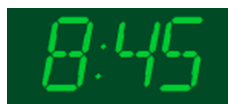




Newsletter – Friday 3rd September 2021

Welcome back to the new school year everyone and a special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception families. I hope you have all had a good summer and have managed to enjoy getting out and about as much as possible. This newsletter contains some useful information, as you prepare for your children returning to (or starting at) our school or one of our nurseries. I will send out an additional newsletter next Friday after our Lancaster Avenue Nursery children and Year 1 – Year 6 children have completed their first full week in school/nursery.



Returning to school – On Monday 6th September, classroom doors for **children in Year 1 – Year 6**, will open when the first bell rings at **8:45am**. Our second bell will ring at **8:55am** and this will signal to class teachers that they need to close their classroom doors for the start of the school day. All children who are not in school at this point will need to enter via the main school entrance. Doors will be open for you to collect children at **3:15pm**. During next week home visits will be taking place for children who will be starting at our Darlington Street Nursery and in Reception. Please see the table below which shows returning to school information for all year groups:

Year groups	Date starting back at school/nursery	Arriving		Leaving
		Doors open	Doors closed	Doors open
Year 1 – Year 6	Monday 6 th September	8:45am (bell)	8:55am (bell)	3:15pm
Lancaster Avenue Nursery	Monday 6 th September	9:00am	As children arrive	3:00pm
Reception	Monday 13 th September	8:45am (bell)	8:55am (bell)	3:15pm
Darlington Street Nursery	Monday 13 th September	8:50am	9:05am	3:00pm

Gates to access school – Please see the table below where we have made suggestions with regards to the gates you can use to access our school site. Please note, these access points are suggestions only and we will not be ‘policing’ the gates you use to enter or leave our site. We do ask that you all stick to the paths and keep off any of our school equipment before and after school.

Year groups	Gates to enter and leave
Darlington Street Nursery, Reception, Y1NT and Y1/2TL	Nursery side of school gates
Y2JY, Y3LK and Y3/4CS	Main entrance gates
Y4CB, Y5HJ, Y5/6NC Y6AM	Peel Hall side of school gates

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.

Staffing updates – There are current staff vacancies at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery for a Nursery Manager and Nursery Deputy Manager. With the timings involved in a recruitment process we are looking to have new, permanent staff members for these positions in place for Monday 1st November 2021. For this first half term, Miss Cowley from our Darlington Street Nursery will be working each morning at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. Alongside Miss Cowley at Lancaster Avenue, will be Miss L Davies as well as Miss O Baybutt, who will be spending time in both our Darlington Street and Lancaster Avenue Nursery. Click the links below to see the adverts for both positions:



Nursery Manager: <https://www.greater.jobs/search-and-apply/job-details/WG-50326/>

Nursery Deputy Manager: <https://www.greater.jobs/search-and-apply/job-details/WG-50328/>

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Breakfast Club (7:30am – 8:45am) – 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 remember to book your place at Breakfast Club by emailing: breakfastclub@saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk
Bookings can be made on a week by week basis. Please ensure we receive your email by 3:30pm each Friday for the following week.

Dinner money – This can be paid online via our Tucasi system or money can be sent into school each Monday in the yellow coloured envelopes (available for free from the school office):

Dinner Money (Key Stage 2)
£11.75 per week

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

Snack options: Nursery and Reception – There is **no snack charge** for all our Nursery and Reception children. Your children will help prepare some of the snacks on offer, which will include cheese and crackers, plain brioche, rice cakes, 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**, online using the Tucasi payment system or by cash in the white payment envelopes that are provided. 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**). Please note, we will be reviewing our snack provision in school over the next few months and will keep you updated if any amendments are made. **Information regarding school snack has been emailed to you today. All children will receive FREE snack on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please ensure you pay online by 3:30pm on Tuesday 7th September for your child to be on the list from Wednesday onwards.**



Payments to school – Remember that with our Tucasi online payment system, no change will be returned – any funds overpaid will be carried forward to meet future payments. Please send all money into school in the correctly coloured money envelope (available for free from classrooms or the school office).



School Uniform reminders:

All uniform and PE kit MUST be named

Jewellery is not allowed although watches may be worn

Ear studs ONLY may be worn but must be removed for PE and swimming

No other body piercing is allowed

No make-up or nail varnish should be worn

Extreme hair styles are not allowed (no shaved lines, no colour other than the child's natural hair colour, hair products such as wax, gel or hairspray should not be applied)

Hair accessories should be of school colours (blue, yellow, white) and minimal in size (no large bows, headbands etc)

No trainers – plain black school shoes only



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September 2021 PE kits and timetable – 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.

