

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery



Newsletter – Friday 30th September 2022

Well it has been an action packed first few weeks back at school. It looks like the new children in our nurseries and reception have settled in, with all other children quickly getting back into the swing of things! One of the extra-curricular clubs we have on offer each half term is the 'Green Room Club'. It is the children in this club who produce the digital version of the newsletter and so please click the link to view this version: <https://youtu.be/roHyFNhYBJo>

It was pleasing to see so many of you at our 'Meet the teacher' meetings during our first week in back in school and it was great to welcome our Reception parents/carers and Reverend Cath Eccles into school for our 'Welcome to our school Worship'. Harvest Celebrations have taken place in school today and we hope to see many of you in St. George's Church for the 10am service on Sunday 2nd October as we welcome all members of the St. George's community to come together to celebrate Harvest.



****Please let your child's teacher know if you require a school laptop so that your child can access all our wonderful online resources for their home learning activities. We have laptops ready to re-issue so please let us know in school****

Attendance – Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it is essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved performance in school which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects for your children (you will want your children to earn their own money when they are older!). As well as this, going to school helps your children to develop relationships with others (you will want your children to have lots of friends). Therefore please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day to benefit from all that St. George's Central has to offer. See below for current classes and whole school attendance:



Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EH	95.91%	Y1NT	96.67%	Y3LK	94.08%	Y5HJ	91.75%
YR:TK	97.99%	Y1/2TL	96.68%	Y3/4CS	93.16%	Y5/6NC	92.99%
		Y2BR	98.85%	Y4CB	96.92%	Y6AM	91.54%
Whole school attendance: 95.14%							

**%s are up to and including Friday 23rd September 2022*



2022/23 School Impact Plan Summary – Each year we develop key priorities for each area of school and set about putting actions into place in order to achieve these via our annual School Impact Plan. We usually have 5 key priorities, with actions to support our improvement in these areas across school. We have a detailed plan in place, for each priority area. For your convenience we have summarised, and listed for you, 3 of the key ways that we are aiming to make positive progress to achieving each key priority this year, click the link to view our 2022/23 School Impact Plan Summary document:

<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/sip/SIP%20Summary%20202223.pdf>

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Reception starters 2023 – The link on the Wigan Council website for 2023 Reception places opened today: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Primary-schools.aspx>. If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you can now submit an application for your child to start our Reception class in September 2023. The closing date for admissions is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. Should your child attend either of our nurseries and you have any questions or if you require any support with completing the form, then please do not hesitate to contact us in school. Should you know anyone with children starting school in September 2023, please let them know that, like every year, I will show people around school on an **individual basis**. Please ask people to ring or email (using the details in the footer of this newsletter) and we will make an appointment to meet with me and have a look round our school.

School photographs – Don't forget.....we will receive our first visit of the year from the school photographer on **Monday 3rd 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. Please note:



- *photographs will be taken of children either individually or with school based siblings (see next bullet point);
- *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 bring their child to school at 9:00am to have their photograph taken;
- *any Lancaster Avenue Nursery children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Monday afternoon are invited to bring their child to nursery at 1:00pm to have their photograph taken.

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.



London residential trip – A short meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th October** for the parents/carers of children in Year 6 regarding the planned trip to London in June 2023. The trip will be a great experience for these children as they near the end of their time at our school.

Parent/carer workshops – It was great to see so many of you at our recent workshops. Thanks to Mrs Leech and Mrs O'Brien for leading our whole school 'Inclusion workshop' and thanks to Mrs O'Brien, Miss Taylor Mrs Leech and Miss Ranger for leading the Early Reading/Phonics Workshop for KS1 parents/carers. Next Thursday will see Mrs O'Brien, Mr Hadjigeorgiou and Miss Killian lead the Early Reading/Phonics Workshop for Reception parents/carers at 3:30pm – 4:00pm or 6:00pm – 6:30pm.



National Poetry Day – Next Thursday is National Poetry Day: an annual mass celebration that encourages all to enjoy, discover and share poetry. This year, the theme is The Environment. Your children will take part in a whole host of poetic experiences which will not only help them to develop their poetic writing skills, but it will also support their writing in other areas as many techniques used when writing poems (metaphors, similes, personification etc.) can be subtly used in other forms of writing. This year we have added, as part of our curriculum offer, a poem for your children to learn over the course of each half term so that they can perform it to others across school/in class. Each poem has been carefully selected so that it links to other topic areas that your children will be learning about and you will see in your child's year group how there is a poem in the English section. Maybe you could learn the poem together? Click the link to view our Curriculum Overviews: <https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/curriculoverviews.html>

Puberty lessons – This half term, children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be visited by 'HH Kids' who will be delivering a specialised puberty package to support the delivery of our PSHE and Relationships and Sex Education curriculum. Lessons will explore: visible and emotional changes during puberty, personal hygiene and an outline to the stages of pregnancy. Throughout the sessions, the children will develop their understanding of ways to manage changes, stay safe and keep healthy. Click the link to see information about **all areas** that we cover as part of PSHE curriculum: <https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/pshe.html>



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Parents' Evening!

