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## Newsletter – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017



**Three stars and a wish** – Our annual ‘three stars and a wish’ questionnaire is being sent out today to all members of the St. George’s Central community. This process involves you telling me three things you think the school does well and one thing that that we might improve. Hopefully some of your ‘wishes’ from last year were granted over the last ten months and we hope that by completing the questionnaire again this year, we can work together to continually improve our school. I would be grateful if you could complete and return this to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July to enable me to collate the responses over the summer holiday.

**Staffing updates** – I would also like to take this opportunity to formally announce that at the end of this academic year Mrs Fudge will be leaving our school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Fudge for all her hard work during her time at our school in her role as SENCO and KS2 leader. We are currently in the process of appointing a new teacher for KS2 and re-organising our staffing ready for September. As a result we will communicate our full and complete class teacher list in our next newsletter on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.



**Building work** – For the past ten months I have been meeting with Wigan Council in order to plan how we can extend and renovate part of our school. I am pleased to inform you that at our most recent meeting, plans were approved and we were given a time scale for work to start and be completed. Work that we have secured funding for includes:

- \*Re-modelling of KS2 resource area to include a small group room and cloakroom space outside each classroom, and
- \*An extension to the building which will include 3 rooms: a room that could accommodate the teaching of approximate 16 children, a small group room and an adult meeting room.

The extension will be built on the ‘Peel Hall’ side of school (it will be built where the large green storage currently is). This container will be removed so that work can start. The builders are aiming to start work to school as we break for the summer holidays and it hoped that the whole project will be completed by February 2018. In order to make a brisk start, it is hoped that some of the materials and supplies will be dropped off at school during the last week of term (wb: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July). **Therefore, from this point onwards, this access point to school will be totally out of use until the work is fully completed.** This will mean that anyone accessing the playground will need to use the path near nursery (the gate here will be made wider).

When we return to school in September, we will be in a better position to inform you of the exact classroom access points for your children and of course our fire safety procedures will be updated to ensure everyone’s safety during the work. I am sure that you will agree that this is an exciting opportunity for our school and your children.

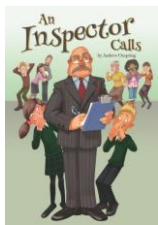


**Y6 residential** – Some of our Y6 children recently experienced our very first two day residential visit to London and Stratford-Upon-Avon. The trip not only allowed our children to view the sites of our capital city and experience a West End Show, but the visit to the Globe Theatre in London and ‘stop off’ in Stratford-Upon-Avon linked in nicely with the work recently undertaken on Shakespeare in school. Many thanks to Mrs Feeny, Mrs Wright and Mr Young who accompanied the children on the trip.



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## KS2 END OF YEAR PRODUCTION



Not long to go before the KS2 production takes place here in school. The table below outlines the dates of key events concerned with the performance. We anticipate that all the children in Y3/4/5 will support these performances, a letter has been sent home about this – many thanks for those who have already returned their letter (all letters to be handed in by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June). There will be two performances in total, but only **one** evening performance (**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - 6pm**). **All Key Stage 2 children who attend this evening performance of the play will be entitled to a FREE SCHOOL DISCO** (see Disco section of this newsletter for further details). As space in our school hall is at a premium, and as the KS1 and nursery children will have seen the dress rehearsal, should you need to bring any younger children (including children from St. George's Central nursery, reception and KS1) then they will need to access our crèche facility. This will mean that there are more tickets available for older family members.

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	All responses returned from KS2 children who will form part of the choir
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July and Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Tickets on sale for <b>Y6 families only, from Mrs Kearns' room at 8:50am</b> . Please wait outside the external meeting room door where Mrs Kearns will meet you ( <b>4 tickets</b> per family at 50p each) The number on your ticket is your seat number so please keep it safe and bring it with you to the performance
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Tickets on sale for <b>all KS2 families, from Mrs Kearns' room at 8:50am</b> . ( <b>2 tickets</b> per family at 50p each) The number on your ticket is your seat number so please keep it safe and bring it with you to the performance
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July onwards	Tickets on OPEN SALE to everyone <b>from the school office</b> – no restriction on number!
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Make sure you have informed the school office if you need to take advantage of the crèche facilities by today so that staffing arrangements can be made
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:45pm	First KS2 production performance – there will be a raffle so bring some money! <b>All children to go into the crèche.</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July – 6pm	Second and final KS2 production performance – there will be a raffle so bring some money! <b>All children to go into the crèche.</b>

