

# St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



## Newsletter – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

We are now on the 'last lap' of the school year! It does sometimes feel like we are in a running race and just like in a 'real' relay running race, it is usually on the last lap where we have to 'run the fastest'. That has been no different in real life at St. George's Central as there has been plenty to keep us busy! If I am honest, I would not want it any other way as, if we are busy, 'running at our fastest', it is because we are providing so many opportunities for your children. We have recently:



- continued with extra-curricular clubs;
- had children take part in inter-school sports events;
- continued with Kickstarters with our Early Years children in school;
- welcomed Tri-Kidz into school for Year 1 – Year 6 children;
- started transition events with our partner high schools;
- held our European Cultural Awareness Week;
- undertaken end of year assessments with your children;
- welcomed 'Mindfulness Minis' into school;
- welcomed Rector Martin back into school..... and so much more!



As included in the May newsletter, please see the timings below for when our school doors open and close at the start and end of the school day throughout the Summer Term:

Summer Term
Lancaster Avenue Nursery site open for all children (doors open from 9:00am)
Darlington Street (school) site open for all children:
KS1 doors open from <b>8:40am</b> until <b>9:05am</b> each morning and from <b>3:00pm</b> at home time
Nursery doors open from <b>8:45am</b> until <b>9:05am</b> each morning and from <b>2:45pm</b> at home time
Reception doors open from <b>8:45am</b> until <b>9:05am</b> each morning and from <b>3:00pm</b> at home time
Y3LK, Y3/4CS & Y4HJ open from <b>8:50am</b> until <b>9:05am</b> each morning and at <b>3:15pm</b> at home time
Y5JY, Y5/6NC & YAM open from <b>8:50am</b> until <b>9:05am</b> each morning and at <b>3:20pm</b> at home time



Earlier this week I emailed you our annual '**three stars and a wish**' survey to complete. We ask you to complete this survey so that we can reflect upon the previous 12 months, sharing any successes and considering any feedback for improvement. The survey is for all members of the St. George's Central community and involves you telling me three things you think the school does well and one thing that we might improve. Once surveys are returned, we collate and discuss the information we have received from you. We then aim to provide you with feedback before we break for summer. This is so that everyone who is providing feedback will see our responses, even those that will not be returning with children in September 2021. I would be grateful if you could complete this short survey by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. We hope that by completing the survey again this year, we can work together to continually improve.

**Extra-curricular clubs** – Today has been the final day of extra-curricular clubs. After today, there will be no extra-curricular clubs or tutoring groups until September 2021. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff who have given up their time to lead these clubs, at lunchtimes and after school. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, our 2021/2022 key dates letter will be emailed to you, with paper copies being in our entrance area on this day also. This letter will include the dates that all extra-curricular letters will be emailed to you throughout the whole of next year and the 'cut-off dates' that you need to let us know in school if your child would like to take part (via one of the many methods we use for this). Please ensure you become familiar with these dates so that your child does not miss out.



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**Staffing updates** – In our May newsletter, we provided you with several staffing developments for September 2021. At the time of the newsletter being sent to you, we were in the middle of a recruitment process and so I am now able to share with you that **Miss Billington** will be starting at our school in September as one of our KS2 class teachers. Miss Billington has recently qualified as a teacher and we are pleased that she will be starting her career at our school. A full and complete class teacher list will be included as part of the next newsletter, that will be emailed to you on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July, with paper copies in our entrance area on this day also.

**Class Worship** – During June, the following Class Workshops have taken place. Click the links to view all the recent performances:

Date	Class(es)	Link to Class Worship
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3LK Class Worship	<a href="https://youtu.be/bNeJ2MoCPqo">https://youtu.be/bNeJ2MoCPqo</a>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1/2OB Class Worship	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPA8sDWhu7Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPA8sDWhu7Y</a>

Please see the Summer Term (2<sup>nd</sup> half) dates letter for the dates of all other Class Workshops in June and July.



**Tri-Kidz (IronKidz Challenge)** – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June saw our Year 1 – Year 6 children turn into triathletes as we were visited by The Tri-Kidz team. The children enjoyed taking part in some fun based ‘swimming’, cycling and running sessions. On the second day, we were lucky enough to receive a visit from 2019 Ironman UK winner, Kelly Warrington. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 were able to ask a ‘real’ triathlete some questions about her magnificent achievement in swimming 2.4 miles in 1 hour 5 minutes, cycling 112 miles in 6 hours 19 minutes and running 26.2 miles (a marathon!) in 3 hours 28 minutes...without stopping! (I am tired just typing this!). We thank both Tri-Kidz and Kelly for visiting our school.



