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Newsletter – Friday 31st March 2017

Well another term has come to an end. School will close today and re – open for children on **Wednesday 19th April 2017 (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 (Tuesday 6th September 2016 – Friday 24th March 2017). A school session is half a day. Below is also the attendance for each class:

Colour	Indicates	%
Green	Met or exceeded the target	Above 96%
Amber	A satisfactory level of attendance	90.1% - 95.9%
Red	An unacceptable level of attendance	Less than 90%

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EP	95.64%	Y1CS	95.98%	Y3VG	95.86%	Y5NC	97.28%
YR:NT	96.75%	Y1/2EG	95.62%	Y3/4DF	96.83%	Y5/6JW	96.40%
		Y2OB	96.77%	Y4HJ	94.32%	Y6JY	96.36%

ADVANCED NOTICE: School closure – School will be closed to children on **Thursday 4th May 2017** as we will be being used as a polling station for the Combined Authority Mayoral Elections.

Parents' evening – Letters for this were sent out earlier this week with today being the day that they should have been returned to school. Please see the table below for the arrangements with regards to this for aster Easter:

Date	Event for Parents' Evenings
Friday 21 st April	Confirmed Parents' Evening times sent home today
Tuesday 25 th April	Parents' Evening for Y6 parents/carers only (3:30pm – 6:30pm) (5 mins with teacher for Maths and 5 mins with teacher for English)
Wednesday 26 th April	Parents' Evening for Nursery – Year 5 parents/carers (3:30pm – 6:30pm) (10 minutes with class teacher)
Thursday 27 th April	Parents' Evening for Nursery – Year 5 parents/carers (3:30pm – 6:30pm) (10 minutes with class teacher)

30 hours extended childcare – As you will be aware from the recent email we have sent out, as of 1st September 2017 working parents may be entitled to 30 hours free childcare. Parents of three and four year olds will need to meet certain criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare and a new online application is due to be launched at the end of April 2017. Should you require any further information regarding access to 30 hours childcare please refer to the Family Information Service website at <http://fsd.wigan.gov.uk/kb5/wigan/fsd/home.page>, contact the Early Learning and Childcare Team on 01942 828849 or contact Mrs Smith in school.



Wigan Warriors Rugby League – Many thanks to Mrs Morris who recently arranged for our children to be on the pitch at half time, forming a tunnel for the both the Wigan Warriors and Leigh Centurions players as they returned to the pitch. Being a Wigan fan – I think Mrs Morris 'arranged' the result as well, as the match went the way of the Warriors! The next match our children will be involved in is the live SKY Wigan match against Warrington in July when our children will be waving the flag on the pitch as the players enter for the start of the match – look out for the letter from Mrs Morris about this nearer the time.

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World Book Day – In order to foster a love of reading for our children we recently celebrated World Book Day. As usual, staff and children dressed as book characters for the day and children were read to by different teachers and even had the opportunity to share their favourite book with each other. Children also received World Book Day vouchers for them to redeem at the Book Fair that was in school. With reading being such a key life skill, we embrace opportunities such as this to raise the profile, and highlight the importance, of reading throughout school.



Anti-Bullying workshop – In response to our parent/carer questionnaire from December, we recently updated our Anti-Bullying policy and Mrs Kearns led two sessions for parents/carers. Feedback from the sessions was highly positive and so, should you have any concerns in this area, please see the updated policy on our school website or call into school to speak to Mrs Kearns.



British Science Week – As part of British Science Week, children experienced an exciting visit from 'Curious Critters'. As well as the 'fun' of having snakes around their necks, the children not only learned lots about habitats, life cycles and food chains, but the visit also supported the development of their writing skills as children across school produced a variety of different



pieces of writing for our Super Writing Awards about the 'snake on the loose' in school! During the same week, children also spent time in the Life Education Caravan learning working on a variety of personal, social and health topics, such as friendship and making healthy choices. Thank you to Mrs Malley and Mrs Fudge for arranging these visitors to school.



Thank you – Many thanks for the recent donations that you have sent in to school. We try to keep these to a minimum over the course of the year, so thank you for your support with; World Book Day, Easter egg donations for non – uniform day and your £1's for Red Nose Day. In all, your support at the Book Fair managed to raise **£318.74** and for Red Nose Day, we have raised over **£200**, although money is still coming into school for this. Your Easter Egg donations will be used as prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt that took place this morning.



