



## Newsletter – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

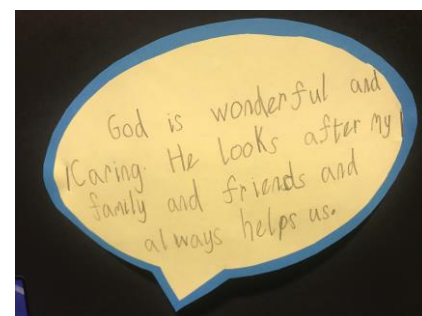
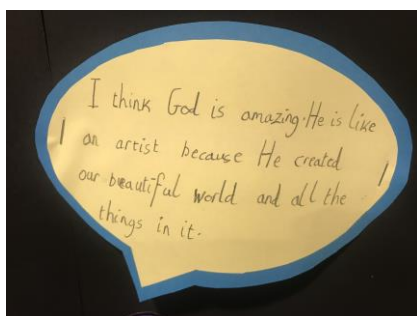
### Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:NT	97.41%	Y1TL	94.37%	Y3EG	97.68%	Y5JY	95.84%
YR:TK	94.27%	Y1/2OB	96.19%	Y3/4CS	92.75%	Y5/6NC	96.33%
		Y2JW	92.75%	Y4HJ	96.83%	Y6AJM	96.67%
<b>Whole school attendance: 95.56%</b>							

*\*%'s are up to and including Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November*

### Autumn term (2<sup>nd</sup> half) Reflective Question

Great to see some of the thoughts from our children in response to this half term's Reflective Question: **What is God like?**



**Reception starters 2020** – Applications for Reception places are now open online for you to submit an application for your child to start our Reception class in September 2020. The closing date for admissions is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Should you know anyone with children starting school in September 2020, then please let them know that we do not have a formal open afternoon or evening. **We welcome people to come and look around our school at any time** and so please ask people to ring or email (using the details in the footer of this newsletter) and we will make an appointment to meet with me and have a look round.



**Early Years workshops** – Many thanks to all who attended our recent Early Years workshops. We hope you found the Reception 'Reading and Phonics' workshop and the Nursery 'Prime Parent Partnerships' workshop informative and useful. Your enthusiastic participation at both ensured the workshops were a great success and we hope your children are enjoying the resources you took home. Look out for more Early Years workshops in the Spring Term.



**Remembrance Events** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November was a special day for school as we received our now traditional visit from members of the Tyldesley British Legion. We would like to thank the members of the Tyldesley British Legion for, yet again, providing an informative



talk to the children, helping to ensure that future generations continue to remember the bravery that members of the armed forces demonstrated in the past and continue to show today. Thanks to your support, our Poppy Appeal in school managed to raise **£353.25**. Our week of Remembrance events was rounded off with a fantastic turn out of children and staff at the Remembrance Sunday parade. Again, thank you all for your support with all our Remembrance events.

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**Children in Need** – Your fantastic support for our recent Children in Need ‘Non-Uniform’ day helped school to raise **£235** for charity. Thank you again for all your support.



**Hinning House** – Meetings have recently taken place with parents/carers of children who will be going on the annual residentials to Hinning House, in January and February. Like last year, we will be having two trips so that all 33 children are able to spend a week in the Lake District. For the January week, only children from St. George’s Central will be attending, whereas, for the February week, we will again be joining up with children from St. Philip’s in Atherton. The children will spend the week exploring the countryside, orienteering, mountain biking as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure everyone is looking forward to the experience away from home.

**Parent View** – Thanks to everyone who completed questionnaires at our parents’ evenings regarding home learning at our school. The feedback for this has been collated and is now available on our website and has been used to support our new Home Learning Policy. Click the link to view a summary of the feedback: <http://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Home%20Learning%20Consultation%20results.pdf>.



Don’t forget to return your Parent View questionnaire to me, in school, by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Children in school will be completing a ‘child-friendly’ version of this questionnaire in the new year, which our school council will be ‘analysing’ on our behalf.



**School choir events** – **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** will see our school choir singing Christmas Carols at the switching on of the Christmas lights in Tyldesley town centre. On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** in St. George’s Church, our choir will be taking part in the Community Carol Service. There will also be our usual half termly performance in school for you on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9:05am**.



**ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision**



October half term saw children from our school join with children from 4 other schools to attend the ATSA ‘All Sports Holiday Provision’. A varied programme of sporting opportunities (Athletics with Jenny Meadows, Dance with MB Dance, First Aid and Fun Swim, Boxing Fit and Fun with ‘Become a Champion’ and Football with Wigan Athletic) were on offer over the 5 days with children being able to sign up for different days for £3 a day (with lunch included)! The programme for February half term 2020 has been finalised and will be advertised early in the new year.



**KS2 Kurling Competition** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November saw our KS2 Kurling team take part in a competition against five other schools. The children played really well and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the final. Well done to: Bradley Graham, Eva Molyneaux, Noah Molyneaux and Finlay Torr who represented our school at this event.

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**VX Competition** – Some children from Y5 and Y6 recently took part in a competition in a sport called VX. The game involves children scooping up soft tennis balls with a lacrosse style stick and throwing the balls at their opponents. The main methods of scoring points are for hitting your opponent with a ball or catching a ball that was thrown at you. After playing matches against three other schools, I am pleased to inform you that the team successfully gained the most points to become the 2019/20 **VX champions!** Well done to Lacey Almond, Jenna Binks, Crystal Butler, Marley Crawford, Bradley Graham, Daniel Ivanov, Maisie Millward, Ben Stanistreet, Cameron Taylor and Eva Topping who represented our school at this event.



**Y5/6 Basketball Competition** – On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November our Basketball team took part in a competition against six other schools. The team won four matches and drew two which meant they qualified for the final where they met Parklee. In a close final, our team was narrowly beaten and so finished as **runners-up**. Well done to: Jenna Binks, Marley Crawford, Alfie Daly, Bradley Graham, Clayton Johnson, Ella Meskell, Leah Molyneaux and Ryhan Ogungbola who represented our school at this event.

**Smite! Taster Session** – Children from St. George's Central were recently joined by children from two other schools to take part in a taster session of the inclusive sport, Smite! This is a game similar to ten pin bowling as the aim is to knock down 10 different numbered pins and get to a score of fifty. A big thank you to Ian Crosby from 'AllinclusiveSports' for leading this session.



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

**\*\*Table Tennis Taster Session\*\*    \*\*KS2 Dance Competition\*\*    \*\*Kickstarterz Taster Session\*\***

The next newsletter will be emailed out on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Paper copies of the newsletter will be made available in the letter holders in the entrance areas in school and Lancaster Avenue for you to pick up should you wish. Remember that we break up for Christmas at **3:00pm** for families at our nurseries and **3:15pm** for everyone at school on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Have a great month with your families.



Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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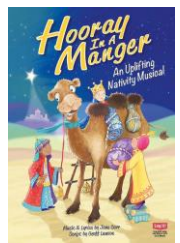
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## Information about Christmas productions/events

This year there will be a Christmas productions from children in our:

- \*Lancaster Avenue Nursery\*
- \*Darlington Street Nursery\*
- \*Reception\*
- \*Year 1 & Year 2\*



For all school based performances, tickets will go on sale on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9am and 3pm** from Mrs Kearns. Please queue at the external door near the main entrance. Tickets for the Lancaster Avenue Nursery performance, at Shakerley Community Centre, will go also go on sale on the same date from Ms Naughton in the Nursery office. From **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** any remaining tickets for any performances will go on OPEN SALE from the school/nursery offices.

