



St George's

C of E Primary School & Nursery

'EVERYONE matters, EVERYONE achieves.'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We have already had a very busy few weeks settling into new routines and classes so I thought I would now write with dates for you and a few reminders.

I would like to apologise for the length of this information letter but there are a lot of reminders that I do need to share.

Fundraising for a new adventure playground

The big adventure playground is coming towards the end of its life, and we are needing to save a huge amount of money to replace it. We have already received two quotes and the average price to replace it is £30,000! As you will be aware, school budgets are getting tighter and tighter, so we are having to rely on fundraising to move forward with this project.

Our PTFA fundraising group of parents have already raised money towards the new equipment through events such as the circus last year and the summer fair. We have emailed all families regarding the PTFA's most recent events which are golden ticket chocolate bars and magician shows being held on 23rd Oct. If you have any questions or would like to find out about joining the PTFA (we would love some new members!) then please email friendsofstgeorgesptfa@gmail.com

Our Christmas raffle proceeds and the sale of Christmas cards will also go towards the adventure play.

If any families have any business contacts who may be willing to donate towards our adventure play or donate prizes we can use in the raffle, please let us know. Thank you for your support.

Facebook and the school website

For those parents who do not know, we do have a school Facebook page that can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesPrimaryTelford>. The purpose of our Facebook page is to celebrate all the great things we are getting up to in school and post reminders about key dates/events. Our Facebook is not designed for communication back and forth with parents, for example if parents have questions about school lunches. Please use our admin email for that (see above) or ring the school office so we can help your more effectively.

You can also visit the school website at www.stgeorgesschool.org.uk. The website is a great way to let the general public find out more about our school, but more importantly it is an extremely useful tool for parents. The site features a **Parents' Area**. This area is regularly updated by school staff with the purpose of



making communications from the school to parents easier and more regular, giving you a convenient way to check news and to gain a better insight into what's happening.

In addition to news from the school office, each year group has their own area where they can share news and activities. There is also a term and events dates section. We will be adding information to the website as it happens, so you can easily check for the latest news when it suits you. We also upload copies of letters onto the website within the Parents' Area.

Our weekly newsletters are also uploaded to the website each Friday.

Other communication with parents and carers

Letters are emailed to parents and carers via the ParentPay system. Please ensure you let the school office know if you are not receiving texts and emails or if you change your details.

The quickest and easiest way to contact school is by using the email and telephone number at the top of this letter. Please note that the school office is not staffed until 8am each morning and we would prefer for parents to only come to the school office if it is an emergency, or if you need to drop something off.

A senior member of staff will be on the KS1 playground every morning (by the reception classes entrance) for parents to speak to, ask questions, pass on messages etc.

Parents can also contact the staff in their children's year groups using the year group email addresses below:

St George's Nursery Team – nurseryteam@stgeorgesschool.org.uk

St George's Reception Team – receptionteam@stgeorgesschool.org.uk

St George's Year 1 Team – year1team@stgeorgesschool.org.uk

St George's Year 2 Team – year2team@stgeorgesschool.org.uk

St George's Year 3 Team – year3team@stgeorgesschool.org.uk

St George's Year 4 Team – year4team@stgeorgesschool.org.uk

St George's Year 5 Team – year5team@stgeorgesschool.org.uk

St George's Year 6 Team – year6team@stgeorgesschool.org.uk

Please note however that as staff teach all day, they may not be able to respond immediately to emails so if it is an emergency please contact the school office.

PE Kits

All children in Years 3-6 need to have a PE kit in school and will get changed for the lesson in their own classrooms. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children need to come to school already wearing their PE kit for the day please. PE days have already been communicated by year groups.

We would politely ask you to help us by children not wearing earrings on PE days. If they do wear them, please teach your child to be able to take out their own earrings for PE as staff are not allowed to help them with this. If they are unable to take them out, they will need to bring their own tape/plasters in to cover

their own earrings. Please note, staff are not responsible for removing, covering or looking after earrings for PE.

Only stud earrings should be worn to school for health and safety reasons. Please do not send your child into school with dangling or hooped earrings.

