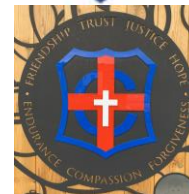


St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 22nd July 2022



This is the final newsletter of the school year with today being the final day at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery for our Year 6 children. These children started in either our nursery in 2014 or Reception in 2015 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Year 6 families for all you have given over the years. Some of you will not be returning with other children in September and so I wish you and your children well as they embark on the next stage of their life. Remember, just because you leave, does not mean we stop caring and so please come back and see us in the future. I wish all our children good luck for the future. Click the first link to see the KS2 production which starred our Year 6 children and click the second link to see a photo video which includes some images of the children's time at our school:

KS2 production: <https://youtu.be/x8eBGmvfHF0>

Year 6 2021-2022: <https://vimeo.com/731805018>

For the first time since 2019, our Year 6 children undertook formal tests which were externally marked. As you can see from the results below for our school, when compared with national data, there are many positives to celebrate and also areas where we are to improve. Well done the Year 6 children who, before this year, last had a full year in school when they were in Year 3.

Key Stage 2 SATs results					
	EXPECTED STANDARD+				
	Reading	Writing	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	Maths	*All subjects
SGC results: Expected standard+	87.5%	90.0%	57.5%	75.0%	75.0%
National results: Expected standard+	74%	69%	72%	71%	59%
	**GREATER DEPTH				
	Reading	Writing	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	Maths	*All subjects
SGC results: Greater Depth	30.0%	15.0%	22.5%	12.5%	7.5%

*All subjects – Reading, Writing and Maths

**National data for Greater Depth, not yet formally confirmed



Staffing updates – We welcome **Mrs Westlake** (pictured left) to our school in September as a teaching assistant, working in Year 2BR. **Mr Kieran** (pictured right) will also be joining our staff team as our caretaker. Click the link below to see our full staffing list for 2022/2023:

<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Staffing%20-%20September%202022.pdf>



Donations to the Ukraine – Over the last few months, we have continued to receive donations for people in Ukraine and Mrs Kearns has continued to liaise with Mrs Kowalczyk. All your donations were recently loaded onto a lorry to make their way to the Polish border to support the Ukrainian people. Many thanks for your donations.

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Eco-Council – Congratulations to our Eco Council who have achieved the ‘Green Flag Award’.

When confirming the award, Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, also added: ‘Earning an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award takes passion, commitment and a desire to make a difference. Pupils at St. George’s Central should be proud of their great work. They’re an inspiration and it makes us feel heartened and positive about the future of our planet.’



We would like to thank everyone in the school and wider community for all the support we have received this year and we look forward to the projects we may lead next year. Remember we are always looking for donations for feeding the birds and planting around the school grounds. Thanks also to Miss Killian for leading our Eco-Council.



Show your support for England Days – Many thanks for your support with these days. Just like the last summer during the Euro 2020 tournament, we wanted to do something that would show that we were supporting the England Women’s football team. The **191kgs** of food items you have donated have been collected by staff from Atherton and Leigh Foodbank. Thanks again for your tremendous support. Doing



this will now be a permanent ‘feature’ of our school life. In fact, if you look at the key dates letter that was emailed out earlier this week, we have already ‘earmarked’ Show Your support for England Days in November, during the 2022 Qatar World Cup.



Lancaster Avenue Nursery visit – Thanks to all the volunteers who accompanied our Darlington Street Nursery children as they visited our Lancaster Avenue Nursery last week. I would like to thank all our Nursery families at both our sites for their support this year. Although many of the children will be starting in our Reception class, there are some nursery children who will be leaving us today and so I wish you and your children well as they start their Reception year in September.



Pictures from the Y5 trip to the Music Gala Concert, Y2 trip to the ‘Infant Song Share’ and the final musical performance in school



Tennis Taster Session – Earlier this week, six children from KS2 took part in a Tennis Taster Session at Tyldesley Tennis Club. Thanks to tennis coach, Luke, and all the volunteers from the club who organised this session on behalf of ATSA.

Y5/6 Crown Green Bowling Competition – Our Y5/6 Crown Green Bowling team took part in a Crown Green Bowling Competition against two other schools. Well done to our children who made up the team.



Football ‘play-off’ matches – Winning the Tyldesley section of the football league meant that our team qualified to play the winners of the Atherton Section of the league in the annual ‘play-off’ match. In this match, our team **beat** Atherton St. George’s and so then qualified to meet the winners of the Leigh, Lowton and Golborne ‘play-off’ in the ‘Kieran Halliwell’ Memorial match. Our team met Lowton St Luke’s in an exciting match earlier this week. I am pleased to inform you that our team were crowned the **winners**. **Three** ATSA football trophies this year! Well done!

226 children from St. George’s Central have taken part in ATSA events during 2021/2022

Click the link below to see a photo video, of all the events that have taken place: <https://vimeo.com/731947800>

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Information for September 2022

See below for the timings for opening doors next year and suggestions with regards to the gates you can use to enter and leave our school site. Please become familiar with the timings and gates and start to think of a 'planned route' if you have multiple children to drop off/collect across school:

Year groups	Arriving		Leaving
	Doors open	Doors closed	Doors open
Reception – Year 6	8:45am (bell)	8:55am (bell)	3:15pm
Darlington Street Nursery	8:50am	9:05am	3:00pm
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	9:00am	As children arrive	3:00pm

Year groups	*Gates to enter and leave
Darlington Street Nursery	Nursery side of school gates
Reception	Nursery side of school gates
Y1NT	Nursery side of school gates
Y1/2TL	Nursery side of school gates
Y2BR	Main entrance gates
Y3LK	Main entrance gates
Y3/4CS	Main entrance gates
Y4CB	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y5HJ	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y5/6NC	Peel Hall side of school gates
Y6AM	Peel Hall side of school gates

**You are able to use any of our gates to enter and leave our site, we have made the suggestions above in order to ease the 'traffic' in and around school when you are dropping off and collecting your children from school.*

September 2022 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 that will be kept in school. Nursery children will only need pumps and these will also be kept in school.