Autumn Term parents' evening – We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Autumn Term parents' evenings. We will be sending home paper copies of the parents' evening letter on Monday 10th October to everyone at our Darlington Street site and our Lancaster Avenue Nursery site. See the table below, with our 'plan' for how we will manage the Autumn Term parents' evenings:

Date	Event
Monday 10 th October	Paper copies of parents' evening letters will be sent home (please check bags)
Mon 10 th – Thurs 13 th	Select an 'evening' and a 'time slot' that would be most convenient for you
Friday 14 th October	Return your child's completed form to the class teacher by today
Tuesday 18 th October	Our teachers will meet in school to arrange time slots to coordinate time for siblings
Wednesday 19 th October	Paper copies of confirmed parents' evening time slots will be sent home (please check bags)
Monday 31 st October	Lancaster Avenue Nursery Parents' Meetings throughout the week
	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (3:30pm – 7:00pm): Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: EH, Reception: TK, Y1NT, Y1/2TL, Y2BR
Tuesday 1 st November	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (3:30pm – 7:00pm): Y3LK, Y3/4CS, Y4CB, Y5HJ, Y5/6NC, Y6AM
Wednesday 2 nd November	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (3:30pm – 7:00pm): Darlington Street Nursery, Reception: KB, Reception: TK, Y1NT, Y1/2TL, Y2BR
Thursday 3 rd November	Parents' Evening in the school hall for the following classes (3:30pm – 7:00pm): Y3LK, Y3/4CS, Y4CB, Y5HJ, Y5/6NC, Y6AM

For all appointments, please ensure that you arrive 5 minutes before your allocated time. In order to ensure we are able to accommodate all families, there will be with a time limit of 10 minutes. I will be available in the school hall on all school based evenings should you need to speak to me – no appointment will be necessary for this. I look forward to seeing you then.

Class Worship and Musical Performances in school – We have planned for the children to share their learning with you from each class, via our 'usual' Class Worship approach. Before the next newsletter, **Y6AM Class Worship** will have taken place on **Friday 14th October**, 9:10am start in the school hall. There will also be regular musical performances by our musicians and our school choir throughout the year. The first one of these this year is on **Wednesday 19th October**, 9:15am start in the school hall. You are all very welcome to attend these events in school. Please note: this year, no letters will be issued for any of our Class Worships or Musical Performances and there is no need for you to provide us with prior notice of your attendance. Simply turn up on the day and enjoy!



Stay and plays and open afternoons – Parents/carers of children in our Nurseries and Reception will be welcomed into school during week commencing Monday 17th October for the first of our 'Stay and Play' sessions. Please see either Miss Cowley, Mrs Davies, Mr Hadjigeorgiou or Miss Killian to sign up to one of the sessions, which will take place on various days and times during that week. During that same week, parent/carers of children in Year 1 – Year 6 will have an opportunity to spend some time in school as our open afternoons re-commence. There is no need to sign up for any of the open afternoons, simply wait at the school office for the 1:30pm start.

Whole school residential plan – On Wednesday 19th October, there will be a meeting in school regarding the Year 5 February 2023 trip to Brathay Hall in the Lake District. Letters have recently been sent out to Year 5 children about this 4 night adventure. In order to prepare children for future life, this year we have developed 'residential opportunities' for **children in Year 1 – Year 6**. Click the link to view our Whole School Residential Plan which not only provides you with information about your child's time away from home, but also, when the meeting will take place for you to attend: [https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/community/Whole%20School%20Residential%20Plan%20\(2022-2023\).pdf](https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/community/Whole%20School%20Residential%20Plan%20(2022-2023).pdf)



Click the link to see our key dates letter which includes the dates of all 'Stay and Play' sessions, Open afternoons, Class Worships, Musical performance events and 'Residentials' this year:

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

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Bikeability sessions – Towards the end of this half term, some Year 6 children will be taking part in ‘Bikeability’ sessions. 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.***

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 **Monday 31st October 2022**. 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 2023 of the name of the Secondary School that your child will be going to.



Sports Council – Some members of the ATSA Sports Council came together at St. George’s Central on Wednesday 21st September. Each school within ATSA selects two Sports Council members every year and so this was an ideal opportunity for the children to come together for the first time this year. The children listened to some information about ATSA before they worked with Mr Cooke to develop and discuss ideas to improve ATSA.



VX Taster Session – Five children from Year 5 and Year 6 recently took part in VX Taster Sessions at Fred Longworth High School. VX is an inclusive sport where competitors use a lacrosse style stick to aim soft balls at their opponents. Points are scored for hitting your opponent with the ball or for catching a ball that is aimed in your direction. The children will return on Monday 7th November to take part in the VX Competition.



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

****Y5/6 Hockey Competition****

****Boxing Taster Session****

****Kickstarterz Taster Session****

****Yoga Taster Session****

****Futsal Competition****

****Cross Country Competition****

As well as being on the school website, there are paper copies of this newsletter available in the letter holders in the entrance area in school and at our Lancaster Avenue Nursery. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 21st October. Have a great month.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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