Snacks

Children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 all get provided with a free piece of fruit or a vegetable for their morning snack through the national fruit scheme, so they do not need to bring in their own snack. Children in Y3-6 are very welcome to bring in a snack for morning playtime, but we only allow fruit or vegetables. No cereal bars, sweets or crisps etc should be coming into school please.

Birthday sweets and cakes

Just to remind you that St George's do not have sweets and cakes coming into school from home for children's birthdays. This is because of allergies and health reasons.

Water bottles

Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school every day and that it is named.

Parking

Please park considerately and safely when you are dropping off and collecting children. The yellow zig zags must always be kept clear and please do not park on the paths. We do need to work together to keep our children safe.

Reading and homework

Please support your child at home with their reading and homework. Children are asked to read regularly at home, and we ask if you can then jot a comment in the reading record so we know how well they are doing. The more they read, the better their skills and confidence will be. The children also have the chance to earn rewards in school for regularly reading at home.

Mobile phones

Only children in Year 5 and 6 who walk home alone are allowed to bring mobile phones into school please. You are kindly asked to complete a permission form for this which has already been sent out.

Dates for your diary

Mon 30th Sep- Eat Well workshops in school.

Tues 1st Oct- 7pm. PTFA meeting in the school hall. Anyone is VERY welcome to join this lovely group to help us raise money for school. We will be discussing ideas and planning events for the future at this meeting.

Tues 1st Oct- Group of Y5/6 boys to football event

Thurs 3rd Oct- School Census Day. American Diner for lunch!

Thurs 3rd Oct- School photo day

Mon 7th Oct- Harvest donations of food/toiletry items for Telford Crisis Support can come into school any day this week. A list of items that are particularly in need is attached with this email for your information.

Mon 7th Oct- Y6 height and weight checks

Mon 7th and Tues 8th Oct - Black history workshops in school

Wed 9th Oct- 9.30am Harvest Festival in Church for years 1/3/5. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us in Church for this celebration.

Thurs 10th Oct- 9.30am Harvest Festival in Church for years 2/4/6. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us in Church for this celebration.

Thurs 10th Oct- Y3 visit to Exotic Zoo

Thurs 10th Oct- Hello Yellow Day in school. This is a national day to help raise the profile of mental health. Children are invited to wear yellow items of clothing on this day if they would like to- please do not feel you need to go out and buy something especially. They can wear a yellow t-shirt or just yellow socks with their school uniform for example. If they have a full-blown yellow outfit, they can wear that! This is not a general non-uniform day though so if they don't wear yellow, please can they come in school uniform. There is no donation for this day.

Fri 11th Oct- 9am. Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Mentions Assembly. Individual parents/carers will get an invitation to this assembly if their child is going to receive a Special Mention certificate this half term.

Fri 11th Oct- last day to bring in any Harvest donations for Telford Crisis Support.

Mon 14th Oct- Wonderdome in school for Y5.

Tues 15th Oct- 9am. Year 3/Year 4 Mentions Assembly. Individual parents/carers will get an invitation to this assembly if their child is going to receive a Mention certificate this half term.

Wed 16th Oct- 9am. Year 5/Year 6 Mentions Assembly. Individual parents/carers will get an invitation to this assembly if their child is going to receive a Mention certificate this half term.

Wed 16th Oct- A group of Y5/6 pupils attending a writing event for more able writers.

Thurs 17th and Fri 18th Oct- Zamble African Dance Company in school providing workshops across year groups.

Fri 18th Oct- Show Racism the Red Card Day. This is a national day to help fight racism within our communities. Children are invited to wear red items of clothing on this day if they would like to- please do not feel you need to go out and buy something especially. They can wear a red t-shirt or just red socks with their school uniform for example. If they have a full-blown red outfit, they can wear that! This is not a general non-uniform day though so if they don't wear red, please can they come in school uniform. There is no donation for this day.

Mon 21st Oct- Parents' Evenings will take place this week (*more details will follow*).

Mon 21st Oct- Sugar awareness workshops in school this week.

Wed 23rd Oct- 4pm and 5.30pm PTFA Magician event. Details can be found to book tickets on our website and Facebook page. Parents and carers have also been sent details for this event via Parent Pay.

Fri 25th Oct- Celebration of Song church service for children and staff. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents and carers to this service due to space in church.