Huge thanks for all your support with these events.



Recent performances – There have been some fantastic musical performances by our children recently. Miss Gray led the children/choir as they took part in the annual Rotary Shoebox service at St. George's Church. Mrs Pearce accompanied our children as they sang in St. George's Church on Mothering Sunday. We also had a superb xylophone performance from the children in Year 4 which gave them a chance to showcase the hard work they have been putting into their weekly music lessons with Mrs Lord. Finally, yesterday saw our school choir holding their usual end of term performance for parents/carers. Well done to everyone involved.

KS2 Easter Service – Our children walked to St. George's Church yesterday to take part in our very own Easter service. This involved the children singing Easter songs with the Easter story being narrated and acted out by the children. Thanks to Mrs Jeffries and Miss Gray for organising and leading this service with our older children.



Easter Egg Hunt – The draw for this took place today in the school hall. Children have recently been adding their names next to a number on a 100 square grid in class. Raffle tickets were drawn and each child with their name on the numbers picked out won an Easter egg – thank you for all your donations to support this event.

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Shakerley Fun Day – There will be a variety of fun activities taking place on the Shakerley estate on **Monday 10th April (12pm – 3pm)** which will involve some of our school staff. Our Lancaster Avenue nursery will be open for you to have a look around – on the grassed land at the side of this we will have Mr Cooke with ‘beat the goalie’ and I will be locked up in the stocks so that you can throw wet sponges at me (both for FREE!). Mr Cooke has already claimed that no – one will score past him and I know from previous experience how no wet sponges will be harming my flowing locks of hair! Come along and prove us wrong! Other activities on the day include: Curious Critters, pottery painting, a climbing wall as well as an Easter egg hunt and much more. I hope to see you there.

St. George’s Day celebration – On Friday 21st April we are asking that all children come to school dressed wearing red and white or anything related to St. George if you wish, for example: a knight. Throughout the day the children will undertake activities linked to St. George’s Day, which they will then share with the rest of the school later in the day. Your child can bring anything in from home to support their learning with this on the day.



First Aid for Sport – Some of our Y6 children recently took part in a First Aid for Sports session at Garrett Hall. The children learned basic first aid skills with a focus on the types of injury children may experience in competitive sports.

Mini Water-polo Festival – Eight children from St. George’s Central School recently took part in a Mini Water-polo Festival at the Pelican Centre against children from eight other primary schools. Our team played exceptionally well, winning all their matches to qualify for final, where they met Garrett Hall (who the team had beaten in the first match of the event!). Unfortunately for our team, Garrett Hall used the motivation of that earlier defeat to overcome our team, winning 8 – 5. Well done to Oliver Briggs, Rachel Clarke, Caitlin Davies, Harry Edwards Shorter, Thomas Marsh, Heidi Marsh, Daniel Senior and Oliver Sincup who made up the team.



Y3/4 Futsal Festival – Friday 10th March saw children from Y3/4 take part in a Futsal Festival against ten other schools. Our team qualified for the final where they were narrowly beaten on penalties by Holy Family. Well done to Leon Beca, Caden Corris, Ben Green, Ike Iwelu, Tommy Hampson and Cameron Taylor who represented the school in this event.



Mosaic Day – Our Sports Councillors recently worked with children from 14 other local primary schools on the ATSA logo mosaic. Artist, Stephen Charnock, supported the children as they built up the design over the course of the day. The final design should be ready to be displayed in the local community within the next few months.



KS1 Dance Festival – Eight children from St. George’s Central School recently took part in a KS1 Dance festival at 180 Dance club, against children from five other primary schools. The children performed a dance from ‘Wizard of Oz’ and I am pleased to inform you that the team successfully **won** to become the 2016/17 KS1 Dance Champions! Well done to Millie Briggs, Pippa Edwards-Shorter, Poppy Hampson, Eva Molyneaux, Leah Molyneaux, Ryhan Ogungbola, Lewis Snowden and Ella Wall who made up the St. George’s Central team.



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

- *Final two matches in the mixed football league*
- *Girls’ Football festival*
- *Tag Rugby festival*
- *Y5/6 Rounders festival*

See more about all these ATSA stories above on the ATSA Facebook page.

The next newsletter will be emailed out on Friday 26th May. Paper copies of the newsletter will be made available at the school office for you to pick up should you wish. Have a great Easter with your families.

Mr M Grogan - Headteacher

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