



Newsletter – Friday 26th May 2023

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We reach the end of another eventful half term. Throughout the year, we continually review our provision and offer and we are already starting to make plans for the 2023/2024 school year. Part of that plan involves some new staff joining our team at St. George's Central. **Ms Critchley** will be starting after half term to work alongside Mrs Kearns, becoming familiar with all our families and school systems, as she will be our new Pastoral Mentor from September, a role she has been carrying out for many years at Bedford High School. In September, we also extend a very warm welcome to **Miss Hobson** and **Miss Scotting** who we are pleased to announce will be joining our teaching staff. We also welcome **Miss Cohen** who has recently qualified as a teacher. We are very happy that she will be starting her career at our school.



Ms Critchley



Miss Cohen



Miss Hobson



Miss Scotting

Class and whole school attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EH	92.53%	Y1NT	94.26%	Y3LK	95.26%	Y5HJ	94.03%
YR:TK	93.67%	Y1/2TL	94.99%	Y3/4CS	93.24%	Y5/6NC	91.84%
		Y2BR	94.44%	Y4CB	94.27%	Y6AM	91.11%
Whole school attendance: 93.63%							

**up to and including Friday 19th May 2023*

In newsletters this school year, we started to provide you with some background information about our school governors. The eighth one of these below is from Rector Martin who is our ex-officio governor:



I am originally from Stoke-on-Trent, known as 'The Potteries'. I have been ordained for 20 years before which I worked in the public sector. I have been the Team Rector of the Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common Team since July 2016 and as such, I am an ex-officio governor of both St George's Central Primary School and St Stephen's Astley Primary School. This means that I am a governor by virtue of my role as Team Rector. I am committed to church and school working together to encourage our children in aspects of their development and to make a lasting contribution to the life of our communities. I am married to Heather, who works in another local primary school. Our children and grandchildren live elsewhere in the country so we spend much of our free time travelling to see them and other members of our family. I like to swim and read as well as cook.

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Year 4 Low Bank Ground trip – Tuesday 2nd May saw 32 children leave Tyldesley to spend 3 nights/4 days at Low Bank Ground in the Lake District for our **new** annual Year 4 residential. The children spent time rock climbing and kayaking as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure the children had a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities. Family members of the children who attended are invited to a short ‘Low Bank Ground assembly’ at **9:15am on Wednesday 5th July** where the children will share their experiences with you.



King’s Coronation Celebrations – Friday 5th May saw our school come together to celebrate the King’s Coronation. The day started with a whole school worship service in the school hall followed by the ‘opening’ and blessing of our Coronation water fountain (in our courtyard area at the rear of school). The children then took part in class based Coronation activities before spending the afternoon on the playground and field taking part in various activities. We had made a card for the King that we posted earlier in the term. The winners of the ‘Coronation Challenge’ were: Vesta Kasparaviciute, Samantha Moore and Christopher Ryan. The whole day was a great successful due to the fantastic team effort from the whole SGC community.



Year 2 ‘camp’ – Friday 12th May saw some of our Year 2 children return to school for the **first ever** fun-filled sleepover, in tents on our school field. The children had a great time taking part in Forest School activities before settling down for supper and bed. The following morning, after having some breakfast, the children went home. A fantastic time was had by all.



Blue Planet Aquarium trip – On Wednesday 17th May, our Reception children enjoyed a wonderful day at Blue Planet Aquarium. The children saw the crustacean feeding and learned how a starfish eats. Everyone enjoyed seeing an aqua theatre show, which included a great view of the SCUBA divers as they fed stingrays and tropical fish in the ocean exhibit. The children learned about diving equipment, how divers communicate and how they feed many of the aquarium’s animals. The children were well-behaved and asked lots of fantastic questions about our oceans and seas.

Blackpool trip – As part of their learning in Geography, children in Key Stage 1 visited Blackpool earlier this week. They went to the top of Blackpool Tower where they had a bird's eye view of Blackpool and all of its features. They then put this to use to create their own map of Blackpool. They also visited the 4D cinema where they found out about the history of Blackpool Tower. Finally, they finished the day with a trip to the beach.



Musical performance – Parents/carers were recently treated to our usual half termly musical performance. As well as hearing the choir sing, it was good to see all the children who learn instruments in school perform for everyone. The next choir and musical performance in school will be the final one of the year on **Wednesday 19th July**.

‘Let’s Play!’ music event – The first ever ‘Let’s Play’ music event took place last night at St. Richard’s Catholic Club in Atherton. The event involved children from schools across Atherton and Tyldesley coming together to showcase their musical talents. Well done to our children who participated in this event including guitarist, Nadia, keyboard players, Anna and Harper, and our brass ensemble: George, Poppy, and Teegan. The children performed amazingly in front of a large audience. Thank to Miss Gray for organising this event which will now become a permanent event in the calendar for Atherton and Tyldesley schools.



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'Stay and Plays' and open afternoons – It has been great to welcome parents/carers into our Nurseries and Reception classes this week to spend some time learning alongside their children and taking part in a workshop about supporting their children to transition successfully to the next stage of their educational journey in September. Thank you to everyone who visited this week.

