



## Newsletter – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Welcome back** – Well this has been a first week back with a difference! It may take time for us all to re-adapt to our 'usual' routines and I hope we have helped you and your child to do this during our first week. Over summer, we welcomed Miss Hughes to school as our new cleaner and, this week, Mrs Sharma has returned to work in our Early Years department – I am sure they will settle in nicely as part of our school team.



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

**School Value:** Justice

**Reflective question:** How can we make things fair?

**Payments to school** – We are now looking to process **all** our payments through our Tucasi online payment system. Please contact our school office should you have any issues with your payment account.



**Breakfast Club (7:30am – 8:30am)** – A choice of toast, cereals, fresh fruit and juices are available at our breakfast club each morning:



Prices	
Arrival between 7:30am – 7:55am	£4.00 per day
Arrival after 7:55am	£3.50 per day



**Please note:** we are looking into firming up our process with regards to Breakfast Club attendance which may involve you booking a place for your child and paying for their attendance in advance.

*I will keep you updated with any amendments we make in good time for you to prepare for any adjustments.*

**Snack options: Nursery and Reception** – There is **no snack charge** for all our Nursery and Reception children. These children will help prepare some of the snacks on offer, which will include cheese and crackers, rice cakes, toast, scotch pancakes and fruit.



**Snack options: Year 1 to Year 6** – Current options for snack provided by school are: milk and toast. Children can have both or just milk, or just toast. Payment for this is made **half termly in advance** and made online using the Tucasi payment system. See the Key Dates letter for all payment dates and the emails from school about the different costs. Please note that your child cannot change options



mid-term. If children are not accessing the snack provided by school, the only other snack option is for children to bring their own fresh fruit and plain water (**no cereal bars or flavoured drinks/juice**).

**Dinner money** – The cost per week is £11.75 (Nursery and Key Stage 2 families). This can be paid online via our Tucasi system each Monday. Click the link below to see the current school dinner menu on our website:

[https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Food/394%20St%20Georges%20Menu%202020%20\(Page%2002\).pdf](https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Food/394%20St%20Georges%20Menu%202020%20(Page%2002).pdf)

**\*\*We have water coolers in both KS1 and KS2 so please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day\*\***

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**September 2020 PE kits** – Please could you ensure that all children from Y1 – Y6 have both our indoor and outdoor PE kits as outlined in the pictures. Reception children only need the indoor PE kit. Nursery children will only need PE pumps.

The indoor PE kit should include:

- Plain navy blue shorts with school logo
- Plain white T-shirt with school logo
- Black Pumps



The outdoor kit should include:

- Plain navy blue hoody with school logo
- Plain navy blue tracksuit pants with school logo
- Trainers

Our system with PE kits will remain the same as in previous years, in that:

***Nursery children will keep their PE pumps in school;***

***Children in Reception – Year 6 will keep their indoor PE kit in school and will take it home at each half term;***

***Children in Year 1 – Year 6 will come to school in their outdoor PE kit on the day of their lesson (see below):***

*PE timetable: September 2020					
Outdoor lessons: Kits needed to be worn for school on these days			Indoor lessons:		
Day	Class	Time	Day	Class	Time
Monday	Y5JY	Afternoon	Monday	Reception	9:45am – 10:30am
	*Y4HJ	Afternoon		Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am
Tuesday	Y1TL	Afternoon	Tuesday	Y2JW	1pm – 1:45pm
	Y5/6NC	Afternoon		Y5/6NC	2:15pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday	Y1/2OB	Afternoon	Wednesday	Reception	9:45am – 10:30am
	*Y3/4CS			Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am
Thursday	Y6AJM	Afternoon	Thursday	Y1TL	1pm – 1:45pm
	*Y3EG	Afternoon		Y5JY	2:15pm – 3:00pm
Friday	Y2JW	Afternoon	Friday	Y3/4CS	2:15pm – 3:00pm
		Afternoon		Reception	9:45am – 10:30am
			Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am	
			Y6AJM	1:15pm – 2pm	
			Y3EG	2pm – 2:30pm	

\*It is still planned that children in **Year 3 and Year 4** will start swimming at the Pelican Centre **after February half term** and like previous years, on the days classes go swimming, children can wear their outdoor PE kit to school. More details about swimming will be provided in the January 2021 newsletter. These PE kits (and all elements of our uniform) are available at Wendy's in Tyldesley and Icon Embroidery in Astley.



