

Dear Parents & Carers,

Swimming gala success

In February some of our pupils took part in an inter-schools swimming gala at Guinea Gap and we are thrilled to say they brought the first place trophies back to St George's! Well done to Eva, Neve, Henrietta, Beatrice, Jake, Luke, Lloyd and Regan from years 3 and 4 and Katie, Eleanor, Joel, Luca, Alex, Holly W, Holly A and Ben from years 5 and 6.

PTA events

The PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) has a busy month with several fundraising events in March starting with the very popular Mad March Hair and Crazy Sock Day on Friday, 10^{th} March. For a donation of £1 children can come into school on that day with colourful or wacky hairstyles or silly socks. The PTA will be selling coloured hairsprays and pipe cleaners at the lower site office from Monday, 6^{th} March. There will also be a St Patrick's Day Family Fun Night on Friday, 17^{th} March. Tickets, costing £3 for adults and £1 for children including a bowl of Irish stew, are on sale from both offices. On 31^{st} March children in F1 and F2 will be enjoying an Easter Egg hunt with a little help from the PTA (and the Easter bunny.) Fingers crossed for good weather so the fun can be held outside. Letters will be sent out soon.

Parental support – parking and dogs

We would like to remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds under any circumstances. We would also ask parents at both sites to please avoid parking in front of driveways or on the yellow zig zag lines when dropping off/collecting their children.

Parent Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on 13th, 14th and 15th March. Letters have been sent out and copies are available for download from the school website. Please return them to school as soon as possible.

Esafety

Social media continues to be an ongoing concern at school, particularly for our older children. Year 6 teacher Mr Keaney recently provided a detailed presentation for parents at our upper site. If anyone is concerned about their child online there are two helpful links: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Anti bullying

Our anti-bullying steering group met before half term to work on an anti-bullying policy and charter. They will meet once a term to keep anti-bullying work high on the school agenda. Some of the pupils have been specially trained to act as Peer Mediators to support other children on the playground. We also have a peer mediator stop on both sites, which children can go to at break or lunch times if they are upset or have no one to play with.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Skarratts-Jackson Acting Headteacher

Dates

March

Thursday 2nd World Book Day - dress as your favourite book character!

Thursday 2nd Books for Bedtime Parent & Child Event F2A & F2C 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Tuesday 7th Forest School AM F2B / PM – F2D

Tuesday 7th Year 2 KS1 Assessment Parent Workshop 5:00pm

Thursday 9th Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop 5:00pm

Friday 10th PTA Mad Hair & Sock Day Monday 13th Parents' evening Years 5 & 6 Tuesday 14th Forest School AM F2B / PM - F2D Tuesday 14th Parents' evening F2 - Year 6 Wednesday 15th Parents' evening F2 - Year 4 Friday 17th Family Fun Night, Upper site 7-9 Forest School AM F2B / PM - F2D Tuesday 21st Tuesday 21st Year 5 trip to Floral Pavilion

Friday 24th PTA Coffee morning lower site 9am Tuesday 28th Forest School AM F2A / PM – F2C

Thursday 30th School photographs

Friday 31st PTA Easter Egg Hunt for F1 & F2 Friday 31st School closes for Spring Break

April

Monday 17 th	School closed for Easter Monday
Tuesday 18 th	School opens for Summer Term
Tuesday 18 th	Forest School AM F2A / PM - F2C
Tuesday 25 th	Forest School AM F2A / PM - F2C

May

Monday 1st School closed for May bank holiday

Monday 8th Year 6 SATS week. **Please do not book holidays for this week**Monday 15th Year 2 SATS. **Please do not book holidays for this week**

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Monday 22nd Year 2 SATS continues. **Please do not book holidays for this week**

Friday 26th School closes for half term