



# St George's R.C Primary School Newsletter

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## Welcome back!

A huge, warm welcome back to everyone! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and that you are all looking forward to the new school year as much as I am.

I am very excited to be taking on the very important role of Headteacher here at St George's RC School. Our mission and ethos will remain unchanged. We want every single person at St George's to BE THE BEST that they can possibly be. We can only do this if we all work TOGETHER.

This means that all of the staff, governors, parents and carers, the parish and the local community work together to make sure that our children receive the best possible education and reach their full potential.

Our children have many skills, interests and learning styles and our job at St George's is to be the very best teachers we can be, to unlock each child's unique potential, to inspire and encourage. The St George's school team really is exceptional. Every member of staff comes to school each day full of enthusiasm, joy and good humour. All of us really do love being here and teaching your wonderful children. We work hard and take our responsibilities seriously.

At the centre of everything that we do are the messages and teachings of Jesus. Through his example, we also strive to make St. George's a happy and joyful place to be ~ a school full of love and a place of learning.

I am really looking forward to this coming term with great hope and optimism.

With love and kind regards,

Mrs S xx



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## Learning Priorities for this year

There will be more information about these at the upcoming welcome afternoons but this year there will be a huge emphasis on reading, spelling and times tables.



## School Uniform

We want to keep behaviour exemplary at St George's and part of this is to make sure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform as this instils in children a great sense of belonging. It stops petty teasing and inequalities and it allows children to concentrate on their school work instead of what they're wearing. Wearing indoor shoes helps create a homely feel at school, especially when most of our areas are carpeted (and children like to sit on the floor) ~ and surprisingly, wearing indoor shoes has been proven to reduce bullying.

Our pre-loved uniform stall will be open every Friday after school in the studio. Everything is very well priced.

(PS: You'll probably see most of my youngest son's pre-loved jumpers in there. All of his uniform was from the stall. Mrs S x)

DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EVERYTHING!

## Upcoming dates for your diary

8/9/16: Mass on Thursday in school @ 9:00 prepared by Mrs Clark and year 6 ~ Birthday of our Blessed Virgin Mary  
Coffee & cake in the staffroom afterwards.

9/9/16 Early Years Stay & Play 11-12

13/9/16: Roald Dahl day! Come to school dressed as your favourite Roald Dahl book character!

### WELCOME AFTERNOONS:

Please come and meet your child's new teacher and find out what your children will be learning this year!

12/9/16 Years 1 & 2 @2:30

13/9/16 Years 3 & 4 @2:30

14/9/16 Years 5 & 6 @2:30

19/9/16 Robin Wood Residential Trip for year 6 ~ this year you can follow year 6 at Robin Wood on Twitter!

*A calendar of dates for the whole year will be sent out next week.*



## Attendance!

Ah! Attendance! In an ideal world every child would be in school 100% of the time. Lessons are carefully planned and they often follow on from the previous day. Therefore, it's really important to bring your child to school EVERY day and on time please!! Learning starts at 8:50.

The higher your child's attendance the better progress they make.

Obviously, sometimes children are not well. It's horrible and worrying. If your child is ill and has to miss school, please don't worry, as we will make sure that they catch up with any missed lessons and we will send work home if they are going to miss school for a long period.

Taking holidays in term time is a tricky issue. We totally appreciate that holidays are far cheaper in term time. We also appreciate that some parents only get annual leave during term time. If you have no choice but to take a holiday in term time, please come and discuss it with me. The school cannot authorise or encourage term time holidays but we can try and minimise lost learning. You can then meet with your child's teacher and find out what they will be missing. Reading, spellings and times tables are all easy activities to do on holiday.

*Attendance will be carefully monitored this year in line with government guidelines and poor attendance will be addressed immediately.*

*Thank you very much for your support on this issue.*

Best wishes,

Mrs S

