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Dear parents

I can't believe that this is the last newsletter of January already; where do the days and weeks go? It's been all go at St George's and we've been enjoying a whole host of excitement in the past weeks; tree planting, dog visits, meeting our new Parish Priest and Deacon; football matches, new football kits, and planning new events!

We are now more hopeful that the worst of COVID is behind us and we can start to look forward to more normality as the weeks go by. We still have cases within school (children and staff) but all being well, normality will return – albeit slowly!

WELCOME FATHER CHRIS AND DEACON KEITH

It was wonderful to meet our new Parish Priest (Father Chris Fallon) and our new Deacon (Keith Ballard) in school this week. They were so well received by our children as they went around the school to introduce themselves and meet everyone. They spent time in Class 4 with the children and Miss Mawtus, exploring aspects of their Come and See topic, and joined the staff for lunch. Deacon Keith had moved over to Formby and is nearing the completion of his house renovations, just as Father Chris is having all of the issues in his house rectified before he can move in! Following problems with the boiler, leaks and floods, we hope to see him settled in the next 3 or 4 weeks! We are very much hoping to develop a wonderful link between parish and school to support the children through their faith journey. We can't wait to get things started and work together. Huge thanks to them both for making time for us and to Miss Mawtus for organising their visit.



SMART NEW FOOTBALLERS



At the end of last week, the boys and girls both had great matches. However, the girls were the first to try on the new kits and showcase them at their match. We have two brilliant sets of new kits that should fit children from KS1 right up to Year 6. They even have drawstring bags and dazzling new jackets to match so they really do look the part. Despite a brilliant effort, the boys lost their match but maybe the kits gave the girls a little boost as they stormed to victory in their match.

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Well done to both teams for their sportsmanship and enthusiasm and we can't wait to see how they get on in the next matches.
Many thanks to Mrs Daly for organising all 30 kits, arranging printing, sizing up and even creating a new hanging area. Thank you.



DOUGAL



Dougal (training therapy dog) continues to come into school to help the children and support his training. His Silver Award qualification has just been delayed until March so we're making the most and his mum is bringing him in for 2 afternoons a week. He'll spend time with all the children in KS2 in small groups of 4 to 5. If your child has allergies, or a fear of dogs, they won't go out but all willing children do get an opportunity to read their book to Dougal and teach him some tricks; he'll do anything for a nibble of cheese.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This takes place from Monday 7th February through to Sunday 13th February this year. We have some great activities planned to support the children and to extend the work they do in class through their PSHE. But on Friday 11th (last day of half term) we are celebrating 'Dress to Express' where children can come to school in exciting colours, odd socks, wacky hair, etc. the brighter and different the better. It helps us see that although we are all very similar – we are also all very different! We are including the staff too so it should be a great day. We'd love the children to bring in £1 to support children's mental health charities. We are telling the children though – it's not just about wearing a football kit or their own clothes!



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UNIFORM & PE UNIFORM

School uniform is very important to us at St George's. It gives us a sense of identity; people know who we are when we're out and about, it keeps costs low for parents and it prevents some children feeling left out if they haven't got fancy brands and makes. Therefore, we are very clear about the PE uniform that children wear on their PE days:

- Red Tee-shirt
- Black shorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms
- Plain black hoody (or school jumper/cardigan)

Please ensure that children do not wear branded, stripped, sequined items, or football kits. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Many thanks for your understanding while Mrs Jones has been off this Thursday and Friday. She is never off and it's clear we can't cope without her! All being well, she'll be back with us on Monday. Thanks for your support this week!

COVID

It's great that we now have slightly reduced restrictions back and masks are no longer compulsory. Please be aware that we still have some Covid cases in school and we will still need to send children home to get a PCR if they come to school with a temperature of a new cough. If your child is sent home for feeling generally unwell, it's recommended to do a lateral flow as some of the children sent home this week have since tested positive.

Have a great weekend.



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