice.



Football leagues – This year, our children are taking part in the Tyldesley section of the mixed football league and the Tyldesley section of girls' football league. Matches have been taking place over the last few weeks at Fred Longworth each Monday and Friday. Our mixed team have made a great start, winning their first match. The eventual winners of the leagues will play the winners of the Atherton section of the leagues in July. I will keep you updated with all the results.

Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition – Monday 24th January saw the Y5/6 Dodgeball team take part in a competition against eight other schools. The team played really well, winning three games and drawing two. Well done to the children who made up the Y5/6 Dodgeball team.



Yoga Taster Session – On Tuesday 25th January, some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in a Yoga Taster Session with children from two other local schools.

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

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| **Kickstarterz Taster Session** | **KS1 Kurling Competition** | **Y3/4 Quicksticks Competition** |
| **Zumba Taster Session** | **All Sports Holiday Provision** | **First Aid for Sport ** |

On Friday 18th February, the day we break for our next half term, I will email you the Spring Term (2nd half) dates letter. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 4th March (paper copies will be available in the letter holders in the entrance area at school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery). Have a great month.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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