

St George's  
Primary School  
Family Newsletter



April 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

I wanted to start this term by communicating my gratitude to children, parents, staff and governors at St George's for the warm welcome that I received last term. Although I was only here part time, I felt very much part of the St George's family. I am delighted to have started full time.

All the staff team are focused on restoring excellence to St George's. The work that we have already started on behaviour and improving the curriculum has already had a significant impact but there is a lot more to do. I want to reassure you that we are working tirelessly on this. We have already started to introduce new curriculums focused on high quality learning in English and mathematics. We will share this with parents in year group meetings in the summer term and September.

This term I will be working at top site in the mornings and splitting my time between top site and lower site in the afternoon. Mrs Skarratts-Jackson will be primarily in lower site in the morning and across both sites in the afternoon.

We are currently missing two assistant head teachers from our school team which means that the leadership team are very stretched. Regardless of this we are determined to maintain excellent communication with all parents in this period. Your key contacts if you have issues that you could not resolve with the class teacher or are of a sensitive nature are:

- Early Years (Nursery and Foundation 2): Mrs Lynsey Mitchell
- Key Stage One (years 1 and 2): Mrs Laura Horton
- Years 3 and 4: Mrs Tracy Skarratts-Jackson
- Years 5: Mr Bernard Cassidy
- Year 6: Miss Jenny Harris

Appointments can be made by contacting the school office in person, by phone or through e-mail.

I look forward to getting to know more of our school community during the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Bernard Cassidy**  
Head Teacher

### Election Closures

Wirral Council have informed the school that we must close so that the general election can take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The Governors and I want to apologise to our families for the disruption that this will cause. This means we are now **closed** on:

- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** for Local and Mayoral Elections
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** for General Election

Governors have asked me to approach Wirral Council again and look at an alternative solution for the polling centre because of the impact that this causes to school and families.

Dragon Club will be open on those days to support families. Mr Sprung the centre manager can be contacted about availability. Address is [dragonclub@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:dragonclub@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk).



## Parents Survey Feedback

We have received the responses from the parents' survey. We will publish these in full in our next newsletter with an action plan that shows we are listening to your key concerns.

We will also arrange Parent Forum meetings for June.

### Sporting Success

- Years 3 and 4 won the latest round of the Corgi Cup. In an exciting home game they beat Our Lady and St Edwards Primary School 5-4. Well done!
- Our gymnasts also won gold at a competition at the Wallasey Alliance Schools championship held at New Brighton Gymnastics Club. Well done to everybody involved.
- We have now had trophies engraved for the swimming gala winners in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Congratulations to Will, 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.



### Charity Champions

Our children's charitable nature continues to make a huge impression on the school.

Six girls in year 6 raised £172.52 with a home-made cake sale for Red Nose Day.

Leo, from 1A, is planning to raise funds for Community Spirit Wirral by taking part in the Three Peaks Challenge – all before he's 7! He will be one of the youngest children ever to scale Scafell Pike, Snowdonia and Ben Nevis. Everyone here wishes him lots of luck in his challenge!

Layla, of 2A, has been organising her own hair raising fundraiser over Easter. She has been growing her hair especially so it can be cut off to help The Little Princess Trust. The trust was set up to make real hair wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer. Layla was due to have 30cm of hair cut off over the Easter holiday. Donations for the above can be made at the school office.

Thank you for all your support with our Autism Awareness Charity Appeal, we raised £436.18.

### School Access

We are delighted to finally have the scaffolding removed and the works completed on the lower site roof. Access to lower site for years F2, 1, 2 and 3, via the main playground, can be very busy in the morning and at pick up times. We would like to remind parents that they should enter through the car park on the way in and leave down the ramp by the school office on the way out. We will be putting signs up to make this clearer and appreciate parents' support with this issue.

### New appointments

We have a number of new members of staff joining St George's this term and would like to welcome the following people to the team:

SENDCO:

Year 5 Nurture Group Teacher:

Lower School Reception:

Out of Hours Manager (Dragon Club):

Lunchtime Supervisor and play leader:

Deputy lunchtime supervisor and play leader:

Health and Safety Manger (part-time with Wallasey Alliance):

Clerk to Governors:

PA to SLT:

Middy Assistant:

Mrs Sonia Huxley

Miss Lisa Miller

Mrs Kelly McCarthy

Mr John Sprung

Mrs Diana Dicastiglione

Mr Craig Smith

Mr Graham Morris

Mr Kamal Choudhary

Mrs Susan Walters

Mrs Jill Drew

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## Dates For Your Diary

### May

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School closed for May bank holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 Visit to PLG (day 1)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 Visit to PLG (day 2)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for Inset Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS week. <b>Please do not book holidays for this week</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATS. <b>Please do not book holidays for this week</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 2 SATS continues. <b>Please do not book holidays for this week</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for half term

### June

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for General Election
WC 12 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Non Uniform Day (bottles, tins, toiletries and toys for Summer Fair)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Non Uniform Day (Books, CDs and DVDs for Summer Fair)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cake donation day for Summer Fair (normal uniform)

### July

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Summer Fair
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 leavers' assembly
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Summer holiday

### September

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School opens for Autumn term
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**Note that all year group letters have contained dates of trips and events for this term.**