Fri 25th Oct- Break up for half term.

Mon 4th Nov- Staff and children return to school.

Mon 4th Nov- flu vaccinations

Mon 11th Nov- Book Fair in school (Mon, Tues, Wed)

Tues 12th Nov- Odd Socks Day in school to help us celebrate differences. Children are invited to wear odd socks with their normal school uniform. No donation required.

Wed 13th Nov- Dogs' Trust assemblies and workshops in school.

Fri 15th Nov- Children in Need Day. This is a non-uniform day, and children can wear whatever makes them happy! If able to, please can children bring in a donation of £1.

Mon 18th, Wed 20th and Fri 22nd Nov- We are running RE Debates for local schools.

Tues 26th Nov – Discos. Year 1/Year 2 at 3-4pm. More details to follow nearer the time.

Wed 27th Nov – Discos. Reception Year at 2-3pm and Year 3/Year 4 at 3-4pm. More details to follow nearer the time.

Thurs 28th Nov – Discos. Year 5/Year 6 at 3-4pm. More details to follow nearer the time.

Fri 29th Nov- Non-uniform day for donations of prizes for our Grand Christmas Raffle please. We would love any donations such as chocolates, biscuits, bottles of wine, gift sets, candles, new toys etc that we can use to make into our famous Christmas hampers! Alternatively, children are asked to bring in a donation of £1 that we can use to buy additional raffle prizes.

Mon 2nd Dec- 9am Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Mentions Assembly. Individual parents/carers will get an invitation to this assembly if their child is going to receive a Special Mention certificate this half term.

Tues 3rd Dec- 9am Year 3/Year 4 Mentions Assembly. Individual parents/carers will get an invitation to this assembly if their child is going to receive a Mention certificate this half term.

Wed 4th Dec- Rock Steady Concerts

Fri 6th Dec- 9am Year 5/Year 6 Mentions Assembly. Individual parents/carers will get an invitation to this assembly if their child is going to receive a Mention certificate this half term.

Mon 9th Dec- Raffle tickets will be on sale this week. Raffle will be drawn on Fri 13th Dec. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Tues 10th Dec- 9.30am Parents and carers are invited to join us in church for Y5/6 carol concert.

Wed 11th Dec- 9.30am Parents and carers are invited to join us in church for Y3/4 carol concert.

Thurs 12th Dec- 9.30am Parents and carers are invited to join us in church for Y1/2 carol concert.

Tues 17th Dec- Nursery and Reception nativity performances in school at 9.30am and 2pm. More details to follow nearer the time.

Wed 18th Dec- Christmas lunch and party day. This is a non-uniform day. Children can wear Christmas jumpers, party clothes or simply whatever makes them happy on this day. No donation required.

Thurs 19th Dec- 9.30am Parents and carers are invited to join us in church for our Christmas Service for Y1/3/5.

Fri 20th Dec- 9.30am Parents and carers are invited to join us in church for our Christmas Service for Reception/Y2/4/6.

Fri 20th Dec. Break up for Christmas.

Mon 6th Jan 2025. Staff training day (school not open to pupils).

Tues 7th Jan. Children return to school.

People you may want to talk to

Our senior leadership team are:

Mrs Sixsmith

Head Teacher

Designated Safeguarding Lead(DSL)

Mrs Watts

Deputy Head Teacher

Deputy DSL

Mrs Foxley

Assistant Head Teacher

Deputy DSL



Our Inclusion Leader and SENCo (special needs and disability lead) is Mrs Evans and she is also a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Evans oversees support for children who have English as a second language and children in receipt of pupil premium funding.



Mrs Croft is also one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Mrs Croft also oversees support for our children in care.



Mrs Jervis is our pastoral leader and is here to help support children and families in need. She is also our attendance officer and is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Finally, just to remind you that doors open for all children at 8.40am with registers taking place at 8.45am. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Reception, Y1 and Y2 children finish school at 3.15pm. Years 3-6 children finish at 3.20pm.

If you have any questions or worries at all, please email or telephone school so that we can help you.

Thank you once again for all your support. If you have any worries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact school. We are always happy to help and work in partnership with all of our families.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Sixsmith".

Mrs Sally Sixsmith

Head Teacher