

**St George's
Primary School**

Family Newsletter



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New Website



We are currently building a new website. It will improve communication with families but also has a platform for staff and children. Our new website will be developed in four phases.

Phase 1: **Old website transfers to our new platform on June 22nd June.** There will be no initial changes.

Phase 2: **New website structure will be in place from 28th June** with the same address; www.stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk

New website will start with essential information on dates, policies, etc. We will be improving and adding to this weekly throughout July.

Phase 3: **Curriculum area of the website will open in September** with detailed guidance on curriculum, national testing and support for children to learn at home.

Phase 4: **In early October we will open children's section of the website.** With platforms for safe and secure messaging, blogging and publishing. More details to follow on this section of the school's website.

The new website will improve home, school communication. It also responds to a number of issues raised in our parental survey. This included requests for better curriculum support and clear guidance on a range of issues from 11+, complaints, home learning expectations and Special Educational Needs etc.

Our App will continue to work throughout the summer period.

Transition Meetings

As your children move through the school, we know the importance of transition and effective communication with parents and families. To support this we have organised transition meetings for families, when there are significant changes to school routines. Meetings arranged are:

	When	Led By
Moving from Foundation 2 to Year 1	10 th July 2.30 pm or 5.00 pm	Mrs Horton and Mr Cassidy with Year 1 Staff
Year 2 Explained	October 4 th at 2.30pm or 5.15pm	Mrs Horton, Mr Cassidy and Year 2 Staff
Meet the Year 3 and 4 Team	11 th September at 2.30pm or 5.15pm	Mrs Chambers, Mr Cassidy and the Year 3 and 4 Teams.
Moving from Year 4 to Year 5	2.30pm on 27/6 for 4A and 4B 2.30pm on 28/6 for 4C and 4D or 5.00 pm on 28/6	Mrs Skarratts-Jackson, Mr Cassidy and year 5 Team
Year 6 Explained and Year 6 Menai Trip Arrangements	13 th September 2017 2.30pm and 5.15pm	Mrs Dunne, Mr Cassidy and the Year 6 Team

New Classes for 2016-17

We have already organised the class moves for next year. They are detailed below:

2016-17 Class	2017-18 Class	Class Teacher for 2017-18
	F1 (nursery)	Mrs McKeown and Mrs Wall
	F2A	Mrs McLean (formerly Miss Pierce)
	F2B	Mrs Noakes
	F2C	Mrs Williams
	F2D	Miss Jones
Assistant Head Teacher for EYFS is Mrs Mitchell		
F2B	1A	Miss Barlow
F2C	1B	Mrs Senior
F2D	1C	Miss Gough-Hughes
F2A	1D	Mrs Wainwright and Miss Markham
1A	2A	Mrs Johnson and Mrs Molloy
1C	2B	Miss Mulheirn
1B	2C	Mrs Malloy and Mrs Price
1D	2D	Mrs Murphy
Assistant Head Teacher for Years 1 and 2 is Mrs Horton		
2D	3A	Miss Bennett
2A	3B	Mrs Kingsley
2C	3C	Mrs Drogomirecki and Mrs Devlin
2B	3D	Mrs Landrum
3C	4A	Miss Cameron
3A	4B	Mrs Saunders
3D	4C	Miss Lewis and Mrs Hughes
3B	4D	Miss Reil
Assistant Head Teacher for Years 3 and 4 is Mrs Chambers		
4C	5A	Mrs Bowden-Pickstock
4A	5B	Miss Spurdle
4D	5C	Miss Hughes
4B	5D	Ms Ford and Mrs Parker
5C	6A	Mr Kearney
5A	6B	Miss Harris
5D	6C	Mrs Palmi
5B	6D	Mrs Dunne and new teacher being appointed in July.
5E	6E	New teacher being appointed in July and Miss Pickering
Assistant Head Teacher for Years 5 and 6 is Mrs Dunne		

We are also adding extra teachers to reduce class sizes and improve support across the school. Next year:

- Mrs Mitchell will be teaching small classes and groups in Foundation 2
- Mrs Skarratts-Jackson will be teaching an additional class for year 1 maths.
- Mrs Horton will be teaching an additional English and Maths class in year 2
- Mr Thomas will be teaching an additional English and Maths class in year 3
- Mrs Chambers will be teaching an additional English and Maths class in year 4
- Mr Knowles will be teaching an additional English and Maths class in year 5
- We have already added an additional class to year 6
- Mr Knowles and Mr Thomas are also specialist P.E teachers who will lead on sports and P.E across the school with Miss Rimmer who will join us part time in September.

Children will get chance to work with their teachers over the next few weeks and meet their new class teacher on 12th July. This will be **transition day** for the whole school.

