



Dear Parents & Carers,

The staff and children are now settled into Spring Term and are used to the new routines. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for their positive approach to the new behaviour system. It is delightful to see how many children display Gold, Blue and Green behaviour daily, keep it up!

### **Parental support - Jewellery**

Please can we remind all parents and carers that jewellery other than sensible wrist watches are not allowed in school. For reasons of safety, studs are to be covered with sticking plaster or micro pore if they cannot be removed. It is necessary for teachers to be particularly vigilant whilst children are involved in physical education, including swimming. We would appreciate parental support with this matter.

### **Head lice**

Unfortunately we are experiencing an outbreak of head lice. Please can you be vigilant with your child/children and check their hair on a regular basis. If a course of treatment is required it can be purchased at any pharmacy or superstore. Treatment needs to be followed up 7 days after the first initial treatment to ensure all head lice are eradicated. Head lice are much easier to treat if caught early.

### **Attendance**

At St George's we believe that for our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend school regularly and are on time. Any pupil's absence, or regular late arrival, will undoubtedly impact negatively on their learning and progress. Unfortunately our attendance figures for last year put us in the lowest 20% of schools. Our present attendance rate is 96.5% which is very close to the national average of 96%. Please try your best to ensure that your children attend school every day, unless the reason for absence is absolutely unavoidable.



### **Community Governor**

We are sad to say that our long standing Community Governor Frank Brennan, who has been with us for over 20 years, has resigned from post. He has played a huge part in St George's and its progress over the years. He has helped with development around the school including the lovely centenary garden. He will be missed and we would like to say thank you for everything he has done for our school community. We will be advertising the position in due course and if you would like any information please contact the school office.

### **Meet the New Headteacher**

Just a reminder that parents and carers are invited to meet Mr Cassidy on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 9:00am and 6:00pm at Lower Site. This will be an opportunity to hear about the work, vision and strategy for the school. There will also be a question and answer session.

Please continue to check the school website for dates and events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Skarratts-Jackson  
Acting Headteacher

## Dates

### February

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Year 5 Parent Workshop - Maths – Top Site                        |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | PTA Glow in the Dark disco                                       |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | Year 3 Ancient Greek Workshop (In School)                        |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Forest School AM F2A / PM – F2C                                  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | PTA Glow in the Dark disco                                       |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 3 & 4 Parent and Child Writing Workshop 3:30pm              |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | E-Safety Parent Meeting Top Site 5:00pm - 6:00pm                 |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | Meet the Headteacher 9am Lower Site                              |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | Meet the Headteacher 6pm Lower Site                              |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 4 Residential Parent Information Workshop Lower Site 5:00pm |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | School closes for Half Term                                      |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>    | School opens to staff and pupils                                 |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Forest School AM F2B / PM – F2D                                  |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Books for Bedtime Parent & Child Event F2B & F2D 5:00pm – 5:45pm |

### March

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | World Book Day - dress as your favourite book character!         |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Books for Bedtime Parent & Child Event F2A & F2C 5:00pm – 5:45pm |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Forest School AM F2B / PM – F2D                                  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Year 2 KS1 Assessment Parent Workshop 5:00pm                     |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop 5:00pm                            |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>    | PTA Mad Hair & Sock Day  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Parents' evening Years 5 & 6                                     |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Forest School AM F2B / PM – F2D                                  |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Parents' evening F2 – Year 6                                     |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | Parents' evening F2 – Year 4                                     |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Forest School AM F2B / PM – F2D                                  |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Forest School AM F2A / PM – F2C                                  |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>  | School photographs   |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>    | PTA Easter Egg Hunt for F1 & F2                                  |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>    | School closes for Spring Break                                   |

### April

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