



## Newsletter – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

As we head towards Christmas, we continue to live in 'ever-changing' times and we thank you for continuing to follow the 'new' approaches around school. It is worth remembering that we are still asking you to:

***\*maintain a 'safe distance' from other families when waiting around school\****

***\*ensure you follow the one-way system in place each morning (it is only really Nursery parents/carers arriving at a later time and Y2JW parents/carers who we should see coming back up the paths towards us each morning)\****

***\*ensure you follow the 'agreed' system in place when collecting from school (remember that if you are collecting from Year 5 and/or Year 6 only, you can walk back across the playground to access Darlington Street as the nursery side is 'clear' at the time you are leaving)\****

We are also asking that you are respectful of the residents on Darlington Street when accessing the street in your vehicles.



We have received feedback from residents recently regarding cars blocking footpaths, being parked on the yellow zig zag lines and even in the designated Disabled bay on the street! We have over 300 children, from 3 years old to 11 years old, who we need to access and leave our school in a safe way each day. Many arrive with adults, but some are on their own. Please take steps to not



only respect the traffic systems that are in place on Darlington Street but also ensure that all people remain safe. Maybe avoid Darlington Street altogether if arriving by car? Please give some thought to this if you regularly drive on Darlington Street at 'school times' as, if there is anything we need to do at the minute, it is all work together.



**Home Learning** – Before half term we sent you log-in information so that we could start to make use of the online learning platform 'Seesaw' when children were absent from school due to self-isolating. We are now looking to further develop our use of 'Seesaw' to fully utilise its capabilities with regards to whole class messages and home learning activities for **all children** each week. Nursery and Reception staff will also start to use 'Seesaw' to communicate observations from school with you. **Therefore, if you have not already done so, please download the Seesaw Class App and regularly check your child's 'page' so that no message or activities are missed.** Please contact class teachers or the school office if you require any log-in details again.

**Phone calls home** – Hopefully you all received your parents/carers evening phone calls homes from teachers over the last month. Although our next parents/carers evenings are planned to take place in 2021, I have started to think about how best to organise this for next time. The aim of such evenings is for you to receive information from the teacher about your child and the progress they are making. Therefore any decision about how we approach this in the future will be based upon this aim and how best to ensure that you are able to effectively receive such information. We may change the dates of these evenings from the current ones advertised on the 'Key Dates' letter. I will ensure that you receive information about these in good time for you to make the necessary arrangements.



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**Remembrance Events** – Unfortunately, we were unable to have our annual visit from members of the Tyldesley British Legion. Instead, Miss Glassbrook led an informative Worship with each class in the hall, helping to ensure that children continue to remember the bravery that members of the armed forces demonstrated in the past and continue to show today. Each class also produced some work for our whole school display. Thanks to your support, our Poppy Appeal in school managed to raise **£367.90**. Although it was sad that we were unable to come together as school to take part in the annual Remembrance Sunday parade, there was some positivity when we returned to



school as Miley brought in the **£86** that she had raised through making, colouring and selling poppies within the community!



**MB Dance** – This half term, Miriam Bowyer has been delivering specialist dance sessions across the school. Each year group have produced their own dance linked to a book that they have been studying in class. The children have had opportunities to develop their dance skills, discuss key vocabulary and improvise and perform a range of different routines. Final performances are due to be filmed so that you are able to see the fantastic work that your children have been doing.

**Children in Need** – Your fantastic support for our recent Children in Need ‘Non-Uniform’ day helped school to raise **£311.24** for charity. The children had a great day taking part in the 5 to thrive activities Thank you again for all your support.



**Staffing updates** – You will know from the email that I recently sent that our Admin Officer, Miss Worden is leaving our school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We thank Miss Worden for all her hard work during her time at our school. As our next newsletter is on the last day of term, I will most likely communicate all our staffing updates to you, via email, over the next few weeks.

**Reception starters 2021** – 2021 Reception places are now open online for you to submit an application for your child to start our Reception class in September 2021. The closing date for admissions is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Should your child attend either of our nurseries and you have any questions or if you require any support with completing the form, then please do not hesitate to contact us in school. Should you know anyone with children starting school in September 2021, please let them know that I am continuing to show people around school safely on an individual basis. 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.



**Class attendance updates:**

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:NT	92.07%	Y1TL	93.20%	Y3EG	96.24%	Y5JY	95.78%
YR:TK	96.51%	Y1/2OB	94.74%	Y3/4CS	92.87%	Y5/6NC	95.19%
		Y2JW	97.16%	Y4HJ	93.26%	Y6AJM	96.00%
<b>Whole school attendance: 94.82%</b>							

*\*%’s are up to and including Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November*



**Parent View** – Don’t forget that today is the final day to complete the online Parent View questionnaire. I will close the survey tomorrow. Click the link to register your responses: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MSZEUS/>

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## Information about Christmas events at St. George's Central



**Christmas cards** – This year we are asking that **no Christmas cards are sent into school**. Very few cards were sent into school last year and so we are aiming to reduce the environmental impact and think it is appropriate that we start to make the change this year. You are of course free to make your own arrangements in terms of Christmas cards outside of school.

**Christmas gifts** – This year we are also saying that there is **no real need for you to provide any gifts for our staff** as many of you do at Christmas time. I know that staff do truly appreciate any items that are sent into school, but things have changed in the world, and I feel that this is an ideal opportunity for us to look at how we show our thanks to people in school without a financial implication. I do know that our staff appreciate the amount of support you provide for your child at home with their learning and development. So, for me, you are 'showing your thanks' to us by:



- listening to your child read each night (their reading book or through accessing Reading Eggs/Reading Plus);*
- undertaking any other home learning activities (spellings, maths or any other work set);*
- ensuring that your children show respect and behave appropriately within the Tyldesley community and through*
  - promoting the use of manners with your child.*

Your continued support with the above is the greatest gift for us all in school, at all times of the year.



**Christmas dinner** – We have made arrangements for Christmas dinner to be served for all children in school (safely) on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. 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 4<sup>th</sup> December**. There is **no need for you to send any Christmas crackers into school** for Christmas dinner this year. School will provide everything for your child on the day.

**Christmas jumpers and Pantomime in school** – As Reception – Year 6 children will not have their usual trip to The Opera House, we have instead organised for 'Splats Entertainment' to come into school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** for a 'safe' performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Performances will take place throughout the school day and, like the trip to Manchester, will be **FREE** for your children. **On the same day**, all children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper/non-uniform.



### Christmas 'class based' party days

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 5 and Year 6 party day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 3 and Year 4 party day

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 party day

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Lancaster Avenue Nursery party day

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Darlington Street Nursery party day *(Some children from Lancaster Ave visiting school to watch Kevin the Clown)*

**Non uniform for children when it is their party day**



**\*\*Unfortunately, 'live' performances from our Nurseries, Reception classes, KS1 classes and Year 4 (Wider Opps music) will not be taking place in school like they usually do each year. Our KS2 Service in church will also not take place in its usual format. In school, we are currently making arrangements for each area of school to put together some kind of short Christmas performance that will be filmed and shared with you to watch at home. We will send you an email about this once we have finalised the arrangements\*\***

The next newsletter will be emailed out on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. On this day we break up for Christmas. Have a great month with your families.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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