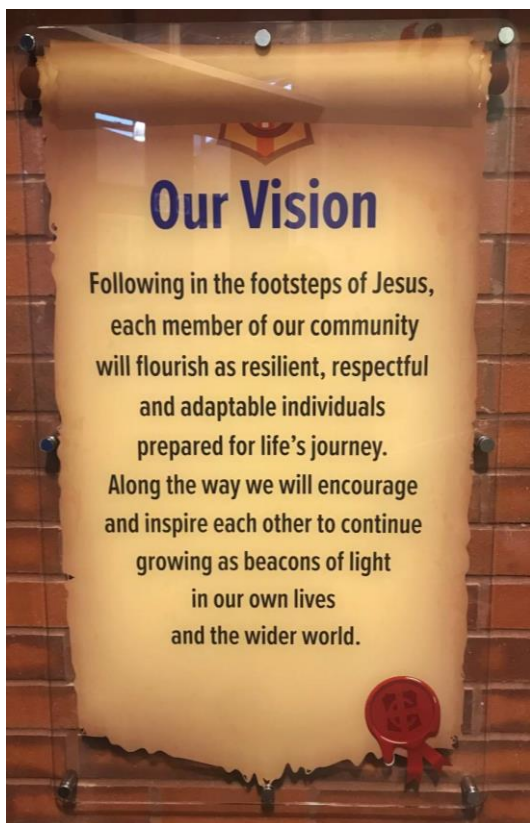




Newsletter – Friday 2nd October 2020

As we move into our second month of the school year I would just like to say a huge thank you to all members of the St. George's Central community who have supported us throughout September. Returning to school in the way that we have has been a new experience for us all and I thank you as parents/carers for your understanding during this time. Your children have been fantastic and as I look at our School Vision (below), I have seen many examples of children who are 'living out' the Vision, **'as beacons of light'**,

during a time when we may say, that the world is in some 'darkness'! We will continually look to improve our approach as a school in order to provide a more efficient service. Only this week, we amended the collection time for KS2 classes at the end of the school day and we will continue to evaluate our approach as we move forwards so that we improve things, whilst ensuring that everyone is safe in and around school. We are very much trying to 'keep things going' in school as much as we can, through making some subtle amendments. Within this newsletter, you will find out about how we will be approaching school photographs, our Harvest celebrations and Parents' Evenings.....all things that are usually communicated to you at this time, but all things that we will have to undertake in a slightly different way this year! We are all having to **'flourish'** as **'adaptable individuals'**, as our School Vision states and I thank you all again for your support during this last month.



School photographs – You will know from the email earlier this week that we will receive our first visit of the year from the school photographer on **Monday 5th October**. On this day he will visit both our Darlington Street School site for the morning and our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site for the afternoon. This year:

- *all photographs will be taken of children **individually** (no sibling photographs);
- *only children who attend St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery will be photographed;
- *any Darlington Street Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Monday morning are invited to attend the Monday morning session at no extra cost (see Mrs Davies to confirm attendance);
- *any Lancaster Avenue Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Monday afternoon are invited to attend the Monday afternoon session at no extra cost (see Ms Naughton to confirm attendance).



All children will have their photograph taken and a small 'sample' photograph will be sent home for you to decide if you would like to complete any purchases.

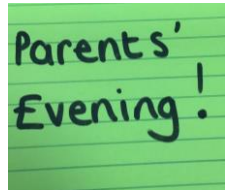
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Bikeability sessions – Some Year 6 children will be taking part in ‘Bikeability’ sessions next week. The children will be learning how to cycle safely on the road including signalling, positioning and how to complete safety checks on their bikes **A reminder for all that when bikes and scooters are brought onto our school site they are pushed and not ridden so as to reduce the risk of accidents.**

Harvest Celebrations – At this time of year in school we would normally be asking for your donations and inviting you to join us in school and at St. George’s Church for our Harvest Celebrations. Unfortunately, with the current restrictions in place, we will be marking this celebration in a different way this year. Some of our older pupils will be inviting us to give thanks for the harvest we have enjoyed from the planting in our school grounds over recent months, while our very youngest children will record songs about creation they have been learning. All the other classes have explored the creation ABC poem, ‘The Blue and Green Ark’ by Brian Patten and will use our new recording studio in school to film a contribution from each class that will form a virtual service for us to share, during October.



Phone call home – Up until last week, we were still planning to invite you into school to safely meet ‘face to face’ with your child’s teacher for Parents’ Evening. Unfortunately, the new restrictions brought into force meant that we had to have a re-think and advice from Wigan Council was that we look at alternative ways of undertaking Parents’ Evening at this time. Therefore, our approach will be that you will **receive a phone call home from your child’s teacher on a given day, at a given time.** If your child attends our Lancaster Avenue Nursery, Darlington Street Nursery or is in Reception, then you will receive an email about this on Monday. All other year groups will receive emails over the next few weeks. Please note, because of this approach, some of the originally planned dates have changed:

Date	Class and time of calls home
Monday 19 th October	Lancaster Avenue Nursery: 1:30pm – 4:00pm Darlington Street Nursery: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Reception: NT: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
*Tuesday 20 th October	Reception: TK: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Lancaster Avenue Nursery: 1:30pm – 4:00pm Darlington Street Nursery: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Reception: NT: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
*Thursday 22 nd October	Reception: TK: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
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

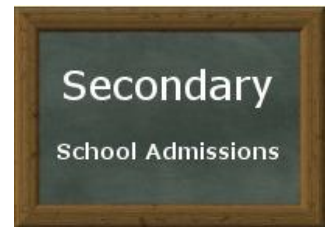
*New date

You will be asked to ring school or reply to the email selecting the best day and preferred approximate time for you to receive your 10 minute phone call. You will receive confirmation details from school the week before any phone calls take place.

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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.



ATSA Sports Council – Congratulations to Marley and Eva who were recently announced as our ATSA Sports Council representatives. Although they currently will be unable to meet with the Sports Council reps from the other schools, they will work remotely in order to develop ‘sporting ideas’ for school and our local community. Staff are currently finalising lists and organising photographs of children who will represent our school on many of the other Councils and groups that we have.

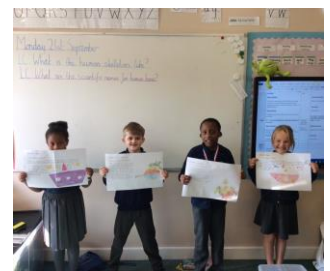
Class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:NT	92.35%	Y1TL	88.39%	Y3EG	96.04%	Y5JY	96.25%
YR:TK	97.55%	Y1/2OB	94.30%	Y3/4CS	92.27%	Y5/6NC	93.02%
		Y2JW	96.61%	Y4HJ	93.24%	Y6AJM	95.14%
Whole school attendance: 94.21%							

**%s are up to and including Friday 25th September*

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 23rd October. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher



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