



# St George's C of E Primary School

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## Newsletter – September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had in school, the children are settling in well and working extremely hard in their new classes. We wish to welcome our new parents and carers and most importantly our new children. We hope you will be very happy at St. George's CE Primary.

We have many things to look forward to in the upcoming term including sporting events, residential and show racism the red card day. We hope you all have a lovely week.

Warmest wishes, Sarah Craig

### School Times, Attendance and Punctuality

In order that your child receives the best possible teaching and learning opportunities, it is vital that they attend school every day and on time. Registration starts at 8.45am, however the playground is open to parents & children from 8.30am (parents/ carers need to be with their child/ren until 8.40am when members of staff will be on the playground.) School finishes at 3.15pm.

We regularly communicate that we recognise that daily attendance is essential for your child's education and well-being. To support families and ensure that every student has the best chance of success, the government has introduced updated attendance fine structures. These changes are designed to reinforce the importance of regular school attendance and help address issues of persistent absenteeism.

Under the new regulations, parents may be issued a fixed penalty notice if their child has a series of unauthorised absences from school. This could occur if a child misses school without valid reasons, such as illness or approved leave. The government structures are below.

Fixed Penalty Notice and Court Progression: 1. First Instance of penalty:

o Fixed penalty notice issued: £60 if paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 if paid within 28 days. Failure to pay leads to legal proceedings.

2. Second Instance of penalty:

o Second fixed penalty notice issued: £120 with no reduction for early payment. Failure to pay within 28 days leads to court action.

3. Third Instance and Beyond:

o After two fixed penalty notices, for any further unauthorised absences, the case can go straight to court. The school or local authority may decide not to issue another fixed penalty notice and instead proceed with prosecution immediately. o In court, fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, and penalties can also include community orders, parenting orders, or imprisonment for up to 3 months.

At St. George's, we want to help to support parents, carers and pupils to achieve high attendance to be able to flourish academically and we want to use referral to the Local Authority as a last resort.

#### Dates for the diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Visit to the Mills in New Mills -Art activity
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Andrew Markwick visit KS2 talk on universities
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual photos
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	PTFA meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 to New Mills Secondary for a Science morning
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Puppet making session yr 3&4
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Celebrate national poetry day in class
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service in church 2.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Wear something yellow (t-shirt, jumper, badge etc) for world mental health day 2 year 6 school council representatives to Whitehall
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Show racism the red card day -wear something red
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Whitehall residential yr5/6
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Finish for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children start back
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Finish for Christmas break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start back

INSET DAYS – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July (Finish for Summer Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> July)

More dates to follow and on our website.

### PTFA meeting

We will be meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3.30pm to organise events for the Autumn term. You are more than welcome to come along and join us.

### School Clubs

Clubs will start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and run till the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Your child/red will have the opportunity to join one of the clubs below.

Teacher	Activity	Day and time	Age range
Miss Dawson	Eco Club	Wednesday 12.40-1.10pm	KS1/2
Mrs Redfearn	Well-being club		
Mrs Craig	School council	Wednesday (every other week) 12.40-1.10pm	KS1/2 (voted by the class)
UK sports	Sports club	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	KS2
Mrs Hall	Recorder club	Thursday 12.40-1.10pm	KS2
Simon Lomas	Revive club	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	KS1/2
Mrs Calvert	Weaving club	Friday 12.40-1.10pm	KS2