



Newsletter – Friday 23rd October 2020

We have arrived at the end of a very 'different' half term at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery. Our Lancaster Avenue Nursery will also close today at 3:00pm and will re – open for children on **Monday 2nd November** with doors open from 8:45am each morning and 2:45pm each afternoon for collection. Our school will close today at 3:15pm and re – open for children on **Monday 2nd November**. We will be continuing with our current approach for classroom doors opening in a morning and after school:

Class	Doors open in a morning	Doors open for collection
Darlington Street Nursery	8:30am	2:45pm onwards
Reception (both classes)	8:30am	3:00pm onwards
Y1TL, Y1/2OB and Y2JW	8:30am	3:00pm onwards
Y3EG, Y3/4CS and Y4HJ	8:30am	3:15pm
Y5JY, Y5/6NC and Y6AJM	8:30am	3:15pm

There are still COVID-19 restrictions very much in place and so please, upon returning to our school site after half term remember to:

****adhere to, and manage, your own social distancing measures in and around school when arriving and leaving****

****telephone or email should you wish to speak to any of our staff including the school office or nursery office****

****arrive at a 'later' time if you have to collect multiple children from different areas so as to reduce your waiting around our school site at home time****

Guidance is in place to reduce COVID-19 infection rates within our locality and so please help by following the basic steps around school. No one is more frustrated than me that we have not yet invited you into school to meet with teachers for parents' evening or to watch your child in a Class Worship in our school hall. We will only experience these positive events again once rates of infection are under some kind of control and so let's work together to ensure that all members of the St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery community remain safe so that we can once again enjoy the many positive experiences that our school usually offers.

Staffing updates



Congratulations to our Year 3 teacher, Miss Glassbrook, who has successfully been appointed to the role of Deputy Headteacher at St. Andrew's CE Infant School in Leyland. Miss Glassbrook has been teaching at our school since September 2012. She will start her new role in January and so will leave us at Christmas. We will all be sad to see Miss Glassbrook leave but I am sure you will all join me in wishing her every success in the next step in her career at St. Andrew's. A recruitment process will soon be taking place to ensure we have a Year 3 teacher in place for January.



There are also some changes taking place at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery as both Ms Naughton and Miss Booth will be leaving at Christmas. Ms Naughton and Miss Booth have both been at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery since we took it over in 2016. We will be sad to see them leave but I am sure you will join me in wishing them well for the future. A recruitment process recently took place and I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Cory was appointed as our new Nursery Manager, starting this role from January 2021. An advertisement will soon appear online as we look to find a new deputy manager to work at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery from January.



I will keep you informed of our progress with these appointments via our newsletters over the coming months

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Class based Worship themes – During the second half term, children will be focusing on the following:

School Value: Compassion

Reflective question: Who is the most compassionate person you know?

Bikeability – Some children from Year 6 recently took part in Bikeability sessions on our school site and within the local community. Children learned how to cycle safely on the road including signalling, positioning and completing safety checks on their bikes. Well done to all the children who successfully passed the Level 1 and Level 2 standard!



Harvest Celebrations – This week in school we have been celebrating our Harvest Service. Each class made use of our new recording studio in school to film a contribution to our 'virtual' Service and classes spent time watching the final Harvest video throughout this week. The children enjoyed celebrating what other classes had been doing and seeing how their contributions have added to the final Service. A big thank you to all parents/carers who helped with the learning of parts.

Reception 2021 intake – Should you know anyone with children starting school in September 2021 who will soon be submitting choices for which school they would like to attend, 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 tell 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 'safe' look round, following all COVID-19 guidance on visitors to school.



Secondary School applications – For the parents/carers of children in Year 6, do not forget to complete your child's application for Secondary School by the closing date of **Saturday 31st October 2020**. The main information page and admissions booklet can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Secondary-schools.aspx>

You will be notified in March 2021 of the name of the Secondary School that your child will be going to.

Remote Home Learning – Earlier this week we emailed you information about the online learning platform, 'Seesaw' that we have recently subscribed to. Throughout this week, your children have accessed their 'Seesaw' account in school with their class teacher and yesterday your child brought home their 'log in' information sheet. If you have not done so, please download the Seesaw 'App' and follow the log in instructions you received. In the first instance, our use of 'Seesaw' will be used to support teaching and learning with individuals or whole classes during periods of self-isolation or lockdown. Our aim is that from Monday 2nd November 2020, should your child be absent from school as they are self-isolating, then teachers will be setting remote home learning activities via the 'Seesaw' App. Over time, our teaching staff will further develop and explore the use of 'Seesaw' as we look to make full use of its capabilities with regards to home learning and communication between home and school. Click the link to see the parent/carer Seesaw information sheet that was sent out early this week: <https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/home/SGC%20Seesaw%20information.pdf>



Remembrance events in school – This year, to avoid large gatherings, no Remembrance Sunday parades or outside services are being organised. In school, we are unable to have our usual visit from The Tyldesley Branch of the British Legion. Instead, our History leader, Miss Glassbrook will be leading Worship with each class in the hall, on a different day. Each class will also be preparing work to be used as part of a display which Mrs S Toone has already started to put together. We are also looking at organising for some children to walk to Tyldesley Cemetery with staff on Wednesday 11th November to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.

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Well-Being – Staff in our school have always included, and taken into account, strategies and opportunities to develop positive mental health and well-being with our children. To support this further, upon our return to school this year, staff have started to trial various other strategies within their class to promote this and we recently ‘trailed’ the use of ‘The Stirling Children’s Well-Being Scale’ questionnaire with children in Year 4 – Year 6. This may be something that parents/carers of children in Year 4 – Year 6 talk about during the phone calls home in a couple of weeks. Click the link below to view the questionnaire children undertook:



<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Questionnaire/The%20Stirling%20Children's%20Wellbeing%20Scale.pdf>



Phone calls home – Calls for Nursery and Reception parents/carers have taken place all this week. Confirmed times for Year 1 and Year 2 calls were sent out to you earlier this week. Confirmed Year 3 and Year 4 call times, and information about Year 5 and Year 6 calls will be sent out to parents/carers upon our return to school after half term.

See below for a reminder of the dates for all remaining phone calls home:

Date	Class and time of calls home
Monday 2 nd November	Y1TL: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y1/2OB: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday 3 rd November	Y2JW: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 4 th November	Y1TL: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y1/2OB: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 5 th November	Y2JW: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Monday 9 th November	Y3EG: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y3/4CS: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday 10 th November	Y4HJ: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 11 th November	Y3EG: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y3/4CS: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 12 th November	Y4HJ: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Monday 16 th November	Y5JY: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y5/6NC: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday 17 th November	Y6AJM: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 18 th November	Y5JY: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y5/6NC: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 19 th November	Y6AJM: 4:00pm – 7:00pm



Children in Need – This year for Children in Need the theme is '5 to Thrive' focusing on the positive impact of wellbeing. Children will spend time on Friday 13th November taking part in '5 to Thrive' activities. In order to raise money on that day, children can come dressed to school in non-uniform for a £1 donation. Click the link to see more about the '5 to Thrive' activities: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/>



Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:NT	91.91%	Y1TL	91.39%	Y3EG	96.13%	Y5JY	97.16%
YR:TK	95.87%	Y1/2OB	94.05%	Y3/4CS	92.13%	Y5/6NC	94.21%
		Y2JW	96.89%	Y4HJ	93.31%	Y6AJM	95.61%
Whole school attendance: 94.42%							

**%s are up to and including Friday 16th October*

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 27th November. Have a great half term with your family and remember to follow all recommended government guidance during time away from school so that we can all safely return and enjoy all school has to offer.


Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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