



Newsletter – Friday 26th January 2018

If I have not seen you around school this month – Happy New Year! I hope 2018 is going well for you so far. Many thanks to all the families who volunteered to be part of our new uniform 'trial' – we are trying to include as many of you as possible in the time we have had for this. We will soon be sending home feedback/voting slips so a final decision can be made. If you had not had chance to see children around school wearing the two options then the images below may help when it comes to you having your vote.

Option 1: All children throughout school (Nursery, KS1 and KS2) wear the yellow polo shirt that is currently worn in Nursery and KS1



Option 2: All children throughout school (Nursery, KS1 and KS2) wear a navy blue polo shirt, like the one that our staff wear.



Hinning House – Monday 12th February will see 23 Y5 children from St. George's Central spend a week at Hinning House in the Lake District. The children will be accompanied by three staff members and will spend the week orienteering, canoeing, kayaking as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure they will have a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities.

Eucharist for Ash Wednesday Service in school – Wednesday 14th February will see Rector Martin lead a Eucharist for Ash Wednesday Service in school for all our children and families within the St. George's Central community. The service will take place in our school hall, 9:15am – 10:00am with refreshments served afterwards. You are all very welcome to attend this. I hope to see you there. ***This will mean that our planned 9:05am choir performance on the same day, will now take place at 2:45pm.***



Chinese New Year – Celebrations for this in school will take place on Friday 16th February as the Year of the Dog commences. Each class will undertake a variety of activities throughout the day, with Mr Simmons leading a 'sharing' assembly in the hall at 2:30pm, where each class will be able to showcase the great work they have completed during the day. Children can bring in any resources from home to support this on the day, for example: clothing etc.

Parents/carers workshops – Our Safer Internet Use: E-Safety Workshop, aimed at ***all parents/carers***, will be led by Mr Simmons on **Tuesday 6th February**, 9:00am – 10:15am or 5:30pm – 6:15pm. On **Tuesday 27th February**, Miss Booth will be leading a workshop for ***Reception parent/carers*** about Early Learning Goals at 9:00am – 10:00am or 5:00pm – 6:00pm. Please select which session time suits you best when you receive any letters sent home about these workshops.



'Never settle for less than your best'



World Book Day – Just a reminder that this is on **Thursday 1st March**. As last year, we would like the children to bring their favourite book to school to share and also **dress up as a character from a book**. Each class has planned lots of different reading activities to take place throughout the day. On this day, each child will be given a £1.00 book voucher that can be used at our book fair that, this year, will be in school from Monday 26th March.

Y2 SATS meeting for parents/carers – A letter is being sent home soon about a short meeting for Y2 parents/carers. This has been scheduled to take place at **3:30pm** and will be repeated at **6:00pm** on **Thursday 1st March** (you will be asked to select which time you can attend). The purpose of the meeting is to provide you with information about the national tests the children will be doing in May. For all children whose parents/carers are attending the **3:30pm** meeting, there will be a separate crèche provided.


Extreme Reading and Healthy Selfie pictures – Please continue to send us both ‘Extreme Reading’ and ‘Healthy-Selfie’ pictures as we look to build up our displays in school. Send pictures to school of your child reading in an ‘extreme’ place/position and/or taking part in sporty/healthy activities (enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk).



ATSA Events



Chris Kirkland Goalkeeper Academy – Over the last few weeks, Y5 pupil Leon Beca, has been undertaking some extra goalkeeping training led by former England, Liverpool and Wigan goalkeeper, Chris Kirkland. Leon has been joined by children from six other schools at Howe Bridge Sports Centre each week. This has been a fantastic opportunity for Leon to learn some top tips from a former professional goalkeeper.

Mixed football league – Our school football team has been taking part in football matches over the last few weeks at Fred Longworth. There are a total of eight schools in the Tyldesley section of the league this year. The eventual winners of the league will play the winners of the Atherton section of the league in July. So far, our children have played two matches, narrowly losing both. 


Golf taster session – On Wednesdays 10th and 17th January, 3 children from Year 6 took part in a Golf taster session at Boomers and Swingers Golf Range in Astley. The children enjoyed a variety of different golf activities under the watchful eye of golf coach, Nick Solski. 

Table Tennis taster session – Children from St. George’s Central were recently joined by children from five other school to take part in a table tennis taster session at Fred Longworth High School. Thanks to Mr Whalley from Fred Longworth High School for leading this session.



Before the next newsletter, children from St. George’s Central will be taking part in:

- **KS1 Sportshall Athletics**
- **Y5/6 Dodgeball**
- ** KS1 Kurling festival **
- **Premier League officials workshop**
- **Y3/4 Quicksticks (hockey)**
- **First Aid for Sport**
- **Y2 & Y3 Football Festival at MUFC**

Spring term 2 dates letter will be sent home on Friday 16th February, when we break for half term. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 2nd March. Have a great month with your family.

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