Class based Worship themes – During the second half of the Summer Term, children will focus on the following:

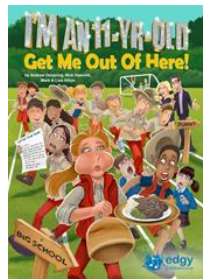
School Value: Forgiveness

Reflective question: Why is forgiveness hard?



Sun Protection in school – There are some steps you can take to help protect your child from the sun when they return to school after the half term break. As children will be outside for a relatively short period of the day, we advise that they should come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and sun glasses and that any sun cream should be applied at home before children come to school so that re-application in school will not be necessary. We will adapt any outdoor activities within our Early Years and PE sessions and children will be encouraged to drink from their water bottles on a regular basis throughout the day.

Assessment Week (including Y1/2 Phonics Screening Check) – During week beginning **Monday 12th June**, children in Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will undertake end of year assessments in Maths, Reading and Spelling Punctuation and Grammar. During this week, all children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will undertake a phonics screening check. This will be delivered by staff in school and will involve the children being tested on their knowledge of the sounds of letters, and groups of letters, within words. The children are typically asked to read words from a given list. In the same week, children in Year 4 will also be undertaking the national 'Multiplication Tables' check. All your child's results will be included in their end of year report that will be sent out in July.



KS2 end of year production – Rehearsals for Y6 children have started and children now know the part they will be playing in the end of year KS2 production – I'm An-11-Year-Old – Get Me Out Of Here! Y6 children will now need to spend the half-term break learning their lines so that, upon their return to school, they can 'polish' off their performance by practicing on stage without the need for scripts. Although Y6 make up the main cast for this performance, the children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 play a major role in making up the choir that sing all the songs during the play (which is a key aspect in telling the story). The dates and times of the performances are included on the Summer Term (2nd half) dates letter, which is attached to the newsletter email.

Sports days

Our sports days this year will take place on the following days:



Monday 19th June – Nursery

Tuesday 20th June – Reception

Wednesday 21st June – Year 1 and Year 2

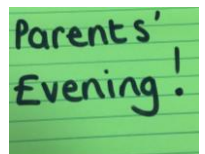
Thursday 22nd June – Year 3 and Year 4

Friday 23rd June – Year 5 and Year 6



You are very welcome to attend our sports days, which will all be on our school field/playground and will start at 9:30am

Parents' Evenings – This year, we will be continuing with the additional Summer Term parents' evening that took place last year. These involve you coming into school and listening to your child as they 'present' their learning to you. The approaches year groups across school take may vary slightly, however the consistent element will be that the speaking will be led by your children. As well as yourselves, and the class teacher, I will be present at all Year 6 presentations as the children not only reflect on their time in Year 6 but also their time at our school. The dates and times for these are on the key dates letter (see the link on the opening page of the website) and letters will be sent out on Monday 12th June.



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Foot Golf Taster Session – Thursday 4th May saw four children from Year 3 and Year 4 take part in a Foot Golf Taster Session at Boomers and Swingers Golf Range in Astley. You are able to make use of the Foot Golf facilities with your family. Contact Nick Solski at Boomers and Swingers on 01942 889436 for more information.

Zumba Taster Session – Wednesday 10th May saw six children from Year 1 and Year 2 children take part in a Zumba Taster Session, led by Anna Collins from Astley Zumba.



KS2 Girls' Football Cup Competition – On Monday 15th May, the girls' football team took part in an ATSA competition involving nine schools. The children from St. George's Central played very well, winning two of their matches. Well done to the girls who made up the team.

Residential Sports Weekend – Children from the eight schools taking part in the ATSA Sports Weekend came together at St. George's Central last week. The children took part in various 'ice-breaker' activities in preparation for their weekend at Low Bank Ground, in the Lake District, at the end of June. Our Year 6 children will be competing against the children from other schools in kayaking, orienteering and running. We will be hoping for a good performance from our children in what will be one of their final ATSA events representing St. George's Central.



Golf Taster Session – Some Year 5 and Year 6 children recently took part in a Golf Taster Session at Boomers and Swingers Golf Range in Astley.

'Kickstarterz' Taster Session – Earlier this week, three of our children were joined by Reception children from three other schools to take part in a fun, fitness 'Kickstarterz' Taster Session. This was a great opportunity for some of our children to take part in their first ever 'after school' ATSA event.



'Active Minds' Times Table Competition – Well done to our two Year 4 children who took part in the ATSA 'Active Minds' Times Table Competition yesterday, and finished as *runners up*.

Y5/6 Rounders Competition – I am pleased to announce that our Y5/6 Rounders team finished as *winners* in the competition against ten other schools last night. Well done to the children who made up the team.



Before the next newsletter, children from St. George's Central will be taking part in the following ATSA events:

- **All Sports Holiday Provision**
- **Crown Green Bowling Taster Sessions**
- **KS2 Netball League**
- **Mixed Football Cup**
- **Y6 Cycle Speedway Taster Session**
- **Y1/2 Yoga Taster Session**
- **Access to Success Kurling**

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 23rd June. This day will be the final day of extra-curricular clubs for the school year. As well as being on the school website, there are paper copies of all newsletters available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. I will see you all in school on Monday 5th June. Have a great half term break with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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