



Newsletter – Friday 15th November 2024

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It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evening during the first week of this half term. Showing your children that we are working together to support them, can only have positive benefits for their long term future. As well as reflecting on the past month, this newsletter is very much looking forward to the Christmas period and so please take time to note dates and times of events that will be taking place over the next few busy weeks.

Class attendance updates:

| Class | *% | Class | *% | Class | *% | Class | *% |
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| YR:CR | 95.2% | Y1KB | 95.2% | Y3ES | 93.7% | Y5RO | 96.1% |
| YR:NT | 95.2% | Y1/2PD | 97.0% | Y3/4LB | 95.5% | Y5/6GC | 95.5% |
| | | Y2TL | 96.2% | Y4CB | 94.6% | Y6AM | 91.2% |
| Whole school attendance: 94.6% | | | | | | | |

**%s are up to and including Friday 8th November 2024*



Remembrance Sunday – As always, there was an amazing turn out of children and staff at the Remembrance Sunday parade. It is important to ensure that future generations continue to remember the bravery that members of the armed forces demonstrated in the past and continue to show today. As a school, we are proud to be part of this event and so thank you to everyone for your commitment.

Remembrance event – On Monday 11th November, our school choir participated in a special Remembrance Day event at Fred Longworth High School as the Tyldesley branch of the Royal British Legion turned 100 years old. The children performed the songs 'We Will Remember' and 'Whistle Down the Wind' for members of the British Legion, as well as joining in with a specially commissioned song entitled 'As Dawn Appears', which was written and performed by members of Fred Longworth Brass Band. Our choir represented St. George's Central brilliantly as always.



Anti-Bullying week – Monday 11th November saw the start of Anti-Bullying Week. The week kicked off with Odd Socks Day. On this occasion, we wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect' where children were empowered to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives – it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make!

Year 5 and Year 6 trip to Bolton Museum – On Monday 11th November, children in Year 5 and Year 6 visited Bolton Museum to support their learning in history on Ancient Egypt. The children had a tour of the museum and took part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop and even saw real mummies.



'England Rocks Times Tables Competition' – Earlier this week, children in Key Stage 2 engaged in a nationwide competition with thousands of other primary schools. This online times table event reinforced accuracy and recall and aimed to boost confidence in maths as children attempted to answer as many times tables questions as possible, increasing speed, gaining coins and having fun along the way!

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Community events – As usual, our children have been ‘out and about’ in the local community over the past few weeks as part of our curriculum offer. Local walks to the park, visits to the library and St. George’s Church have all taken place. We have also continued with our visits to Hillcrest Residential Care Home. For the second year



running, our children have taken part in the Poetry Together Competition at Hillcrest Residential Care Home. The initiative was first launched by Her Majesty The Queen in order to bring younger and older generations together to share in the joy of poetry. On the day, children from Year 5RO performed poems to the elderly residents before sharing tea and cakes. It was an enjoyable morning for everyone involved.

For me, events and visits like the ones above serve to further strengthen the link between school and the local area.



Autumn Term assessments – During the week commencing Monday 25th November, children in Year 1 – Year 6 will be undertaking end of term assessments in Maths, Reading and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). Should you have any questions about these assessments, then please see your child’s teacher.

****Don’t forget that Friday 6th December will be the final day of extra-curricular clubs until January 2025****

Reception starters 2025 – The link on the Wigan Council website for 2025 Reception places opened today: [Primary School Admissions](#). If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you can now submit an application for your child to start our Reception class in September 2025. The closing date for admissions is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. 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 2025, 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) to make an appointment to meet with me and have a look round our school.



Kurling Competition – Thursday 31st October saw our KS2 Kurling team take part in a competition against seven other schools. Well done to the children who represented our children at this event.

‘Active Minds’ Road Safety Quiz – Wednesday 6th November saw two Year 6 children from St. George’s Central make up a quiz team for the ATSA ‘Active Minds’ Road Safety Quiz. The children had spent the last month brushing up on their road safety knowledge and did very well against children from six other schools.



‘Access to Success’ Yoga and Dance – Thursday 14th November saw children from St. George’s Central take part in the first ATSA ‘Access to Success’ event of the year at Rowan Tree Primary. Our children joined with children from four other schools to take part in a Yoga and Dance event.

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

- **Y5/6 Table Tennis Taster Session**
- **Y5/6 Badminton Taster Session**
- **KS2 ‘Strictly Schools’ Dance Competition**
- **Y5/6 Zumba Taster Session**
- **Y5 Stage School Workshop**

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Tyldesley Christmas lights – During the evening of Saturday 30th November, our school choir will be joining ‘The Lottery Winners’ in helping to spread the Christmas cheer at the Tyldesley Christmas Lights switch-on event, singing some popular Christmas carols and songs. If your child is involved in the school choir, please await further details from Miss Gray.



