



Newsletter – Friday 25th May 2018

Well another half term has come to an end. School will close today and re – open for children on **Monday 4th June 2018 (first bell at 8:50am with school starting at 8:55am)**. You will find, attached to this newsletter/email, a list of the key dates for the next half term. Your child will bring home with them their most recent attendance data. See below for class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EB	94.04%	Y1CS	96.09%	Y3JW	95.33%	Y5NC	95.68%
YR:NT	93.60%	Y1/2EG	95.80%	Y3/4NL	95.98%	Y5/6AJM	96.44%
		Y2OB	96.73%	Y4HJ	96.13%	Y6JY	95.36%

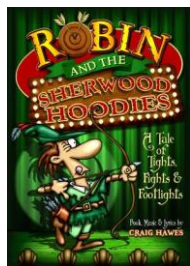
%'s are from September up to and including Friday 18th May

Staffing updates – As you may recall, Mr Hunt, our Site Manager recently retired and so we have welcomed Mr Chadwick to our school as our new caretaker. I am also pleased to inform you that Miss Taylor, one of our Reception teachers, is expecting her second child and so we welcome Mrs Leech to our school in September as Miss Taylor will be starting her maternity leave during the Autumn term. Some of you may know Mrs Leech from her time training to be a teacher in Mr Simmon's class this year and we are pleased she will be formally starting her teaching career here with us at St. George's Central. When any staffing amendments arise, thought is given to the whole school and any parents/carers who attended our Reception intake meeting earlier this week will know that we have already used this opportunity to introduce Miss Leonard as one of our Reception teachers from September (she is currently teaching in our Y3/4 class). A full and final staffing list will be included on the newsletter sent home on Monday 16th July.



School Books – In order to support our transition activities across school and ensure that your child makes an effective start to their learning in September, when they return to school on Monday 4th June, every child from Reception – Y5 will be starting their new 'September' exercise books in each subject area. This will support your child's new teacher in September as they will be able to look back at the standard of work the child has produced in their final six weeks of their previous year group, when in theory, they should be producing their 'best' work! We feel this will help teachers in September to plan a more effective start to the children's learning. Children starting in both our Nurseries will start new books in September. All books from children in Nursery (both sites) will be passed up and used in Reception at our school in September. Exercise books are usually all sent home at the end of the year, with a sample of school books being kept by class teachers each year. We will continue with this and the school books from this year (used until today) will be sent home at the same time as annual school reports.

Sun protection – I am typing this hoping that the recent good weather will continue over the next few weeks! As children will be outside for a relatively short period of the day we advise that they should come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and sun glasses and that any sun cream should be applied at home before children come to school so that re-application in school will not be necessary. We will adapt any outdoor activities within our Early Years and PE sessions and children will be encouraged to drink from their water bottles on a regular basis throughout the day.



KS2 end of year production – Rehearsals for Y6 children have begun and children now know the part they will be playing in the end of year KS2 production. Y6 children will now need to spend the half term break learning their lines so that upon their return to school, they can 'polish' off their performance by practicing on stage without the need for scripts. We are planning to have **two performances: Monday 9th July (1:45pm) and Wednesday 11th July (6pm)**. Although Y6 make up the main actors for this performance, the children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 play a major role in making up the choir that sings all the songs during the play (which is a key aspect as the songs help to tell the story). Pop these dates in your diary and look out for the letter coming out after half term. Details about tickets, and the order they will be sold in, is included on the dates letter attached to this newsletter/email.

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Pop Project – With the World Cup in Russia starting on Thursday 14th June, we have a whole host of activities planned for when we return to school. Mr Simmons and Miss Glassbrook have been co-ordinating some of these activities and on Monday 4th June we will see the return of the 'Pop Project' in school. The 'Pop Project' is a group of experienced teachers and musicians who deliver an interactive history of the past 60 years. This involves them not only performing popular songs live but they also provide information about the culture and lifestyle of the times. They supplement the music with pictures, video clips and artefacts from the period to make the experience truly interactive and it will be a great way to start our World Cup celebrations!

Nursery (Darlington St) – Tuesday 5th June will see us host our Nursery open evening for our September 2018 children. We do still have places available at our school based nursery for pre-school children. People may not realise that they that they could qualify for a **FREE** 30 hour nursery place! Mrs Smith, our School Business Manager, can do all the necessary checks to see if that's the case so please don't hesitate to contact her with any questions.



London residential – Thursday 7th June will see 32 Y6 children and four staff members from St. George's Central set off early in the morning on a residential trip to London. This is the second time we are undertaking this as a trip with our children, and it is now a permanent 'fixture' in our annual school calendar. Within the trip there will be a bus tour of London, a boat tour on the Thames, a trip to the theatre to watch the musical 'Lion King' and a visit to London Dungeons. I am sure our children will have a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities in our capital city.

