

# St. George's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents

Well we have already completed the end of our first week and I'm delighted to say it's been a pleasure. What a great start to the year with beautifully presented children, great attendance and superb punctuality! We couldn't ask for more!

Despite the building work outside, it hasn't caused us too much fuss and it's on track to be completed next week!

## IMPORTANT

### PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

The works have been moving at pace and most of the new drainage has been installed. There are just a few more new drains to be installed next week outside the junior doors but **resurfacing begins on Monday!**

***Therefore...please read about the procedures for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>.***

- The whole playground will be inaccessible on Monday and Tuesday
- Access to the grounds is still restricted to the Baptist gate, Nursery gate and Reception gate.
- **Year 5 & Year 6** will need to enter and exit through the **Emergency Exit door outside the Year 5** classroom!
- **Year 3 and 4** will need to enter and exit through our main **Reception!**
- For safety and to avoid congestion, at the end of the day, Year 3 will leave at 3.20pm, Year 4 will leave at 3.30pm. Please be on time to collect as space is limited.

Hopefully, we will have both playgrounds back in action on Wednesday but we will keep you informed.

### PARENT HELPERS

We are always delighted to have parent helpers in our school; it's supports the valuable links between home and school, providing great benefit to the children. Parents helpers can be a huge support to help children gain confidence in reading and support reading development. If you have a free morning or afternoon, and would like to come in and help in a class, please speak to your child's class teacher. Your support is invaluable and always greatly received and welcomed.

### DOUGAL AND BARNEY

We were absolutely delighted to welcome back our therapy dogs. Both are a delight and so loving and gentle with the children. Not only that, but their little sister, Pepper, is also well on the way to become a Therapy Dog, having already passed her puppy training with flying colours.

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The dogs are brought into school by their mum, Melanie, who is also one of our parents. Many of you may know her but she has a lovey new bright orange uniform and the dogs have matching leads and logos.

Any of the children may have a session with the dogs but if you don't want your child to see them, please let your child's class teacher know.

**Please note: Therapy dogs are allowed on school grounds but please keep other dogs off the playground.** Thank you.

### **NAMES ON UNIFORM**

**It's the start of the year so PLEASE can all children have their names in all parts of their school uniform. Items without names often don't find their way back to their owners and end up going to charity!**

### **COOKIE & CAKE**

Please ensure that children have their own cookie & cake money as Mrs Jones does all school banking on Friday morning and can't pass money to children in their class. It's just 50p per week. Thank you.

### **FLU NASAL SPRAY**

Please make a note of **THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** for your children's immunisation (Nasal Flu Spray)! **PLEASE SEE BELOW** from our school nurse team:

*"The nasal flu vaccination is being offered to all primary and some nursery children. To ensure your child does not miss out on their flu spray **you must opt in or opt out** here <https://econsent.merseyscare.nhs.uk/> We would request that you complete the consent form as soon as it is received. If your child receives the flu vaccination at the GP you will need to inform us on 0151 247 6130. Thank you for your co-operation."*

There is also a 2-minute video prepared for children by the NHS: [NHS Video for Kids](#)

### **FIRE STATION OPEN DAY**



*Looks to be a great day so get yourselves along and experience all the excitement on offer!*



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## activesport

### New Term Courses

#### St Georges

Dear parents / guardians,

Next term Active Sport are again running after-school dodgeball sessions on Mondays. These sessions are available to all year groups! To book your place, please visit [www.activesport.co.uk](http://www.activesport.co.uk) and click 'Find your nearest session' and click the 'Sefton' option.

#### Session Information:

Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> October (6 Weeks)

Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm

Price: £28 (£4.50 per session + £1 Booking fee)

Extra Information: Please bring football/sports kit, appropriate for the weather, trainers and a drink.

For any further enquiries, Contact Active Sport Sefton - [hugh@activesportsgroup.co.uk](mailto:hugh@activesportsgroup.co.uk)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS QUICK!



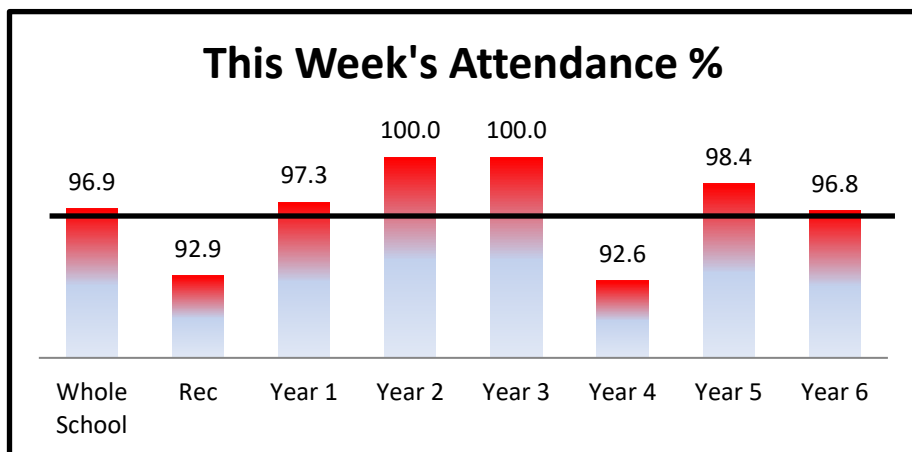
Huge congratulations to Miss Hinchley who got married in the summer holidays. Following her big day, we now have **Mrs Quick** as one of our assistant Headteachers and part time Year 3 teacher. She will be sharing the class this year with Miss Davies.

## WELCOME BACK TO MR ROY

We are delighted to welcome Mr Roy back to school this week. He's had 18 months of treatment and is raring to get back to school and get stuck in! He's reduced his hours so he will be working with us for the morning sessions. Mr Dave will be covering the afternoon sessions. We've all missed Roy and he's missed everyone so we are so happy to see him back and healthy!

## ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line. Amazing – 5 classes above!**



Have a great weekend in the 'summer' sun!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Chapman'.

Mr P. Chapman  
Headteacher