Information about Christmas performances at St. George’s Central



| Date | Performance dates/times |
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| Monday 9 th December | Darlington Street Nursery Christmas Singing Stay and Play: 2:00pm start Reception Christmas performance: 2:30pm start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas production: 6:00pm start |
| Tuesday 10 th December | Reception Christmas performance: 9:30am start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas production: 2:30pm start |
| Wednesday 11 th December | Darlington Street Nursery Christmas Singing Stay and Play: 9:00am start Reception Christmas performance: 9:30am start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas production: 6:00pm start |
| Thursday 12 th December | Darlington Street Nursery Christmas Singing Stay and Play: 9:00am start Lancaster Avenue Nursery Christmas Celebration Stay and Play: 2:30pm start |
| Friday 13 th December | Lancaster Avenue Nursery Christmas Celebration Stay and Play: 9:30am start |

| Area of School | *Ticket information* |
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| | All tickets available from Monday 25th November 2024 |
| Lancaster Avenue Nursery | Please see Mrs Skinner to sign up to attend one of the Christmas ‘Stay and Plays’. |
| Darlington Street Nursery | Please see Mrs Davies to sign up to attend one of the Christmas ‘Stay and Plays’. |
| Reception | 4 tickets per child/family available across all 3 performances: numbered tickets will be available from Miss Derighetti in Rec: NT classroom from 8:40am <i>(please head to the external Rec:NT classroom door at the rear of school to see Miss Derighetti)</i> |
| Key Stage 1 | 2 tickets per child/family available across all 3 performances: numbered tickets will be available from Mrs Hupton in the library from 8:40am <i>(please head to the external library door on playground at the rear of school to see Mrs Hupton)</i> |

There will be no charge for any tickets

Please keep the tickets you receive and bring them with you, as the number on them is your seat number for the performance



Babies and other children – Please note that tickets for the **school-based** performances are for older siblings and adults **ONLY**. For those who need to bring children, babies or toddlers, a crèche will be provided. This also includes all children from St. George’s Central who will have seen all dress rehearsals.

Photographs and digital recording – Under no circumstances are you to use your phone/camera in school or take any photographs during any of the performances, including at the end. We will have already taken individual/group photographs of the children in their costumes which we will upload to Seesaw. From Seesaw, you can save and print images yourself, in your preferred style at your leisure. A selection of images will be uploaded to our School Facebook page and staff ‘X’ accounts.



*****Please note: both the Reception and Year 1/Year 2 performances on Tuesday 10th December will be filmed by school with final versions being uploaded to our school YouTube page before we break for Christmas. Final links will then be emailed to you and sent via Seesaw. Please let us know by Friday 29th November if you would prefer your child not to be filmed*****

Please bring cash (£1 for a strip of tickets) if you would like to enter the raffle at each school-based performance.

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Other Information about Christmas at St. George's Central

****On Friday 6th December, all children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper/non-uniform.****

Christmas 'class based' party days



Friday 13th December: Year 1 and Year 2 party day

Monday 16th December: Year 5 and Year 6 party day

Tuesday 17th December: Year 3 and Year 4 party day

Thursday 19th December: Reception and Nursery party day

It is non-uniform for children when it is their party day.



Pantomime trip – The afternoon of Wednesday 18th December will see the return of the **FREE** Pantomime for children from Reception to Year 6 at The Opera House in Manchester. Our children will be watching Cinderella, starring Jason Manford. You will soon receive a letter from Mrs Malley, giving further details about this trip.



KS2 Carol Service – On Thursday 19th December, all KS2 children will be walking to St. George's Church to take part in our very own carol service. This will start at **10:00am** and will involve the children re-telling the story of the first Christmas story through a mix of biblical readings, acting and song. We hope to see you there.

Christmas disco details: Thursday 19th December 2024

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| Y1 & Y2 | <p>3:30pm – 4:30pm</p> <p><i>Children to bring their disco clothes to school and remain in school at home time to get changed.</i></p> <p>The disco will be £2 per child (cash brought to the school office beforehand).</p> <p>There will be some light refreshments included and children will not need to bring any other money on the night.</p> |
| Y3 – Y6 | <p>5:00pm – 6:30pm</p> <p>The disco will be £2 per child (cash brought to the school office beforehand).</p> <p>There will be some light refreshments included and children will not need to bring any other money on the night.</p> <p>All children are to be collected by an adult at 6:30pm and so there is no need for children to bring a mobile phone with them to the school disco.</p> |



Christmas dinner – Christmas dinner will be served to all children and staff in school on **Friday 20th December**. Should your child be on packed lunches and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner then please let the school office know by **Monday 2nd December**. There is **no need for you to send any Christmas crackers into school** for Christmas dinner. School will provide everything for your child on the day.

Christmas gifts – As I have said for the past few years, there is **no real need for you to provide any gifts for our staff** as many of you do at Christmas time. I know that staff do truly appreciate any items that are sent into school. This time of year provides an ideal opportunity for us to look at how we show our thanks to people in school without a financial implication. I do know that our staff appreciate the amount of support you provide for your child at home with their learning and development. So, for me, you are 'showing your thanks' to us by:



-listening to your child read each night (their reading book, ebook or through accessing Reading Plus);

-undertaking any other home learning activities (spellings, maths or any other work set);

-ensuring that your children show respect and behave appropriately within the Tyldesley community and through

-promoting the use of manners with your child.



Your continued support with the above is the greatest gift for us all in school, at all times of the year.

The next newsletter and Spring Term (1st half) dates letter will be emailed out on **Friday 20th December**. On this day, we break up for Christmas. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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