



## Newsletter – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Welcome back** – I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and have had the chance to spend some quality time with your families. Like last year, I have spent part of summer going through the '3 stars and a wish' questionnaires – something I enjoy doing as not only is it great to read the positive things that you write about our school, but I also find that, as you view school from a different angle than us, you are able to provide many ideas which can help us to improve. Working together in partnership like this is a vital part of helping to ensure we are continually improving, developing and meeting the needs of your children.



**Building work** – Over the summer holidays we have had some extensive building work taking place in our KS2 area of school. The internal work will shortly be totally completed (we are currently waiting for some of the new cloakroom cupboards to be installed). Our external work (an extension to the building) will hopefully be completed by February 2018. Until this time, the 'Peel Hall' side of school will be inaccessible for children and adults and



everyone will be required to access school via the 'Nursery' side of school. In order to help with congestion we have removed one of the small 'single access' gates and fence (where I usually stand outside school), however, we were unable to remove the large 'single access' gate in time for the children returning (as we need this gate for the safeguarding of your children and a replacement wasn't guaranteed in time). This gate should be replaced by the end of September and so we thank you for your understanding with this.

**Key Dates 2017/18** – You should have recently received an email with the 'Key Dates 2017/18' document attached. Included in this document are all the 'major' events that we know are taking place where prior planning/time off work may be needed. There will be more events that occur throughout the school year and these will be included on our usual half termly dates letter (Autumn Term 1 dates should be attached to this newsletter email). All date letters will also be on our school website and there will be links on our school Facebook page and my Twitter page on the days they are emailed out. Over the course of the year, we will communicate to you via letters, emails and texts and messages are sometimes posted on our school Facebook page and my Twitter account. Please ensure that we have an up to date copy of your current contact details (email and mobile phone number) so that you don't miss out. Also, in our entrance area, there are now some 'leaflet holders' and all paper copies of newsletters/dates letter etc will be kept in there meaning there will be no need to wait at the office as you can simply nip in and pick up what you need.



**Our School App** – To ensure that you don't miss out on any key events over the course of the school year, on your mobile phone you can download 'Our School App' (the green logo on the left) and search for St. George's Central. You will be able to save our school as your home page (pictured right) and this will provide you with quick links to our school website, Facebook page, my Twitter account and other key information. A great feature of this App is that we can add



dates of all the key events taking place in school and this will 'sync' to your phone calendar and you will receive reminders .



For school and class information in 'real time', make sure you follow our teachers in school on Twitter. My Twitter account links to the opening page of the school website (Mr Grogan @MrGSGC). Below are current Twitter accounts from school staff:

Mrs Davies @MrsDSGC	Miss Booth @MissBoothSGC	Miss Taylor @MissTSGC	Mr Simmons @MrSimSGC
Miss Glassbrook @MissEGSGC	Mrs O'Brien @MissOBSSGC	Mrs Wright @MrsWSGC	Miss Leonard @MissLSGC
Mr Cooke @MrCookeSGC	Mr Young @mrysgc	Miss Gray @missvsgc	Mrs Morris @MrsMSGC

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**After school clubs** – Today your child will have been given a letter detailing all the after school clubs that will be happening **this half term**. This is the same as previous years where all the information about all the clubs are given in one letter – it is then up to your child to decide which clubs they wish to attend for the half term by returning the slip for that club to the designated adult by the given deadline. Please ensure that any clubs that incur charges are paid up front by the given date. Please note that each half term the clubs that are on offer may change and so, as we near each half term holiday, a letter for the clubs available after that half term will be given out and children will be required to sign up again. **As all school internal gates will be locked at 3:30pm, no adults will be able to access the rear of school. All children leaving after school clubs will leave via the main school doors – please simply wait at the front of school for your child. This may mean that your child does not come to school on a bike/scooter on the days they are at a clubs.**

**Meet the Teacher meetings** – This year we will continue with our ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings. These will take place for all children in Y1 upwards (Nursery and Reception children had INSPIRE sessions in June/July). These meetings will provide you with an opportunity to come into your child’s classroom, after school, and meet their new teacher. At the meeting, the adults that are involved in working with class will be present and information about the expectations for the coming year will be communicated to you. The meetings will also provide you with an opportunity to ask any questions. They will start at **3:30pm** and last approximately 15 - 30 minutes. You can enter the classroom via the main school entrance OR the classroom door. This meeting is for adults only and so all children will be taken to either the ICT suite or the school hall where you will be able to collect them when the meeting is over. Please make a note of the date of your meeting – we hope to see you there:



