

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 26th February 2021

We arrive at the final school day of February 2021, with the arrangements for schools confirmed, and so we are looking forward to seeing **all** our children in nursery/school on Monday 8th March. We are putting the finishing touches to our plans for this date and are aiming to email this document to you by next Thursday at the latest. Please note: the arrangements within the document you will receive next week will be slightly different to the information communicated to you for when we returned to school in September 2020. It is therefore important that you have a read through the information when you receive it, especially the timings and arrangements to access our sites. Our School Vision talks about us being 'adaptable individuals' and we will continue to adapt as more people are allowed to move more freely within our community. Click the links for the most recent Headteacher messages that have been recorded, including the **NEW** one for this week:

Friday 5th February 2021

<https://youtu.be/yUIKVfa3ZUg>

Friday 12th February 2021

<https://youtu.be/bWo3E9rIW5U>

Friday 26th February 2021

<https://vimeo.com/516721551>

It has been great to see all our nursery children and our other children in school, over the past few weeks. It has also been good to see and hear more examples of the work that have been submitted via Seesaw by our children at home. Thank you for your fantastic support with remote home learning. I know that it has not been easy and yet many of you have continued to support your child/ren with their learning whilst also undertaking other tasks at home as part of your own circumstances. Thanks again for your support with this and I am sure you, like me, are looking forward to the time when we are all back in school together.



Class based Worship themes – During this second half term of 2021, children have been focusing on the following:

School Value: Forgiveness

Reflective question: Does it matter if we forgive each other or not?

Staffing update – Friday 12th March will see Mrs Ward leave her Early Years Assistant role at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery to take up the role of Room Leader in the Pre-School Room at Hindley Community Primary School. Mrs Ward has been at our St. George's CE Nursery since we took it over in 2016. We will be sad to see her leave but I am sure you will join me in wishing her well for the future. Miss Derighetti, from our school site, will start at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site on a temporary basis from Monday 15th March.



Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February saw us celebrate Safer Internet Day. Even though internet safety is taught throughout the year in school, this day gives us a chance to remind ourselves of how best to stay safe online. Early Years and KS1 children read a story about a character called Digi Duck who the children helped to stay safe online with their answers and suggestions. Children in KS2 learned about how to recognise 'fake' information on the internet and what to do when they face different scenarios. The whole school contributed to a Safer Internet book which is now displayed in the computing suite for all to learn about how to be safe online. Click the link below from our school website should you wish to find out more about E-Safety: <https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/computinglinks.html>

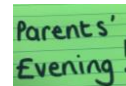
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Happy Chinese New Year – We welcomed Chinese New Year in style, opening this cultural week by requesting that children designed their own Chinese dragons. The response was amazing. We received painted dragons, huge model dragons, Lego dragons and costume dragons. We also asked children for their New Year wishes in the form of Chinese calligraphy; their wishes were thoughtful and inspiring. The week culminated on the Friday with a fantastic celebration of Chinese New Year coupled with cultural learning in art, craft and writing from each year group. Children were actively involved in traditional lantern making, performing Tai Chi, sketching the incredible Great Wall, zodiac puppet making, re-writing the story of Nian and much more. During our Chinese New Year celebration, the children confidently modelled the attribute of cultural understanding that is key to becoming a global citizen.

Phone calls home – This week, our Nursery and Reception phone calls home have taken place. Please see the table below with information about the phone calls for all other year groups, taking place over the next three weeks:



Date of phone calls home	Class and time of phone calls home	*Date the initial 'phone call home' email was sent to you:	Date for you to ring the school/nursery office to confirm your time:	Date a letter will be posted to you with your confirmed phone call time:
Monday 1st March	Y1TL: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y1/2OB: 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Monday 8 th February	Friday 12 th February	Wednesday 24 th February
Tuesday 2nd March	Y2JW: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Wednesday 3rd March	Y1TL: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y1/2OB: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Thursday 4th March	Y2JW: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Monday 8th March	Y3LK: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y3/4CS: 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Monday 22 nd February	Friday 26 th February	Wednesday 3 rd March
Tuesday 9th March	Y4HJ: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Wednesday 10th March	Y3LK: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y3/4CS: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Thursday 11th March	Y4HJ: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Monday 15th March	Y5/6NC: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y6AJM: 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Monday 1 st March	Friday 5 th March	Wednesday 10 th March
Tuesday 16th March	Y5JY: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Wednesday 17th March	Y5/6NC: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y6AJM: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Thursday 18th March	Y5JY: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			

****Please only contact school/nursery once you have received the initial email on the Monday – our school/nursery office will be ready to receive your responses once the email has been sent.***



Year 5 Hinning House residential (April 2021) – Unfortunately, the planned April 2021 trip for our Year 5 children to Hinning House will not take place at this time. We have an idea for how we can accommodate this trip for our current Year 5 children in the near future. We just need to confirm some details over the next few weeks. Once finalised, information will be sent out to both our current Year 5 **and** Year 4 parent/carers.

Reception starters 2021 – If you have a church card to support your child's application into our school for September 2021, please ensure you hand this in at the school office by **Monday 1st March 2021**.



World Book Day – This year, we celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. Mr Young has arranged for Scott Allen, author of 'Llamas go large' and 'Llama United' to visit each class via Zoom on the day to do some activities. Scott has a new book out this year which is Olympic themed. For children at home, look out for the Zoom codes that will be sent via Seesaw. There is no need for any children to dress up this year.



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School Swimming – At this time, we are unsure when swimming will start for our Year 3 and Year 4 children. I do know that it will not be starting on Monday 8th March. Over the next few weeks, I will be in constant communication with the Pelican Centre and will update parents/carers of children in Year 3 and Year 4 as soon as I know.

Red Nose Day – We will be supporting Red Nose Day on **Friday 19th March** through having a non-uniform day for £1 donation for all children and staff

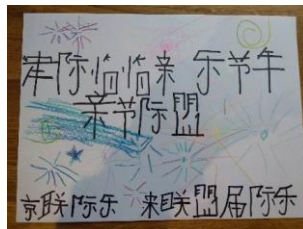
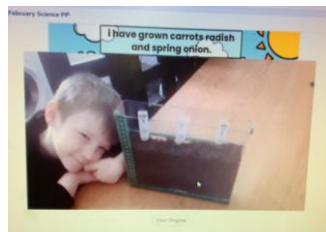
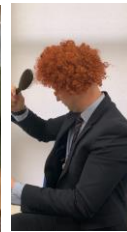


Easter Services – Our current plan is for there to be Easter Services, ready for you to view, throughout the day on Wednesday 31st March. Children will be putting something together in different class bubbles over the next few weeks to share with everyone on the final day of term. We will be filming the services to share with you via our YouTube channel, similar to the approach taken at Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March. Look out for the email with our 'plan' next week. The next 'official' newsletter will be sent out on Wednesday 31st March (the last day of the Spring Term). Our school site and Lancaster Avenue Nursery site will close on this day and re-open to children on Tuesday 20th April 2021. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan

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