**We have again liaised with an external provider and they will be filming some of the rehearsals and the final performance of the play so that we can provide the Y6 leavers with a full copy of the play as a leavers' gift. Should this be of particular concern for you then please let the school office know by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June so that seating provision for your child can be made.**

**Summer Fair** – Many thanks for all your support with our recent Summer Fair. Your donations for our non-uniform day, plus your attendance on the day helped school to raise a fantastic **£844!** In the short term, most of the funds raised will support some of our end of year events, but as many of you will know, the large majority of the funding is used to support our annual **FREE** trip to the pantomime at Christmas. (R-Y6). Thanks to Mrs Yates for overseeing the whole event.



**PSHE activities** – School was recently visited by the NSPCC who not only led our whole school worship but then carried out some further work in Year 5 and Year 6 about '*staying safe and speaking out*'. This week, our Year 6 children visited the Pelican Centre to undertake some First Aid 'training' and next week our Year 5 children will be visiting the Life Centre in Wigan to participate in sessions covering topics including road safety, crossing roads safely, basic first aid, recycling and litter, stranger danger and healthy lifestyles. These sessions are run by representatives from the NHS, Wigan Council and GM Police.

**KS1 trip** – Children in KS1 are really looking forward to their trip to Blackpool Sea Life Centre on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. They will learn about different types of sea creatures and will be able to look closely at some of the creatures during talks from members of staff. The children will also get some time to explore the beach at Blackpool and this will help to support our topic about the seaside.



**Y6 transition** – Our Year 6 children have recently been working on a transition project with one of our local high schools. The children have been working with Mrs Walters and Mr Maloney from FLHS, learning how to develop their presentation skills. The children are going to spend the next few weeks producing their presentations which will be about themselves and their time at our school. This will not only provide the children with the opportunity to develop their presentation skills but will also allow them to reflect upon their learning at our school as they move onto high school.

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**Music Gala Concert** – Our Year 5 children have been invited to participate in a Music Gala concert at Robin Park on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. The children will be part of a mass performance of a specially commissioned piece of music called ‘Let’s Dance’ for which the children will learn a song and create percussion using their bodies. The children have already taken part in a workshop in school to prepare for this.



the Wednesday morning.

**Choir performances** – Children from the school choir will be taking part in the annual ‘Let’s Sing’ event on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** at Robin Park in Wigan. The choir have been working hard with Miss Gray and members of the Wigan Music Service to prepare for this event. As the children in the choir will be returning from this event quite late at night, we have decided to cancel the choir performance for parents which was planned for



**Sports days – As sent out in the previous newsletter, the dates for these are as follows:**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Key Stage 2 (9:30am start on the school field)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Reception and Key Stage 1 (9:30am start on the school field and playground)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Nursery Worship** – At 9:15am on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**, our **Nursery children** will come together for their Class Worship in our school hall. On this day, all parents/carers and wider family members of the nursery children 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. On the day, please enter school via the main school entrance.



**Drumming performance** – There will be a performance for parents and carers on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July by the children in Y4 who have been undertaking drumming sessions as part of the Wider Opportunities service we buy into. This will start at 1:45pm in the school hall and will last approximately 30 minutes – it will provide you with an opportunity to see the children perform for the final time this year.

**School books** – As you know from our last newsletter, for 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 2016 – May 2017) home on **Friday 14<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.



**Annual Reports** – Your child’s annual school report will be sent home on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. Our report format has again been slightly amended this year and, because of the national tests some children undertake, there are some subtle differences with some year groups. We have included a key to explain each element of the report and there is a section where the children assess their own level of effort. As usual with our reports, 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 me at school by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**.

This year we are again providing you with an opportunity to speak to your child’s class teacher about their report, should you wish. All the teachers will therefore be in the school hall on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July (3:30pm – 6:00pm)**. No appointment is necessary for this, however, as we will not know how many people will be coming, please be aware that we may need to limit the time you spend with your child’s teacher – we will simply have to judge this on the night! As Y6 are at Alton Towers on this day, any parents/carers wishing to speak to their teacher will need to make a separate appointment.

