



## Newsletter – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

If I have not seen you around school this month – Happy New Year! I hope 2020 is going well for you so far. It has been business as usual for us at both Darlington Street and at Lancaster Avenue as the children have made a great start with their learning upon their return. We have lots planned for 2020 as we continually look to improve our provision. The feedback you provided us in the most recent parent/carer questionnaires was highly positive, however, that does not mean that we sit back and rest! We are always looking at ways that we can provide an even better service for you and your children.



**Mrs S Yates** – At the end of 2019, after **40 years voluntary service** at St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery, Mrs S Yates resigned from her roles in school. Mrs Yates became involved with our school in 1979 when our school was known as St. George's CE School. Since this time, Mrs Yates has always been involved with the PTFA, raising thousands of pounds for school. The final event she organised was the recent Christmas Fair where she helped to raise £1056. Mrs Yates was also a school governor for 27 years and was in this role when St. George's amalgamated with Tyldesley Central to become the school we know today. We thank Mrs Yates for all her hard work



at our school and hope she is now putting her feet up and having a well-deserved rest!



**First week back** – At the start of the first week back at school, Rector Martin visited us to lead our whole school 'Epiphany Service'. The week ended with children in Y6AJM visiting Hillcrest Residential Home as part of the 'All Being Well' project that we are starting at our school. There will be other 'strands' of the 'All Being Well' project starting at school during the next few months as we look to develop and strengthen links within our community.



**Support for Australia** – Many thanks for your donations for our non-uniform day to support for the relief efforts in Australia. Well done to Mia Jackson in Y6AJM, who spoke up in class, asking if we could do something as a school to raise money for this. Via email communication with other local headteachers, it seemed that children in other schools also had the same idea and so all our schools did something to raise money on the same day! As a school, we managed to raise **£418!** Thanks again for all your support.

**Community Award** – I was very proud to have recently been presented with the 'Heart of the Community Award' from Councillor Nazia Rehman during an assembly last week. It was very humbling to have been nominated for the award in recognition of contributions towards our local community. We are all passionate about supporting the area in which we live as 'beacons of light' and I would like to thank everyone at St George's Central for your continued support.



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**Hinning House** – Next week will see 24 Y5 children from St. George’s Central spend a week at Hinning House in the Lake District for their annual residential trip. So that all our children can take part in this experience, we arrange a second trip and so on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 9 boys from St. George’s Central will join up with 11 children from St. Philip’s to make the journey up to the Lakes. The children will be accompanied by staff from school and will spend the week orienteering, canoeing, kayaking as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure they will have a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities.

**Safer Internet Day** – Mr Simmons has arranged for a theatre group to come into school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February to link with Safer Internet day and teach the children about how to stay safe online. Key Stage One classes will have workshops followed by a performance for Key Stage Two. Children will be learning different aspects of E safety in a practical way.



**World Book Day** – This is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. As in previous years, we would like the children at school and Lancaster Avenue Nursery to bring their favourite book to school/nursery to share and to also **dress up as a character from a book**. Classes have planned lots of different reading activities to take place throughout the day and we are also aiming to have a ‘guest reader’ in each class.



**Leigh Harriers Cross Country** – Children from St. George’s Central recently gave up their Saturday morning to support our school in the fifth ‘Graham Jackett Cross Country Challenge’. The 27 St. George’s Central children competed against children from eleven other schools over a tough course. Our Y3/4 girls’ team won their category and our Y5/6 girls came second in their category which led to our combined girls coming overall second. Thanks to all our children who took part in this event and helped ATSA clinch the Graham Jackett trophy.



**Y1 & Y2 Football Competition at MUFC** – On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, we took a Y1 and a Y2 football team to The Cliff training Ground in Salford to take part in a football competition against seven other schools. Both our teams did really well and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the finals. Well done to all the children who took part.

**Football leagues** – This year, there is a mixed football league and a girls’ football league and our school has a team in both leagues. Matches will be taking place over the next few months at Fred Longworth each Monday and Friday. Our girls played their first matches earlier this week and did really well, winning one match and narrowly losing the second 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.



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

- \*\*Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition\*\*
- \*\*Kickstarterz Taster Session\*\*
- \*\*KS1 Kurling Competition\*\*
- \*\*Y3/4 Quicksticks (hockey) Competition\*\*
- \*\*All Sports Holiday Provision\*\*
- \*\*First Aid for Sport\*\*

2020/2021 term time dates are attached to this email/newsletter. On our website, there are now also term time dates for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023. I will email you the Spring term (2<sup>nd</sup> half) dates letter on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, when we break for half term. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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