Class/teacher	Date
Y1CS – Mr Simmons Y1/2EG – Miss Glassbrook Y2OB – Mrs O’Brien	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September – 3:30pm
Y3JW – Mrs Wright Y3/4NL – Miss Leonard Y4HJ – Mrs Jeffries	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September – 3:30pm start
Y5NC – Mr Cooke Y5/6AJM – Mrs Malley/Mrs Morris/Miss Gray Y6JY – Mr Young	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 3:30pm start



**Harvest Festival** – Our Ethos Council will start our Harvest celebrations on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September as part of the 10:15am church service at St. George’s Church. Our school service will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 2:00pm. This year, Rector Martin will be in school for this and he will be formally welcoming all Reception children to our school by presenting each child with a small gift. Children from each class will also be contributing to the service which will be co-ordinated by Mrs Jeffries and the Ethos Council. You are all invited to attend the service and watch the children from each class present their work. For Harvest gifts this year we are again asking that children bring in tins from home (please bring these in W/C Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September). These gifts that you provide will be put together to make hampers that we will be looking to distribute to people within the Tyldesley community. A letter nearer the time will explain this in more detail, but we again will be asking for **you to nominate** people within the local community who you think would benefit from such a gift – look out for the letter with the nomination slip soon!

**Parent Governor Vacancy** – We have one vacancy for a parent governor which we need to fill. Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the school team and play a vital role in ensuring the Governing Body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance. Training will be available for all newly appointed governors, and there is an expectation that you will attend these induction sessions within the first year of your appointment. **Look out for the letter/nomination form that we will be sending out next week.**



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**Payments to school** – As last year with our Tucasi online payment system, no change will be returned – any funds overpaid will be carried forward to meet future payments. Please send all money into school in the correctly coloured money envelope (available for free from the school office).



**Breakfast Club (7:30am – 8:50am)** – A choice of toast, cereals, fresh fruit and juices are available at our breakfast club each morning



Prices	
Arrival between 7:30am – 7:55am	£2.50 per day
Arrival from 7:56 onwards	£2.00 per day



**Snack options: Nursery and Reception** – From this year, there will be **no snack charge** for all our Nursery and Reception children. Your children will help prepare some of the snacks on offer, which will include cheese and crackers, toast, plain brioche, sandwiches and fruit.

**Snack options: Year 1 to Year 6** – From this year, as well as amending the snack provision for children in Y1 – Y6, we will also be changing the payment options for this. It will now need to be paid **half termly in advance**. Payment is to be made online using the Tucasi payment system or by cash in the white payment envelopes that are provided. The first payment will be expected by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017** in full for the half term starting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (34 school days). **Sorry but late, weekly or daily payments will no longer be possible**. Please note that your child cannot change options mid-term. If you would like the details to access this system, please call in to the school office. The options and prices per child for the half term are as follows:



Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	
Year 1 to Year 6	
Milk and toast:	£15.30
Milk only:	£10.20
Toast only:	£5.10



In October, you will be contacted by email about the payment details and options for snack for Autumn term 2 (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December). Please note, from this year, if children are not accessing the snack provided by school, the only other snack option is for children to bring their own fresh fruit and plain water (**no cereal bars or flavoured drinks/juice**).

**Dinner money** – This can be paid online via our Tucasi system or money can be sent into school each Monday in the yellow coloured envelopes (available for free from the school office):

Dinner Money (Key Stage 2)
£11 per week

**We will soon have water coolers in both KS1 and KS2 so please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day!**



**Reception and Nursery children** – This week, our staff have been undertaking ‘homevisits’ for our new nursery children (Darlington St) and Reception children as, next week, they make the next step in their lives by starting at our school! Staff will be out slightly earlier on Monday as we welcome all Reception children for their first day at school. For new nursery parents, please walk down to the path towards our nursery and wait at the door/gate when it is your child’s first session. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and will include our responses to your ‘3 stars and a wish’ questionnaires. Have a great month.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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