



Newsletter – Thursday 4th April 2019

Well another term has come to an end. School will close today and re – open for children on St. George's Day, **Tuesday 23rd April 2019 (first bell at 8:45am)**. This day will see us start the celebrations for the 20 years amalgamation of St. George's School and Tyldesley Central School. We are very much looking forward to the celebrations taking place during this week – you should have already received a letter with the finer details about the events taking place. If not, please check the opening page of the school website where we have included a copy of this letter.

Don't forget that on Tuesday 23rd April, all children in Year 1 to Year 6 are to be picked up from St. George's Church at 3:15pm.



Alongside our children, staff and governors, you as parents/carers were recently involved in the consultation regarding our School: Motto, Vision, Values, Mission and Aims. Thank you very much to everyone who fed back to us. After taking everything into account, we are now able to publish our final version of each element:



School Motto: 'Never settle for less than your best'

Our Inspiration: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

School Values: Forgiveness, Trust, Endurance, Hope, Compassion, Friendship, Justice.

Our Vision: Following in the footsteps of Jesus, each member of our community will flourish as resilient, respectful and adaptable individuals prepared for life's journey. Along the way we will encourage and inspire each other to continue growing as beacons of light in our own lives and the wider world.

Our Mission: St George's Central seeks to provide quality education rooted in the Christian faith, serving the spiritual, moral and educational needs of the community of which it is part.

Aims of our School:

- *To nurture our spiritual, moral and social development within a Christian ethos;
- *To be an inclusive and welcoming school ensuring that all pupils are given equality of opportunity and are aware of diversity within the community and wider world;
- *To provide quality learning experiences through an engaging, challenging and balanced curriculum;
- *To build a safe and nurturing environment where all children feel secure and ready to learn;
- *To encourage strong relationships, based on love, respect and kindness, between school, home, church and community;
- *To enable children to develop a range of skills and knowledge that they can apply independently and that will contribute to life-long success.

We have recently had artist, Wendy Moore, in school helping us to make some of the above visible in our school environment. I hope we can continue to work together encouraging our children to follow the example of Jesus to 'Never settle for less than their best' and go on to shine light into the world with everything that they do in school and throughout their life.

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Nursery places for 2019/2020 – Should you, or anyone you know, have any children looking for nursery provision then please send them in our direction! As you know, we oversee nursery provision at our Darlington Street school site for 3 year olds and also at our Lancaster Avenue site on the Shakerley estate for 2 and 3 year olds. Many children in our area are entitled to funding to attend nursery – which means they can come for **all or part of the week for FREE!** People may not be aware of this and so if you know anyone with a 2 or 3 year old child, ask them to contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Smith on 01942 883773 and she will do all the necessary checks and add your child's name to our ever growing lists.



Parents/carers meetings and workshops – Many thanks to everyone who attended our recent meetings and workshops. These have included an Early Learning Goals session for Reception, a SATs meeting for Y2, a 'drop in' meeting for Y6 regarding the London residential, a HT forum session for KS2 and a Specific Parent Partnerships workshop for Nursery. On Thursday 2nd May, there is a session for Y1 parents/carers about the upcoming Phonics screening check that Y1 children will undertake in June. Look out for the letter after Easter inviting you to this.



Church events – Many thanks to everyone who has recently attended, or supported, school events in St. George's Church. It was great to see our school choir perform at the Rotary Club 'Shoebbox' service – many thanks for all your donations to help fill our shoeboxes with gifts for this. It was great to see so many children and staff at church on



Mothers' Sunday. This morning our KS2 children walked to church to take part in our very own Easter service. This involved the children singing Easter hymns with each class leading a section of the service to help focus on the Easter story. Thanks to everyone involved in organising and leading these events.



PTFA events – It was great to see so many of you at the Easter Bingo that took place earlier this week. Thanks to your support, we raised **£211.80** Many thanks to all our PTFA members who organised and supported this event. In a change of date, our next PTFA meeting will be at **6:30pm, Thursday 9th May** at **The Gatehouse Pub** where we will be discussing further ideas to raise funds. Everyone is welcome, I hope to see you there.

Thank you – Many thanks for the recent support/donations over the last few weeks. Although I had mixed up some of the dates, this did not stop you fully supporting all of our events. This included: World Book Day, your £1's donations for Comic Relief and Easter egg donations for non – uniform day. For Comic Relief, we raised over **£240**. Your Easter egg donations were used as prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt that took place today. Huge thanks for all your support with these events.



Shakerley Fun Day – There will be a variety of fun activities taking place on the Shakerley estate on **Tuesday 16th April (12pm – 3pm)** which will involve some of our school staff. Our Lancaster Avenue Nursery will be open for you to have a look around and there will be lots of other activities including an Easter egg hunt, 'beat the goalie', circus skills, guess how many sweets in the jar, guess the name of the teddy, craft activities, a climbing wall and much more. We hope to see you there.

