

St. George's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents

Well, we raced through the first half of the autumn term and we're already at the end of the first week back! Time is racing away with us and we're heading into the festive season! All the Christmas adverts appeared this week so it won't be long before we're covered in glitter and singing merrily.

At the end of the newsletter you'll find some dates for the Christmas Plays this year. It's a very exciting time, especially as it's 2 years since the children have had the opportunity to put on a show. That said, we must be very clear that anything can happen before then but God willing, everything will go ahead as planned. We are ticketing the plays this year as we can't fill the hall to the normal capacity. Therefore, we'll be offering 3 tickets per child for the Early Years and KS1 performances and 2 tickets per child for the KS2 performances. We will have a reserve list for additional tickets but on a first come, first served basis. Some schools are only recording their performances so we feel this is the best option for parents this year – we hope you understand. More detailed information will follow in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Pat (our school photographer) was with us on the last day of the half term and she dropped off the order forms on Monday. All families should now have received the picture ordering details. Parents have up to 10 days to order online without delivery costs. After this time, photos can still be ordered but delivery charges will apply. Therefore, please place your orders before Wednesday 10th to be certain to avoid additional costs.



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR MRS DRUMMOND

As you'll be aware, we very sadly lost Mrs Drummond in the COVID pandemic. She was a huge part of our St George's family and is still very much missed by us all. For the last few years at the school, she was our welfare assistant for Year 5 and 6 so it seems fitting that our children in our current Years 5 and 6 should take part in our service.

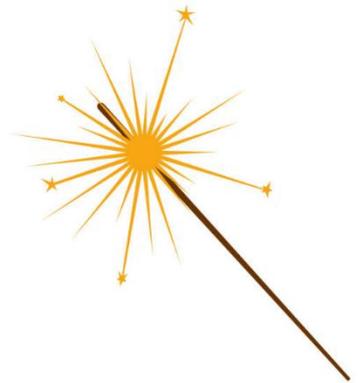
On Monday, we'll celebrate Mrs Drummond and the joy she brought to us all on what would have been her 70th birthday. We will be joined by her husband and son and some of our past staff. We have bought a beautiful teak bench which is engraved with her name depicts her love of animals. It will be placed in the Nature & Nurture Nook next to the fruit tree she bought for the school some years ago. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers at this time.

To learn with kindness, respect and friendship through God's love

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER

As always at this time of year, the skies will be filled with colour and excitement. Please be careful tonight and over the weekend. Every year, there are hundreds of accidents in the UK with sparklers; it can only take a second for children to be out of sight and injured. Please follow the guidance and remind children of how to stay safe:

- **Never** put them in your pocket
- **Never** pick one up off the floor
- Make sure an adult is always present
- Light them one at a time
- Wear gloves
- Hold them at arm's length
- When it goes out, put the hot end in a bucket of water. Otherwise it could still burn you.



HOT DINNERS

The school hot dinner menu is on our school website (Parents tab – School Dinners) but please be aware that the current economic situation means schools are not getting their normal food deliveries. Wherever possible, the stated menu will be available BUT there are occasions when the kitchen staff need to alter the menu to fit in with stock. There will always be two dinner choices and there will always be the option of sandwiches too. On the vast majority of days, the stated menu will be available.

SCHOOL LEVY

Can we please ask again for any School Levy payments that have not yet been made. We have to ensure that our school contribution to the Archdioceses is made this term and we are still a way off. School fund will need to be used if we don't receive our Levy contributions from parents. We just ask for a contribution of £10 per FAMILY per YEAR. We have had a huge amount of money spent on the school in my time here and the building, and the environment, are vastly improved through the Archdioceses funding but there is still work to be done, and your contributions ensure that funding is available to make those changes. Thank you.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Thursday 18 th November (pm)	Christmas Panto (whole school)
Friday 19 th November	Year 2 Phonics Screening Checks
Wednesday 1 st December	Y5 residential to CHET until Friday 3 rd
Wednesday 8 th December (am)	KS1 Christmas Play
Thursday 9 th December (am)	Foundation Stage Christmas Play
Thursday 9 th December (pm)	KS1 Christmas Play
Friday 10 th December (am)	Foundation Stage Christmas Play
Wednesday 15 th December (pm)	KS2 Christmas Play
Thursday 16 th December (pm)	KS2 Christmas Play
Friday 17 th December (pm)	KS2 Christmas Play
Monday 20 th December (pm)	Santa Dash
Wednesday 22 nd December 1.00 pm	School closes for the Christmas Holiday
*After-School club will close at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 22nd September	

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Reminder: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

From Monday 1st November, our school email address changed. The new school email address is:

admin.stgschool.uk

Be sure you make a note if you need to contact the school.
All other email addresses associated with the school are now obsolete.

Have a great weekend.

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

Mr P. Chapman
Headteacher