**Get excited for
NEW CLASSES!**

Thank You and Good Luck!

We have some staff leaving St George's this year.

- We wish Mrs Boekweit-Hughes good luck in her new role as the Assistant head teacher at St Joseph's Primary School. Mrs Boekweit-Hughes's work to help our curriculum development has been much valued.
- We also wish Miss Miller good luck in her new teaching role in Hulme. We thank her for her work in establishing our nurture base.
- We are also losing two valued teaching assistants this year because of budget pressures. We thank Mr Morgan and Mrs Ashton for their hard work and commitment. We also wish them good luck with the next stage in their career.
- Mr Favager (Ron) leaves us on the 7th July. Ron is retiring from his caretaker role. We thank him for his work and commitment to the school and hope that he enjoys his retirement.



Welcome!

As well as our new teachers for next year, we also welcome Mr Mike Kinsella as our new caretaker. Mike joins us from 3rd July 2017.

Annual Reports!

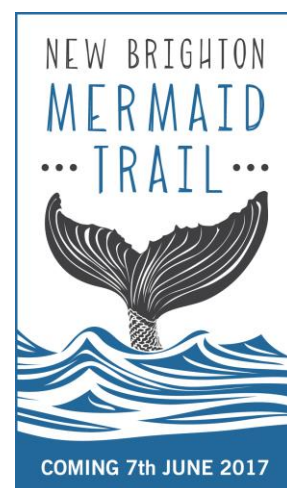
Just a reminder that our Annual Reports are being published online this year (see newsletter 9). We will send home login details for the platform in July. Reports will be published on Friday 14th July.

Mermaid Trail

We are delighted to have had the opportunity to be part of the New Brighton Mermaid trail. It was fabulous to see the mermaid trail being accessed by families over the weekend. A huge well done to Miss Mulheirn and the children and staff involved. You can follow their journey in the Liverpool Echo:

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/mermaid-trail-launched-new-brighton-13149490>

St George's mermaid stands proudly right opposite the Floral Pavilion.



Walliams at the Williamson
Wednesday 5th July 2017
at
Williamson Art Gallery & Museum,
Birkenhead
Between 6:30 & 7:45pm



Walliams at The Williamson Art-Work

St George's are also taking part in the Walliams at the Williamson exhibition.

We have three pieces of art work being displayed at the art gallery between 5th July and 2nd of September. Please visit the gallery and support the children's work. An example of our art work is in the top right hand corner.

Well done to the year 5 children involved in creating this artwork.

Sporting News

- More sporting news and success. Well done to our **Key Stage Two Cross Country Team** who won the Wallasey Schools cross country cup held at New Brighton Dips. Children performed brilliantly and were a real credit to the school.
- Huge well done to our **Years 5 and 6 swimming team** who won the Wallasey Schools swimming gala. Children performed brilliantly and were great ambassadors for the school with their excellent behaviour and conduct. They are competing in the Wirral Schools final on Friday 23rd June.
- Our **Year 6 football team** were knocked out of the Semi Finals of the Houlihan Cup by Birkenhead school after a spirited win against Liscard Primary in the semi-finals.
- Good luck to Gabriella, Cerys and Katryn who are competing in an international gymnastics competition in Las Vegas next week!

2017 Sports Days Reminders

	AM Session 9.30-11.00 am	PM Session 1.30 – 3.00pm
Monday 17th July	Year 5	Year 2
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6	Year 1
Wednesday 19th July	Year 4	Year 3
Thursday 20th July	Foundation 2	
Friday 21st July	Possible Catch Up Days	

Bottles of water will be provided for each child by the PTA. Fingers crossed for good weather. Further details will be sent home in late June.

Summer Fair!

This year's Summer Fair is fast approaching. The fair will be held from 1pm-4pm on Saturday 1st July at our upper site on Claremount Road. The PTA have organised plenty of entertainment for the day including visits from Darth Vader and one of his Stormtroopers, Cinderella, donkeys, reptiles and birds of prey. There will also be an inflatable assault course and bouncy castles plus games, stalls – including a card swap table (Pokemon/football etc), barbecue, a Pimms tent and ice cream. They have lots of amazing raffle and bidding wall prizes including £100 shopping voucher and tickets for the Crocky Trail, Chester Zoo and the Lego Discovery Centre in Manchester to name but a few. Hopefully the sun will shine!



Anti-bullying policy

Thank you to the children and parents who have been working on our anti-bullying policy with Mrs Horton. We will be able to share it on our new website soon.

Parking

We have had some complaints from parents about people parking on pavements and across drives. Please be aware of other people when you are dropping children off and picking them up.