Price increases – When we return to school there will be some small price increases with our school breakfast club and our school lunches. Therefore, from Tuesday 23rd April, the following prices will apply:

Breakfast Club: Arrive between 7:30am and 7:55am: **£4.00 per day** Arrive after 7:55am: **£3.50 per day**

School dinners: £2.35 per day (£11.75 per week)

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Hinning House assembly – On Monday 29th April, children from Year 5, who went to Hinning House in January/February, will be leading a short assembly to feedback on their experience of their week in the Lake District. All parents/carers are invited to come and watch this as we feel this may be a good opportunity for parents/carers of younger children to find out more about our Y5 residential. The assembly will start at 9:15am and will last approximately 30 minutes. I hope to see you there.



Staying open! – Although school will still be used as a Polling Station on **Thursday 2nd May 2019** for the Local Government Elections, our school will **REMAIN OPEN on this day!** Like last year, the largest room in our new extension will be used for this. Should you use our school for voting purposes on the day, then please use the gate on 'Peel Hall' side of school and walk down to the extension where you will be able to cast your vote.

During week beginning Monday 13th May, all Year 6 children will be undertaking KS2 National tests – a timetable for the week will be sent home to children in Year 6. These tests are externally marked with the final outcomes being returned to school in July so that results can be sent home in your child's annual report. Please ensure children arrive at school in good time each day, well rested and ready to do their best.

During week beginning Monday 20th May, children in Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 will be undertaking end of year tests. Each class will have their own timetable for these. The tests are marked and moderated in school with the final outcomes sent home in your child's annual report.

Staffing updates – I am pleased to inform you that Miss Booth, one of our Reception teachers, is expecting her first child and will be leaving our school to start her maternity leave at the end of the summer term. Mrs Ramsdale, our teaching assistant in Y1TL is also expecting her first child and will also be leaving us for a little while at the end of the summer term. A full and final staffing list will be included on the newsletter sent home on Monday 15th July.

Attendance – Your child will bring home with them their most recent attendance data (September 2019 – Friday 29th March 2019). Below is also the attendance for each class:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EB	93.22%	Y1TL	95.90%	Y3EG	96.71%	Y5JY	96.54%
YR:NL	95.75%	Y1/2OB	96.34%	Y3/4CS	94.18%	Y5/6NC	95.02%
		Y2JW	95.59%	Y4HJ	96.86%	Y6AJM	96.75%
Whole school attendance: 95.71%							



Mini Water-polo Festival – Ten children from St. George's Central School recently took part in a Mini Water-polo Festival at the Pelican Centre against children from six other primary schools. Our team progressed from the group stage to the semi-final where they were beaten by the team that ended up winning overall! Well done to Jenna Binks, Leon Beca, Tegan Davies, Bradley Graham, Ben Green, Tommy Hampson, Ike Iwelu, Madison Medley and Holly Parr who made up the team for this event.



Y3/4 Futsal Festival – Friday 8th March saw children from Y3/4 take part in a Futsal Festival against seven other schools. Our team qualified for the final where they were narrowly beaten and finished as **runners up**. Well done to Aston Braddish, Marley Crawford, Jack Duffy, Oliver Houlihan, Oliver Jackson and Jack Lawrence who represented the school in this event.

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Golf taster session – Thursday 21st March saw 3 children from Year 6 take 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.



Y1 Football Festival at MUFC – On Friday 22nd March, we took a Y1 football team to The Cliff Training Ground in Salford to take part in a football festival against four other schools. Our children did really well and once all the results were worked out, St. George's Central were the runners up. Well done to Michael Barnett, Cody Crowther, Harrison Gwyther, Harry Millward, Joey Swindells and Harry Wynn, who represented the school at this event.

KS1 Dance Festival – Eight children from St. George's Central School recently took part in a KS1 Dance festival at 180 Dance club, against children from seven other primary schools. The children performed a dance to 'Under the Sea'. Well done to Evie Bailey, Nina Bailey, Corynne Beca, Alissia Meskell, Beau Parr, Rosie Phillips, Thomas Sincup and Luiza Zgierun who made up the St. George's Central team.



Ultimate Frisbee taster session – Earlier this week, 8 children from Year 6 took part in an Ultimate Frisbee taster session at our school alongside children from Hindsford School. Thanks to Dave from Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles who led the session.

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

- **Y3/4 Footgolf taster session** **Girls' Football Festival** **KS2 Tag Rugby Festival** **Y5/6 Rounders Festival**

For children booked onto the Easter ATSA All Sports Provision, please see details of the sessions below:



Date	Events during Easter holiday
Monday 8 th April	ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery: Miriam Bowyer Dance (9am – 3pm)
Tuesday 9 th April	ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision at Hindsford CE Primary School: Dave Morris Boxing and Bootcamp (9am – 3pm)
Wednesday 10 th April	ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision at The Pelican Centre: 1 st Aid, Yoga and Fun Swim (9:30am – 3:30pm)
Thursday 11 th April	ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery: Wigan Athletic Community Trust (9am – 3:30pm)
Friday 12 th April	ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery: Leigh Centurions Community Trust (10am – 3pm)

You will find, attached to this newsletter/email, a list of the key dates for the next half term. The next newsletter (with Summer Term 2nd half dates) will be sent out on Friday 24th May. Paper copies will be made available in the letter holders in the school entrance area for you to pick up should you wish. Have a great Easter with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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