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End of term newsletter from Mrs
Statham July 2022



We have come to the end of another very busy year here at St George's!
This year seems to have flown by!

Highlights of the year for staff have been:

- Excellent KS2 SATS results (especially in reading)
- Excellent phonics results – even with the problems Covid caused for the year 1 children
- A successful RE inspection where the inspectors took away some of our unique practice to their own schools!!
- Our wonderful nursery being over-subscribed but we juggled the timetable and managed to allocate places to ALL of the children
- A fresh look at our curriculum to make sure it was bespoke to our children ~ we chose YORK as our thread that runs through our topics for next year
- Many events and celebrations where parents were back in school!!

We asked the children what the highlights for them were and they said:

- The new Castle!!
- The new markings on the playground
- Having buddies in other classes again (post Covid)
- The new dinner menu!
- Being able to sing again every day!

It's always good to remember that the children's priorities and ours don't always match!! 😊

We said goodbye to Mr Adamthwaite, Mr Ainsworth and Mrs Bradshaw.
And we will be saying hello to Miss Strevett, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Gatt and Mrs Oliver.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break and I know that all of the FANTASTIC teachers here wish you a happy summer too!

See you on Tuesday September 6th at 8:40.
God bless,
Mrs Statham xx



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Attendance!
Important!

We all know how important attendance is at school.
We are here to teach ~ and your children are here to learn.
We can't teach your children if they are not here.

Things have been very blurred concerning attendance because of Covid.
Most children were at home during Covid and the need to actually be IN school has naturally become a mixed message for many parents.

The fact is, although children were taught ONLINE during Covid ~ it wasn't as effective as being taught face to face by a real live teacher.

Therefore, there will be a BIG emphasis on attendance starting this coming year.
ALL Covid re-booked term time holidays have now been taken and therefore there will be no more authorised holidays during term time ~ except in special circumstances authorised by the headteacher.

Please do not book holidays during term time, as time off is detrimental to your child's academic and social success.

Absence

We have signed up with a fantastic scheme called STUDYBUGS which is an app you download to your smart phone. This will be the way you let us know if your child will be absent for any reason. There will be no need to ring the school office.

Studybugs collaborates with the NHS and the City of York to study data concerning illnesses in the local area. Your personal data is NOT shared with anyone but illnesses are tracked anonymously across York.

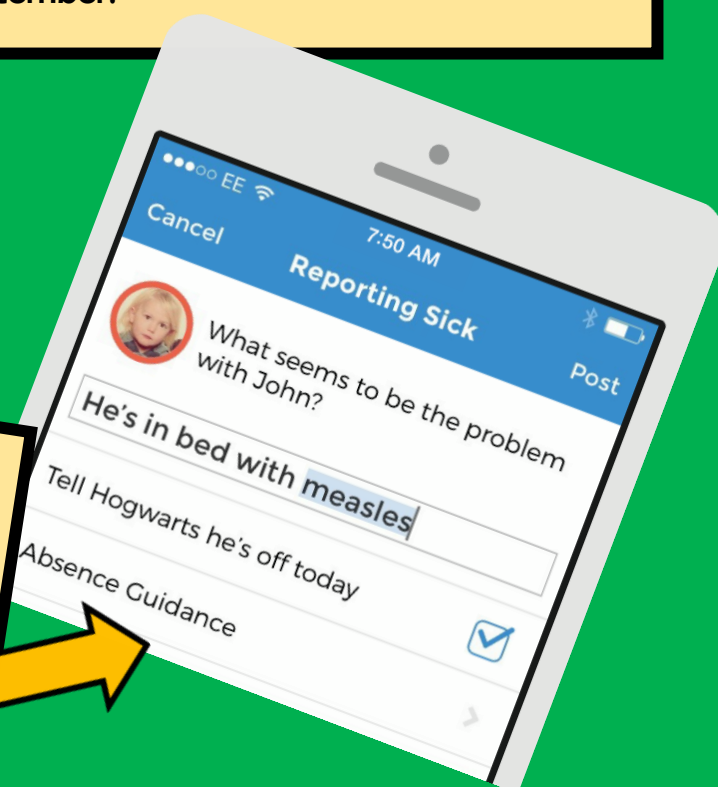
Please download the app to your smart phone and this app will be ready to use by the first week in September!



This is the icon for the app that will appear on your smart phone.

Remember! The gate opens at 8:40. School starts at 8:50. The gate closes at 8:55. Children who arrive after the gate closes will be marked as late.

Once we go 'live' in September this is what you will see on your smart phone! It means you can message us the night before if you know your child is going to be absent!



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READING READING READING

Our priority next year continues to make sure that every child is a confident, fluent reader.

Your child's home / school reading record / contact book is an *extremely* important little book and we expect you to write in it every night once you have heard your child read OUT LOUD to you. You can even jot down the lovely bedtime stories that you have shared with your child each evening. We LOVE to hear about all of the reading that takes place at home.

We can't do it all by ourselves in school!

It needs that strong triangle of school / parents / child.

Every child in school will have a reading assessment the first week of September and we will also be introducing our new reading scheme to reception, year one and to other children in school who we know will benefit from our new scheme.

More information in the Autumn term.

Thank you to the new reception parents who attended our welcome evening and got the first preview our new scheme



Please fill this in **EVERY** night and bring it back to school **EVERY** day



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READING IS
DREAMING WITH
OPEN EYES!

A CHILD WHO READS
WILL BE AN ADULT WHO THINKS
PROVERB



"ONCE YOU
LEARN TO READ,
YOU WILL BE
FOREVER FREE"

-Frederick Douglass-



Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader.

Margaret Fuller

"You can find magic
wherever you look.
Sit back and relax,
all you need is a book."

- Dr. Seuss



The more that you
READ
the more things you will
KNOW
The more that you
LEARN
the more places you'll
GO!
- Dr. Seuss