ATHOS music concert – On Thursday 7th June, our school choir will be taking part in the first ever ATHOS Music Festival at St. Stephen's Church. This event will involve performances from other local schools and will start at 10:00am. All parents/cares are welcome to attend what should hopefully become an annual event.



Music alive – Children in Y2 – Y5 will experience a visit on Thursday 7th June from a group of musicians from Wigan Music Service who will perform a number of musical pieces, using a variety of instruments. Should your child be interested in learning a musical instrument then contact the school office.

Y1/2 Phonics tests – During week beginning Monday 11th June, the children in Y1 and some children in Y2 will undertake a phonics test. This will be delivered by staff in school and will involve the children being tested on their knowledge of the sounds of letters, and groups of letters, within words. The children are typically asked to say the sound/word from a given list. There is a national standard that children are expected to achieve – your child's result will be included in their end of year report that will be sent out in July.



Y6 leavers' service – Thursday 14th June will see 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, children from our school have been asked to do a presentation at this service on the theme of Peace. This event will take place during the morning and, because of the space available, unfortunately no parents/carers are able to attend. However plans are well on the way for our very own leavers' service for Tyldesley schools to take place on Friday 13th July at St. George's Church – keep your eye on the next newsletter for more details.

Reception and Nursery Worship – At 9:15am on **Friday 22nd June, both Reception classes** will join together for their Class Worship in our school hall. **Friday 29th June will be the turn of the Nursery children**, who again will come to the school hall for a 9:15am Class Worship. On both days, all parents/carers and wider family members are invited to attend as the children showcase their learning and you will be invited to remain in school for a 'stay and play' session following the Worship, should you wish.



Well done to Y1 pupil, Mehak Irfan, who recently donated 7 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust! Great work Mehak!

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Sports days

These dates were included on the Key Dates letter in September.

They are included below as a reminder. All sports days are weather permitting:

Monday 18th June – Key Stage 2 (9:30am start on the school field)

Tuesday 19th June – Reception and Key Stage 1 (9:30am start on the school field and playground)

Wednesday 20th June – Nursery (9:30am start on the school field)

You are very welcome to attend these events and in most cases you will be able to follow your child/ren to each station.

ATSA Events



Y3/4 'Quicksticks' Festival – Monday 30th April saw the Y3/4 hockey team take part in a festival against seven other schools. The team successfully managed to qualify, from their group, for the final where they met Holy Family. In a great final I am pleased to inform you that the team successfully **won 2 – 1** to become the 2017/18 **Y3/4 Hockey champions!** Well done to Mrs Feeney and her team: Marley Crawford, Bradley Graham, Maisie Millward, Lee Barry, Ryhan Ogungbola, Oliver Marsden, Jack Reeder and Emily Ward.



Y2 & Y3 Football Festival at MUFC – On Wednesday 2nd May, we took a Y2 and a Y3 football team to The Cliff training Ground in Salford to take part in a football festival against seven other schools. Both our teams did really well and I am pleased to inform you that our Y2 team won every match and qualified for the



final where they beat Holy Family to become the **Y2 champions!** Well done to Mr Barlow and his team: Pedro Boateng-Carneiro, Aston Braddish, Jack Duffy, Oliver Houlihan, Oliver Jackson and Jack Lawrence. The team has now qualified for a finals day at Carrington in June.

KS2 Girls' Football festival – On Monday 14th May, the girls' football team took part in an ATSA festival at Fred Longworth High School involving ten schools. The children from St. George's Central played very well, but missed out on qualifying for the next stage. Children who took part in this were: Pippa Edwards-Shorter, Farrah Foster, Mia Jackson, Madison Medley, Maisie Millward, Eva Molyneux and Amelia Zgierun.



Tag Rugby festival – Thursday 17th May saw our tag rugby team take part in an ATSA festival at Meadowbank School with thirteen other schools. The children from St. George's Central played really well managing to win two matches and lose one, which means that they narrowly missed out on qualifying for the semi-final. Children who took part in this were: Lee Barry, Leighton Barry, Bradley Graham, Ben Green, Jessica Highlands, Jack Reeder and Finlay Twiss.



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

Crown Green Bowling sessions **Girls' netball league** **Sports Psychology** **Cycle Speedway taster session**
KS2 Track and Field Athletics **Football 'cup' competition** **Kwik Cricket Festival**

The next newsletter will be emailed out to you on Friday 22nd June. Paper copies of the newsletter will be made available at the school office for you to pick up should you wish. Have a great half term and month ahead.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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