The indoor PE kit should include:

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

(kit to be left in school throughout each half term)



The outdoor kit should include:

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

PE timetable: September 2021					
Outdoor lessons: Kits needed to be worn for school on these days			Indoor lessons:		
Day	Class	Time	Day	Class	Time
Monday	Y5HJ	Afternoon	Monday	Reception	9:45am – 10:30am
	*Y4CB	Afternoon		Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am
Tuesday	Y1NT	Afternoon	Tuesday	Y2JY	1pm – 1:45pm
	Y5/6NC	Afternoon		Y5/6NC	2:15pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday	Y1/2TL	Afternoon	Wednesday	Reception	9:45am – 10:30am
	*Y3/4CS			Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am
Thursday	Y6AM	Afternoon	Thursday	Y1NT	1pm – 1:45pm
	*Y3LK	Afternoon		Y5HJ	2:15pm – 3:00pm
Friday	Y2JY	Afternoon	Friday	Y3/4CS	2:15pm – 3:00pm
		Afternoon		Reception	9:45am – 10:30am
			Nursery	10:40am – 11:15am	
			Y6AM	1:15pm – 2pm	
			Y3LK	2pm – 2:30pm	

*Until February 2022 half term when swimming starts

For the first week only, we are asking that:

*On the first day, all children come to school wearing their 'normal' school uniform;

*Children in Y3LK, Y3/4CS and Y4CB come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit on **Wednesday 8th September only** and

*Children in Y5HJ, Y5/6NC and Y6AM come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit on **Thursday 9th September only**.

Outdoor PE kits will not be needed on any other days for children in KS2 during this first week back.

All other classes/PE lessons will be as per the timetable above.

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Extra-curricular clubs – The Autumn Term (1st half) extra-curricular clubs letter will be emailed to you on Monday (paper copies of the letter will be in letter holders in the entrance area on Monday also). The clubs on offer change each half term and so look out for the emails throughout the year. With some clubs, staff may be looking to select a team to take part in an event against other school and so we do not want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to potentially represent our school and so when these letters come though, please have a chat with your children and see if there is anything they wish to sign up to. Clubs will be starting week commencing Monday 13th September.

Meet the Teacher meetings – There is an opportunity for you to come into school to meet, face to face, with your child's new teacher next week at our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. These will take place for all children in Year 1 upwards (Nursery and Reception children had 'Welcome Sessions' in June/July).



These meetings will take place in your child's classroom, after school. At the meeting, lots of information about the year ahead will be communicated to you and it is also a chance for you to ask any questions. Meetings will start at **3:30pm** for those who are able to attend at this time and they will also be repeated at **6pm** should this time be more convenient for you. The meetings will last approximately 15 – 30 minutes. For the 3:30pm meetings you can access the classroom via your child's classroom door. If you are attending at 6pm, then please come to the main school entrance. This meeting is for adults only and so all children will be taken to the Computing Suite where you will be able to collect them when the meeting is over. We hope to see you next week:

Class/teacher	Date	Time
Y1NT – Miss Taylor Y2JY – Mr Young	Tuesday 7 th September	3:30pm or 6:00pm
Y3LK – Mr Kenny Y3/4CS – Mr Simmons Y4HJ – Miss Billington	Wednesday 8 th September	3:30pm or 6:00pm
Y5JY – Mrs Jeffries Y5/6NC – Mr Cooke Y6AM – Mrs Malley	Thursday 9 th September	3:30pm or 6:00pm
Y1/2TL – Mrs Leech	Monday 13 th September	3:30pm or 6:00pm



Our School App – To ensure that you don't miss out on any key events over the course of the school year, on your mobile phone you can download 'Our School App' (the green logo on the left) and search for St. George's Central. You will be able to save our school as your home page and this will provide you with quick links to our school website, Facebook page, my Twitter account and other key information. A great feature of this App is that we can add dates of all the key events taking place in school which this will 'sync' to your phone calendar and you will receive reminders.

Click the link to view the full 2021/22 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%202021-2022.pdf>

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 10th September. Please ensure that we have an up to date copy of your current contact details (email and mobile phone number) so that you do not miss out on any information as we send most information out via email. We do have paper copies of most documents in the letter holders in the entrance area and these are regularly updated. So please feel free to nip in and pick up a copy of what you may need. Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all over the next two weeks as we return to school/nursery.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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