



Newsletter – Friday 30th April 2021

It was great to welcome your children back to school last week! Hopefully, we are all now back in school 'for the duration' as we look positively towards the future. Whilst we are positively looking forwards, we must also continue to follow the government guidance currently in place, in order to ensure that we keep all members of our community safe. As we do look forwards, it is always worth looking back and reflecting upon the past in order to learn lessons for the future. With that in mind, we would appreciate your support by completing our short 'Lockdown 2021' online survey. So much has happened since January 2021 and I do not feel that we have fully 'taken stock' of everything! Your support was fantastic during this time and so if you could please support us further through clicking the link and providing us with feedback on our approach during this most recent lockdown so that we are able to continue to improve our offer. Thank you in advance: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RCTTWL/>



Staffing update – Friday 28th May will be the final day working at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery for Mrs Reeder. Mrs Reeder covers classes across school each Monday – Wednesday and is in charge of Breakfast Club. She is leaving to spend time looking after her twin grandchildren (Florence and Frances) and so she will be kept busy! Mrs Reeder has worked at St. George's Central for over 20 years and we thank her for all her hard work during this time. We are sure that we will see her again! After half term, Miss Jones will be working in our Breakfast Club.

Recent work undertaken in school

There have been some 'upgrades' and 'additions' taking place in school over the past few weeks, including:

- new chairs for children in Key Stage 2;
- development of the classroom in our extension;
- the Nursery/Reception wooden canopy at the front of school replaced;
- new equipment in our KS1 resource area;
- new furniture and flooring in Y1TL for our 'continuous provision' approach;
- development of the 'quiet area' of our school playground and
- a new stage built at the far end of the school field.



Many thanks to former St. George's Central pupil, Tom Meekin, who came and collected our old school chairs so that they could be transported to be used in schools in Nigeria.

Over the next few weeks, we will be looking to develop other areas of our school, so as to provide the very best for your children. I am still in talks with the local council about extending the school boundary to incorporate part of the wooded area at the rear of school.

I will continue to keep you updated with this.



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Reception starters 2021 – If you were recently offered a place for our September 2021 Reception cohort then please ensure that you notify us in school that you are accepting the place by emailing our school office: enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk. We will soon be writing out to all our new starters (Darlington Street Nursery and Reception) with details about our ‘Welcome Sessions’.



St. George's Day – Thank you for your support as we celebrated St. George's Day in school. Your children looked great! Children reflected and responded to the story of St. George through our Christian Values and the children learned the song ‘When a Knight Won His Spurs’. If you click the link below you will see the culmination of the children's work from across school:



https://youtu.be/9kCgGmHI_Lk



****Please note that school will be closed for Bank Holiday on Monday 3rd May 2021****



Staying open! – Although school will still be used as a Polling Station on **Thursday 6th May 2021** for the elections, our school will **REMAIN OPEN** on this day. Like recent years, the Music Room in our new extension will be used for this. In order to ensure that all COVID-19 guidance is met for voters, Wigan Council will provide a marshall on the external door to this part of the school who will control the amount of people who can safely be in the building. On this day, the ‘Peel Hall’ playground entrance will be closed all day. In order to ensure school is more accessible for you, all classroom doors will be open from **8:30am onwards and closed at 9:10am**. Therefore, please head straight towards your child's classrooms doors as soon as you arrive. At home time, classroom doors will be open for you to collect children at the following times:

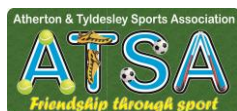
****Year 1TL, Year 1/2OB and Year 2JW: 2:45pm onwards****

****Nursery and Reception: 3:00pm onwards****

****Year 3LK, Year 3/4CS and Year 4HJ: 3:15pm onwards****

****Year 5JY, Year 5/6NC and Year 6AJM: 3:20pm****

As always, if you have to collect multiple children from different classrooms, please aim to arrive at the ‘later time’ to avoid having to wait around our site. Should you use our school for voting purposes on the day, then please use the gate on ‘Peel Hall’ side of school and walk down to the extension where you will be able to cast your vote.



Inter-school Sports events (ATSA) – School Sports events organised by ATSA will be officially starting on Monday 10th May, with the Girls' Football Cup Competition which will be held here at St. George's Central. A programme of events is in place for the Summer Term and is being emailed to all local schools next week.

Class Worship – During May, the following Class Worship will be taking place:



Date	Class(es)
Friday 14 th May	Year 5JY and Year 5NC Class Worship
Friday 21 st May	Year 4HJ Class Worship
Friday 28 th May	Year 3/4CS Class Worship



It is highly unlikely that guidance will change to allow you to come into school to watch any of these performances and so they will be filmed and a YouTube link of this will be shared with the parents/carers of the children involved.

Paper copies of this newsletter are available in the letter holders in the school entrance area for you to pick up should you wish. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 28th May. Have a great month with your families.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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