The indoor PE kit should include:

- Plain navy blue shorts with school logo
- School blue/white PE t-shirt
- Plain white T-shirt with school logo
- Black Pumps



The outdoor kit should include:

- School tracksuit top with school logo
- School tracksuit trousers
- Trainers

No branded or named sportswear is to be worn for PE lessons, other than trainers (eg no Nike tracksuit pants or football shirts etc)

If you have a child in Y1 – Y6, please ensure you make use of the school outdoor PE kit voucher to purchase the NEW school outdoor PE kit (including school logo on tracksuit top) for the reduced rate of £15 from either Icon Embroidery or Wendy's Uniform Shop.

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On our PE plan, below, you will see how children in **Nursery and Reception** will have a lot of time in our school hall. Some of these sessions will be used for a physical 'indoor PE lesson' and some sessions may be used to do other activities. Children in **Year 3 and Year 4** will start swimming at the Pelican Centre **after February 2023 half term** and, like previous years, on the days classes go swimming they can wear their outdoor PE kit to school. More details about swimming will be provided in the January 2023 newsletter.

As per the '3 stars and a wish' feedback, from September 2022, **children in Year 1 – Year 6 can come to school in their PE kit on the day that they have outdoor PE and on the day they have indoor PE.** The only item of PE kit that will need to remain in school are pumps as children may prefer to walk to school in trainers. So that your child feels 'comfortable' all day in school when it is their indoor PE day (especially on a cold Autumn day), they could wear their full school tracksuit for both days that they have PE (with maybe their shorts underneath on the indoor days). Some children may prefer to come in their shorts on these days.

PE timetable: September 2022					
Outdoor lessons: Kit needs to be worn for school on these days			Indoor lessons: Kit needs to be worn for school on these days (Y1 – Y6)		
Day	Class	Time	Day	Class	Time
Monday	Y5HJ	Afternoon	Monday	*Early Years	9:45am – 10:30am
	**Y4CB	Afternoon		Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am
Tuesday	Y1NT Y5/6NC	Afternoon Afternoon	Tuesday	Y2BR	1pm – 1:45pm
				Y5/6NC	2:15pm – 3:00pm
				Y3/4CS	9:45am – 10:30am
Wednesday	Y1/2TL	Afternoon	Wednesday	Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am
				Y4CB	1:15pm – 2pm
				Y1/2TL	2pm – 2:45pm
Thursday	Y6AM	Afternoon	Thursday	Reception	9:45am – 10:30am
	**Y3LK	Afternoon		Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am
Friday	Y2BR **Y3/4CS	Afternoon Afternoon	Friday	Y6AM	1:15pm – 2pm
				Y3LK	2pm – 2:45pm
				Reception	9:45am – 10:30am
				Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am

*Until February 2023 half term when swimming starts

School Uniform reminders:

****All uniform and PE kit MUST be named****

****One pair of stud earrings (silver/gold studs) – no other piercings are permitted****

****A smart and sensible wrist watch may be worn****

****Make-up, nail varnish, false nails, nail extensions and temporary tattoos are not permitted****

****Hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school:**

brightly-coloured/dyed hair, shaved lines, headwear with bold patterns or colours, excessive hair accessories**

****Hair products such as wax, gel or hairspray should not be applied and long hair must be tied up****

****No trainers – plain black school shoes only****

Click the link to see the full version of our School Uniform Policy:

<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/School%20Uniform%20Policy%20-%20September%202022.pdf>

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Work planned in school, over Summer and after Summer

As part of our continuing school improvement there will be some 'upgrades' and 'additions' in school over Summer and when we return in September:

Over Summer:

- the Forest School area will be 'cleared' and resources will start to be put in place.
- there will be new carpets in all the KS2 classrooms.
- Year 2BR classroom will have new flooring and furniture (in line with the 'style' in place, in Y1NT and Y1/2TL).
- the hall floor is being re-sanded and sealed.
- a new kitchen will be installed in our Darlington Street Nursery.
- our Computing Suite is being re-developed.
- Security access control system in place for all school gates.
- Playground lines re-painted and new designs in place.

After Summer:

- new 'fixed' outdoor equipment in place at the front of school for our Darlington Street Nursery and children in Reception: EH.
- 'fixed' outdoor equipment in place at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery.

We have been planning all of the above work since January and there are many staff members across school who have contributed to the work and who will be in school over Summer to ensure that work is 'on track'. If there is anything that I continually review, it is our environment and resources, as I believe your children deserve the best. I will include an update on all of the work in the next newsletter, on Friday 2nd September.

This is the final newsletter of this school year and so I hope you all have a great summer. For those of you who will not be here in September – good luck for the future! For those returning, we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Click the link to view the full 2022/23 key dates letter or pick one up from the letter holders in our school entrance area:

<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/home/Key%20dates%202022-2023.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support throughout this last school year. Everything we do for your children could not be achieved without an effective partnership between school and home. Of course, nothing could be achieved without the support of our brilliant staff team who have continued to go 'above and beyond', working hard to ensure that your child's education, welfare and safety is paramount. I personally thank everyone for their support and look forward to working with everyone in the new school year.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher



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