<b>Darlington Street (School) Nursery</b>	
<b>Details:</b>	The children from our Darlington Street Nursery will perform some Christmas songs in our school hall After the performance you will be invited down to nursery for a 'Stay and Play' session (nursery may get rather busy and so please only attend <b>one</b> of 'Stay and Play' sessions).
<b>Tickets:</b>	Tickets are priced at <b>50p</b> and are on sale from Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 9am and 3pm from Mrs Kearns external door: <b>4 tickets per child in total</b> <b><i>You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.</i></b>
<b>Dates/Times:</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 1:30pm start and Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 9:30am start
<b>Reception</b>	
<b>Details:</b>	The children in Reception will be performing ' <b>Everyone Loves a Baby</b> '
<b>Tickets:</b>	Tickets are priced at <b>£1</b> and are on sale from Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 9am and 3pm from Mrs Kearns external door: <b>4 tickets per child in total</b> <b><i>You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.</i></b>
<b>Dates/Times:</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 2:30pm start and Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 10:30am start
<b>Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b>	
<b>Details:</b>	The children in Year 1 & Year 2 will be performing ' <b>Hooray in a Manger</b> '
<b>Tickets:</b>	Tickets are priced at <b>£1</b> and are on sale from Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 9am and 3pm from Mrs Kearns external door: <b>2 tickets per child in total</b> <b><i>You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.</i></b>
<b>Dates/Times:</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 6:00pm start and Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 2:00pm start

There will be a raffle at each school performance with tickets on sale for £1 a strip.

<b>Lancaster Avenue Nursery (Pre-School)</b>	
<b>Details:</b>	The Pre-School children from Lancaster Avenue Nursery will perform some Christmas songs at <b>Shakerley Community Centre</b>
<b>Tickets:</b>	Tickets are priced at <b>50p</b> and are on sale from Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November from Ms Naughton in the Nursery office: <b>3 tickets per child in total</b> <b><i>You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance</i></b>
<b>Dates/Times:</b>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 2:30pm start
<b>Lancaster Avenue Nursery (Toddler Room)</b>	
<b>Details:</b>	The children in the Toddler Room at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery will be having a Christmas singing/activities 'Stay and Play' session
<b>Dates/Times:</b>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 9:00am until 10:00am

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**Babies and other children** – Please note that tickets for the **school based** performances are for older siblings and adults **ONLY**. For those who need to bring children, babies or toddlers, a crèche will be provided. This also includes all children from St. George's Central who will have seen all dress rehearsals.

**Photographs and digital recording** – Under no circumstances are you to use your phone/camera in school or take any photographs during any of the performances, including at the end. We will have already have taken individual/group photographs of the children in their costumes which we will upload to our school Facebook page and my Twitter page (@MrGSGC) so that you can save and print images yourself, in your preferred style at your leisure.



**\*\*\*Please note: all the school based performances on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be filmed by school and you will be able to purchase copies of this. A separate letter will be sent home about this soon\*\*\***

**Costumes** – We are hoping to provide costumes within school. If any additional support with costumes is required individual class teachers will let you know.



**Pantomime** – The afternoon of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December will see our children from Reception to Year 6 go to The Opera House in Manchester to watch Snow White, starring Craig Revel Horwood. As always, funds raised over the year via our PTFA will be used to support this **FREE** event. You will soon receive a letter from Mrs Morris, giving further details about this trip.

### Christmas party days

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Y5/6 party day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Y3/4 party day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Reception/Y1/Y2 party day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Lancaster Avenue Nursery party day (Toddler Room)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Lancaster Avenue Nursery party day (Pre-School Room)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Darlington Street Nursery party day

Non uniform for children when it is their party day



**Christmas dinner** – On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas dinner will be served for all pupils and staff in school. Should your child be on packed lunches and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner then please let the school office know by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. We are inviting **all children** to bring a Christmas cracker with them on this day.



**KS2 Carol Service** – On the morning of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, all KS2 children will be walking to St. George's Church to take part in our very own carol service. This will start at 10am and will involve the children telling the story of the first Christmas through a mix of narration and songs. All members of the St. George's Central community are invited to this.



### **Christmas disco details: Wednesday 18th December 2019**

<b>Reception, Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b>	<p><b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b> <i>Children to bring their disco clothes to school and remain in school at home time to get changed.</i>                      The disco will be <b>£2 per child</b> (cash brought to the school office beforehand).                      There will be some light refreshments included and children will not need to bring any other money on the night – just their dancing shoes!</p>
<b>Year 3 – Year 6</b>	<p><b>5:00pm – 6:30pm</b>                      The disco will be <b>£1 per child</b> (cash brought to the school office beforehand).                      'Tuck shop' available for children (£2 maximum will be sufficient)                      There should be no need for children to bring a mobile phone with them to the school disco</p>

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