

DATES

SEPTEMBER

Friday 26th – Macmillan Coffee Morning Monday 29th – Parent Appointments week

OCTOBER

Friday 10th – School Photos – individual and sibling groups **Friday 24th** – School closes at 3.30 for half term

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd – School reopens at 8.50

DECEMBER

Friday 5th – Christmas Fayre at 3.30

Tuesday 9th – KS1 Play at 9.30 **Wednesday 10th** – KS1 Play at 9.30

Thursday 11th – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th – EYFS Play at 9.30

Friday 12th – EYFS Play at 9.30 **Friday 12th** – KS2 Tableau at 2.00 in Church

Wednesday 17th – SANTA Dash

Friday 19th – School closes at 1.00 for Christmas holidays



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WELCOME

A huge welcome back to all our children and families, especially all those new members of our school family that join us this year. Along with our wonderful new Reception class and new Nursery children, we also welcome Noah into Year 3 and Daniel into Year 4.

It's been a wonderful start and we are so very grateful for everyone's support with attendance and punctuality; it makes such a huge difference to the start of the school day.

Plenty of dates already available and we'll be sending out dates for parent appointments next week.

Please speak with Mrs. Jones or class teachers at any point if you have any worries or need any further information. Welcome back and here's to another fantastic year in our St George's family.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

Our Celebration of the Word this week focused on WELCOME We reflected on scripture from Matthew... "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me"



As a family and a community, we welcome new members all the time but the start of the year is particularly special. The children have welcomed each other and made new friends, ready to support each other throughout the year.

We also reflected on how our actions welcome others; how we greet, how we smile, share and value all of our differences. These are the things that make us a special family, able to do our best and grow.

The children left with a prayer card to use and share at home and to remember the importance of how we welcome each other each and every day.

UPDATED INFORMATION & SCHOOL APP

Any information you may need is readily available on the school website. Information regarding uniform, PE days, hot dinners, policies, etc. can be accessed on any device.

Please let us know if you are experiencing any issues with the 'School Spider App' and we'll iron out any issues with the team. Hopefully, all new parents will now have received their invite and everyone has access. The app is our main form of communication so please log in to ensure you have all the updated weekly information.

SCHOOL HOT DINNERS

For all those children who are having a hot dinner, the menus are available in the 'Parent Information' section of the website. It is a three-week rolling menu and we have started on week 1 this week. If you would like, you could pre-look at the menu with your child and support your child in choosing meals they would like.

EARLY YEARS GATES

I'm sure all parents will appreciate that the Early Years play area is essential for your child's development. Staff need to set-up in the mornings and evenings for the activities ahead. This has been impossible to do as so many children have been allowed to play in the outdoor area before and after school. It is also a health & safety concern as we can't allow unsupervised children to climb and jump from the equipment and use it in ways it's not intended for.

We will therefore be locking two Early Years gates from MONDAY 8TH September which will prevent any children or parents circling the school. Parents will need to walk around the school via the main playground if they need to drop-off or collect from Nursery and a school class. Please ensure that you consider this and allow an extra couple of minutes at the start and the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

It's the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 26th September**! Our wonderful children from the Spirit Squad will be helping to bake and provide cakes, collecting cakes and serving you on the day. Please save the date and come on into the school hall after drop-off. Everyone is welcome; parents, carers, grandparents and family. It's a lovely occasion and always great to see our hall full of chatter and smiles. A great cause that is deer to us all and will affect all of us in some way through our lives.







On that day, instead of our normal Cookie and Cake, children will have all the leftover cake to choose from and support the cause too. Looking forward to seeing you there.

OUTSTANDING TALENT - CAN YOU HELP?

One of our past pupils, Aaron Foulkes, has been invited to attend the <u>Unified World Kickboxing Championship</u>. However, it is taking place in *Tuscany*, Italy, in October. He won't just be representing his school or community, he'll be **REPRESENTING**

GREAT BRITAIN!!!!

As kickboxing is classed as an amateur sport it is completely self-funded, we are all hopeful that the family can raise enough funds to cover the costs of the uniform and the trip. There is a go-fund-me page set up and we have attached the link if you are able to contribute in any way at all. I'm sure you'll agree that it's not everyday that one of our past pupils have the opportunity to represent GB in the world championships.

Aaron when he became the European Champion



https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-aaron-get-to-the-unified-world-championship-in-italy

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Jones has decided to reduce her working week so has rearranged her hours. Therefore, the school office will no longer have a member of staff on a Friday. As in everyday of the week, can parents please ensure that their child/ren are fully prepared for school and have everything they need for the school day. Junior children are capable of making sure they have their bookbags and coat, and parents make all payments on the school app anyway. This will help the whole week run smoothly, and especially Fridays.

Any issues that require Mrs. Jones' attention will need to be addressed Monday to Friday. We will still be answering the phones on Friday but parents may need to leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Thank you so much for your understanding.

UNIFORM

Please ensure you child has appropriate shoes for school. Some children have returned in black, fabric trainers which are not suitable for school. When these shoes get wet, so do socks and feet; this is why we require all children to have shoes made from leather of faux leather. These are better for everyday wear in school. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in our first week back. The school target is 97% - as represented by the black line.

Attendance still remains one of the Governments key elements to improve. They expect children to be in school every day, unless of illness, which should be limited for the average child.

