



DATES

January

Tuesday 21st – Reconciliation for Year 4 children

Thursday 23rd – Author and illustrator visit from Sean Perkins

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2nd – Safer Internet day

Monday 17th – HALF TERM

Monday 24th – school re-opens at 8.50 am

MARCH

Wednesday 5th – Ash Wednesday

Thursday 6th – World Book Day

Monday 31st – Parents' Appointments for YEAR 6 pupils

APRIL

Tuesday 1st – Rocksteady Concert @ 10.00am

Thursday 3rd – Nursery closes for Easter

Thursday 3rd – Easter Assembly for the whole school

Thursday 3rd – Easter Rabbit Run (pm)

Friday 4th – School Closes at 1.00pm for Easter

Tuesday 22nd April – School reopens at 8.50am

May

Monday 5th – Bank Holiday

Monday 12th – **YEAR 6 SATS WEEK**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to school and a great start to our SPRING TERM! Hoping everyone had a happy Christmas and enjoyed some rest and recuperation over the holiday period.

This half term is a quick one – 3 weeks shorter than the autumn. We have a further 5 weeks before February half term and then 6 weeks before Easter. It is important that all children make the most of this time.

It is SO important that children are in school as much as possible to ensure they keep up with their classroom learning and maintain the progress that the rest of the class are making.

Parents should aim to arrive at school for 8.45am so children can enter from 8.50 until 9.00am. Please make every effort to ensure children are on time and in school wherever possible.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in our assemblies and Collective Worship we have thought about the Epiphany and the journey the Kings made in their effort and their determination to visit Jesus. We have also been thinking about promises and the promises we can make to God to be fantastic members of St George's School and our community; the values we should have and what our actions say about us and our school. These have become our collective goals for the New Year!



YEAR 4 RECONCILIATION

Our children in Year 4 will be soon making their reconciliation. It takes place Tuesday 21st January. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We would just like to say a **HUGE** thank you to **ALL** for supporting the Christmas Fayre. We were thrilled with the generosity through the 3 own-clothes days; the most donations we've ever received.

The fayre itself was a magical whirlwind with a great atmosphere, just like the days gone by. We even had a past student who had a stall of her own handmade cards and gifts which was so lovely. She remarked how fantastic it was to see the fayre back, just as she remembered it.

THANK YOU to all the helpers and volunteers who came along to support – we couldn't have done it without you.

Overall, from the day itself, and the raffle, **we raised an unbelievable £1,200 for the children of St George's**. It's a staggering amount and we are so very grateful to everyone for their support. It will make a big difference to what we can buy and how we can enhance the school's provision for your children.



ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Today, some children will be taking home letters regarding their attendance level over the autumn term. As you know, any child who has attendance less than 90% is classed as a **persistent absentee**.

While we fully appreciate that most children will have some illness over the year, we must follow-up all children who have attendance less than 90%. The aim is to make parents aware so we can all work together to ensure attendance improves over this next term.

Our Attendance Policy does state that... "At St George's, we believe in developing good patterns of attendance and set high expectations for the attendance and punctuality for all our pupils from the outset. It is a central part of our school's vision, values, ethos and day to day life. We recognise the strong connections between attendance, attainment, safeguarding and wellbeing."

HEALTHY LUNCHES

As the New Year starts, can we please ask all parents to think about what is put in their child's packed lunch. We suggest just 4 balanced items; sandwich (or similar), fruit, biscuit/cake, yogurt/crisps. Remember that children have access to fruit at morning and afternoon break so they have enough to give them the energy they need for the school day. Please do not put chocolate bars or sweets into pack lunches, these can be saved for treats outside of school.

Thank you so much for your appreciation and cooperation.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Can we please just remind parents that they need to book a place for Afterschool Club BEFORE 3.25pm. Parents must know by this time if their children will be needing to go to club. We need to ensure we have an accurate list and ensure all children are accounted for. Going forward, if children are not on the list, they will be unable to attend the club. Parents can always book in advance, and if children do not attend, money will be refunded to your account. Many thanks.

ATTENDANCE

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

Huge well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 classes this week; sensational attendance.

Year 5 clinch the top prize this week – well done!