**Mobile phones** – Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are only permitted to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to and/or from school on their own. These children do not need to bring their phone in to school if they are being picked up by parents/carers and there is no need for any other children to bring their devices into school. All phones must be switched off as children enter the school gates on Darlington Street and must only be turned back on once they leave the school site.

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**Reading Plus** – This year, we have purchased an online reading programme for children in Year 3 – Year 6 called Reading Plus. We trialed this in some year groups last year and received positive feedback from both parents/carers and children. Over the next couple of weeks, children in Key Stage 2 will undertake the ‘online assessment’ which will ensure that the texts they read whilst on the programme are matched to their initial assessment outcome. Children will be able to then select texts to read online linked to their preferred themes. The children will be continually assessed each time they access Reading Plus and so their reading will hopefully continually improve. Children will receive a password from their teacher so that they can access this at home. As teachers can monitor the amount of times that children are accessing Reading Plus in school and at home, our longer term aim is to use this programme to complement our Home Learning reading approach in Key Stage 2.

**Home Learning** – Please see the table below for the weekly home learning activities your child will receive each week and the systems we have put in place this year. This will start for all year groups on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**:

Year group	Activity	Details
<b>Nursery</b>	Share a ‘reading together’ book at least three times a week with an adult	A ‘reading together book’ will be sent home each Tuesday or each Thursday (dependent on sessions) and returned the following week.
<b>Reception</b>	Read at least three times throughout the week with an adult	Two reading books will be sent home each Monday and should only be returned to school each Friday.
<b>KS1</b>	Read at least three times throughout the week with an adult	Two reading books will be sent home each Monday and should only be returned to school each Friday.
	Spellings	A spelling pattern (with examples of some words) will be sent home every Monday. Children will then be assessed each Friday based on the pattern.
	Times Table Rockstars	Children to access games and activities online throughout the week.
	Beat That Maths Sheets	Sent home each Monday (sheets do not need to be returned)
<b>KS2</b>	*Read at least three times throughout the week with an adult	*Reading books will be sent home each Monday and should only be returned to school each Friday.
	Spellings	A spelling pattern (with examples of some words) will be sent home every Monday. Children will then be assessed each Friday based on the pattern.
	Times Table Rockstars	Children to access games and activities online throughout the week.

*\*Once KS2 children have undertaken the initial Reading Plus ‘online assessment’, we will start to use Reading Plus activities as part of Home Learning in Key Stage 2 to complement the reading books that will be sent home.*

**DanCam Karate** – DanCam Karate has recently started to use our school hall for their sessions. DanCam Karate teaches both adults and children, from age 6 upwards in the traditional art of karate. It was established in 2017 and is affiliated with the SSKA association. Sensei Dan and Sarah lead sessions on a Tuesday evening (6:30pm – 7:15pm for children and 7:30pm – 8:20pm for adults) and a Saturday morning (9:00am – 9:45am for children and 11:00am – 11:50am for adults). For more information, contact DanCam Karate: [dancamkarate17@gmail.com](mailto:dancamkarate17@gmail.com) or 07592 393438.



**ATSA events** – Children and staff at our school regularly take part in lots of sporting events which are organised by ATSA (Atherton and Tyldesley Sports Association). Events are usually organised for specific year groups and we plan our extra-curricular clubs around these events. However, with the current restrictions in place, we are unable to provide any extra-curricular clubs in school and ATSA events are not able to take place. Plans are in place for ATSA events to start as soon as restrictions are lifted. For more information about ATSA, look on the website: [www.atsa.org.uk](http://www.atsa.org.uk)

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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