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### Disco – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July:

3:30pm – 4:45pm for Reception – KS1 children (children to bring clothes to school to get changed into)  
£1 charge (refreshments included)



### For KS2 this FREE disco will ONLY be for children who attended the 12<sup>th</sup> July evening performance of the school production:

5:00pm – 6:30pm for Y3 – Y6 children (refreshments included)

6:30pm – 7:00pm – Pizzas for Y6 (leavers' treat)



**Talent show** – During the afternoon of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July there will be a talent show in school which will involve all classes. Because of the timings over the afternoon, each class will have a limit of 2/3 performances and so classes will be voting on the talents that will represent them. Due to restrictions on space in the hall, we are unable to invite parents/carers to watch.

### Y6 LEAVERS' EVENTS



**Leavers' service in church** – This will take place at St. George's Church on Friday 14<sup>th</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 four other local primary schools and one secondary school – I hope to see you there.

**Leavers' disco** – See earlier in the newsletter for details about this.

**Alton Towers** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July will see an early start for the staff and children in Year 6 as they make their way to Alton Towers for their annual leavers' trip. A further letter will soon be sent out to Y6 children providing the finer details of this trip.

**Leavers' service in school** – This will take place in school on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July (9:10am 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 – I hope to see you there.

### ATSA events



**Netball league (Tyldesley section)** – Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Hupton took a group of girls to represent the school in the league at Fred Longworth High School. Well done to Jenna Binks, Rachel Clarke, Ashley Highlands, Jemima Mayingi, Madison Medley, Ella Meskell, Scarlett Vella and Emily Ward who represented the school.

**Sport Psychology** – Four children attended this session at St. Michael's School, titled: 'Growth Mindset: Thinking like a Champion'. This informative session was led by Sport Psychologist, Dr Andrew Evans who works with a variety of professional sports stars. Children learned how to develop a more positive mindset when approaching tasks perceived to be difficult – something that will not only support them in a sporting context, but in all areas of their lives.



**Cycle Speedway taster session** – Children from Y6 recently took part in taster sessions at Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Club. They were very brave riding bikes without brakes! The children will return on Monday to take part in a Cycle Speedway competition against pupils from four other schools. I will let you know how we get on.

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### ATSA event continued

**KS2 Track and Field Athletics** – Twenty one of our KS2 children took part in the first ever ATSA KS2 Track and Field Athletics event at Leigh Harriers. Children were selected to take part in a variety of running races, long jump and the cricket ball throw. A total of 5 schools took part and when all the scores were collated, it was our team who were the **winners in: the Y5/6 girls' category, the boys' category, the girls' category**, which meant that our team was the **overall winners** of the whole event! Well done to all the children who competed.



**Crown Green Bowling taster session** – Children in Y6JW and Y6JY recently enjoyed taking part in Bowling taster sessions at Tyldesley Subby Club. From the children who attended we will be selecting a team to take part in a Crown Green Bowling competition for schools.

**Football cup competition (Tyldesley section)** – Mr Barlow not only took both the 'A' team and 'B' team to take part in this event, but was also the organiser for the entire event! Well done to Logan Aspinall, Callum Barlow, Nathan Beca, Oliver Briggs, Daniel Clarke, Rachel Clarke, Toby Davies, Ben Green, Miguel Gonzalez, Tommy Hampson, Alec Highlands, JJ Hilton-Jones, Ike Iwelu, Bryan Ncube, Daniel Senior, Cameron Taylor and Oliver Sincup who made up the two teams. Congratulations to our 'A' team who managed to qualify for the final which they went on to **win 3-1** to become the football cup **winners!**



**KS2 Kwik Cricket festival** – Earlier this week, some KS2 children spent the afternoon at Astley and Tyldesley Cricket club competing against 5 other schools in the Tyldesley section of the events. Children who represented the school this week were: Logan Aspinall, Nathan Beca, Oliver Briggs, Toby Davies, Harry Edwards-Shorter, Miguel Gonzalez, Bryan Ncube, Daniel Senior and Luke Worthington.

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

**\*\*Cycle Speedway festival\*\*    \*\*Y3/4 Rounders festival\*\*    \*\*Y5/6 Golf taster session\*\*    \*\*KS1 Football festival\*\***  
**\*\*Residential Sports Weekend\*\*    \*\*Tennis taster session\*\*    \*\*Animalates session\*\*    \*\*Crown Green Bowling festival\*\***  
**\*\*ATSA Tyldesley/Atherton Football 'play off' match\*\***

The final newsletter of the year will be emailed out to you on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Paper copies of the newsletter will be made available at the school office for you to pick up should you wish. On the same day your child will bring home a letter informing you of their class for September 2017. Have a great few weeks.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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