**European Cultural Awareness Week** – During our first week back after half term, to mark the long awaited Euro 2020 football tournament, we held a European Cultural Awareness Week. Each class was allocated a country and throughout that week children enjoyed learning all about their country’s geography, history, language, citizens and festivals. Thanks to Mr Kenny for coordinating the events in school during that week. As you can see from the pictures below, the children had a great time and learned lots. Click the link to view the performances from each class: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QParSeqfLfi>



**Mindful Minis** – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June saw our re-arranged, Mindful Minis programme take place in school. Both children and staff participated in sessions which promoted the theme of mindfulness. A range of workshops were delivered to children in Year 1 – Year 6 with elements linked to meditation, breathing, yoga, reflection and the power of a positive mindset.



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**Show your support for England Days** – Many thanks for your support with these days. We thought we would let Marcus Rashford concentrate on the football and we could help out with distributing your donated food items within the community. The next 'Show your support for England Day' will be on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. Let's hope that there are a few more before the end of the tournament!



**Pictures from our recent Sports days**



**Team Treat Day** – Children across our school are divided into teams. Your child will have been earning team points, through their work and behaviour, for either: St Matthew, St Mark, St Luke or St John. This year, Mr Simmons is organising a 'Team Treat' Day where all children from the overall winning team (as shown by how far that team has moved on our guided busway display) will have a non-uniform day with food and drink to acknowledge their victory. Letters will be sent out soon to children who are on the winning team.

**Annual Reports and School books** – Your child's annual school report will be sent home on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. As usual with our reports, there is an opportunity for you to comment and let us know any thoughts and feedback on the year as a whole. Please ensure that you return any completed forms to class teachers at school by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. This last half term, all children have started their new school books that they will take with them to their new class in September. We will therefore be sending your child's school books (September 2020 – May 2021) home on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. We are required to keep a sample of books as evidence of work completed in previous academic years. Therefore, a small number of children will not bring some of their books home this time. If this is the case for your child, please call into school to have a look at them. They will be given them to keep at the end of next year.



**KS2 end of year production** – Rehearsals for Y6 children are now well under way for the end of year KS2 production. This will start to gather pace over the next few weeks as the stage will be set up in the hall. As you know from the previous newsletter, due to guidance and spacing in our hall, we will be filming the Y6 children on stage and children in Y3 – Y5 singing the songs in class groups so that there will be a YouTube clip of the final performance ready for you to view on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**.

<b>Year 6 Leavers' Events</b>
<b>Drayton Manor</b> – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July will see an early start for the staff and children in Year 6 as they make their way to Drayton Manor for their annual leavers' trip. A further letter will soon be sent out to Y6 children providing the finer details of this trip.
<b>Leavers' disco</b> – This free disco will be for Year 6 children only and will take place on <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 5:00pm – 7:00pm</b> (including pizzas as a Year 6 leavers' treat).
<b>Leavers' service in school</b> – We will film the annual prize giving and leavers' service ready to send out to you on <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> .... however..... <i>should the weather be kind to us on this day, we will invite Y6 parents/carers <u>only</u> onto our school field to watch this service take place 'live'. We need to finalise all the arrangements but we feel we could safely manage this with the numbers involved on our large school field. Obviously, short notice will be given and so let's hope for good weather.</i>

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**Crown Green Bowling Taster Sessions** – Children in Y5JY, Y5/6NC and Y6AM recently enjoyed taking part in Bowling Taster Sessions at Tyldesley Bowling Club. From the children who attended we will be selecting a team to take part in a Crown Green Bowling Competition for schools in July.

**Netball matches** – A group of girls recently represented the school in netball matches against Holy Family and Tyldesley Primary. Well done to all the girls that took part in the matches.



**Cycle Speedway Taster Session** – Four children from Y6 recently took part in Cycle Speedway Taster Sessions at Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club. They were very brave riding bikes without brakes! The children will return on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June to take part in a Cycle Speedway Competition against pupils from two other schools.

**Yoga Taster Session** – Fifteen Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in some Yoga activities at a Yoga Taster Session. The session was led by Toni Aspinall from Toni Marie Yoga.



**KS2 Mixed Football Cup Competition** – On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, the mixed football team took part in an ATSA competition involving five schools. The children from St. George's Central played very well, winning two of their three matches. The event was eventually settled after a penalty shoot-out and I am pleased to announce that we are the **2020-2021 Mixed Football Cup Champions**. Children who took part in this were: Aston Braddish, Pedro Boeteng-Carniero, Marley Crawford, Jack Duffy, Oliver Houlihan, Laiton Hugo-Williams, Oliver Jackson and Lucas Thorpe.

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

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| **Cycle Speedway Competition** | **Y3/4 Rounders Competition** | **Kickstarterz Taster Session**     |
| **KS1 Football Festival**      | **Tennis Taster Session**     | **Crown Green Bowling Competition** |

Paper copies of this newsletter will be available in the letter holders in the school entrance area for you to pick up should you wish. The final newsletter of the year will be sent home on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. On the same day, your child will bring home a letter informing you of their class for September 2021. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we will email you the key dates letter for 2021/2022. Have a great few weeks.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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