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Dear Parents

We are at half term already as the past weeks have flown by. The children are excited about their special day in costume today and I'm sure there will be some exhausted children by bedtime tonight!

Can we just say a HUGE thank you to all parents this half term for your support. There is always so much going on in school and I know so many of you really do appreciate just how demanding the teachers' role has become in recent years. I could not be prouder of how hard the whole team have worked this half term and I'm equally proud after the teachers' feedback following parents' meetings.

OUR PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our amazing team have been hard at work this term to think of ways to support the children and also so see how they can help improve our school. They have already presented to the whole school on the importance of reading and are now busy on their next presentation – E-Safety! But they haven't stopped there...they have produced a presentation for staff about what they feel makes a good display in school. They are compiling a report that they can share with all teachers so display has a real focus in the eyes of our children. WOW – I think there's an opening in London that they could probably fill if they're interested! Well done PLT!

SPORTING SUPERSTARS

Children have been attending a raft of sporting events over the past 7 weeks with all junior classes being represented in more than one event. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children who represented St George's in cross-country and absolutely stormed the field!!!! 8 children took part and were joined by 100 runners from schools around Sefton. In this race, boys and girls ran together and the results were astounding. All our runners finished in the top 3rd of the field, which is amazing in itself but we also had Mason storming to 1st place and Isaac in 3rd place! Not only that but Millie also ran a stunning race and was the 3rd girl to cross the line! AMAZING RUNNERS!!!!

However, those children certainly have a sense of humour as they all appeared outside my office with Miss Hulse who went on to pretend they were all in trouble...only then to pull their medals out of the pockets and laugh out loud! Wait until April 1st when I can get my own back!

HALLOWEEN DAY

WOW – I've never seen so many scary children in my life! Everyone has really gone to town with their costumes and makeup this year and everyone looks stunning – fit for a film set! Well done to all our children and special thanks to all parents for your spooky contribution to the day!



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PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO



Huge thanks to the PTA for organising and running the Halloween Family Disco this evening. Those children that have tickets are so excited and can't wait for it to get going. Props and speakers arrived last night and we look forward to welcoming the PTA into school this afternoon. I'm sure it will be a great event so look out on the PTA's social media for snapshots from the night.

Special thanks to Dave, our part-time saviour caretaker who is keeping the place well secured this evening and for being the last man standing.

SPORTING SUCCESS

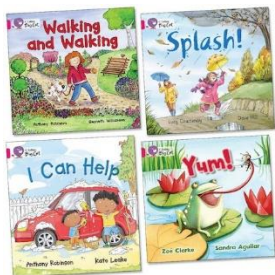
Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the first cross-country event of the season. It was a cold night but that didn't stop our sporty sensations! They did themselves, and the school, proud. A special well done to Tia and Letty who took 2nd and 3rd places in their Y5 race – exceptional.

SENDING MONEY INTO SCHOOL

Just a small reminder that we do need parents to send their monies into school in separate envelopes, with the correct money in each. As you know, Mrs Jones is the only person we have in our school office and she has an incredible workload. It's impossible for her to spend the time splitting cash, balancing pots and passing money throughout the school.



We fully appreciate that change is hard to find at times so items such as cookie and cake, dinner money, Breakfast Club and After School Club can all be paid in advance and money added to the account held in school. WE are desperately working on the School Spider Cashless App but it's so much more complicated than we ever expected. Mrs Jones and I are trying to book some bespoke training next half term as we are unable to get the system to operate effectively at the moment. Many thanks for your understanding.



BOOK SALE

Thank you to all the parents who bought some of our new/nearly new phonics books. The money raised is going towards 'Language Bags' for use in our EYFS. Mrs Daly has organised with staff to develop this idea and all the teachers and TAS in EYFS and KS1 are helping to create these bags in the coming weeks. Thanks to them for their time and support.

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME PHONICS BOOKS?

Following the sale in school, we still have a large number of exceptionally high-quality phonics books left. If you would still like some, please just send £5.00 into school for the attention of Mrs Daly and she will select an appropriate pack of 15 books to be sent home to you. This is an unbelievable bargain as each book originally cost in excess of £6.00 each.



NUT ALLERGIES

Just a reminder that any food items containing nuts should not be included in any child's packed lunch or 'fruit' snack. There are a number of children in school with nut allergies. Thank you.



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STAFF CAR PARK

Can we please remind all parents that our car park is only for **STAFF** use. Not only do parents prevent our staff getting in or out but we are not insured for parental use. Thanks for your cooperation.



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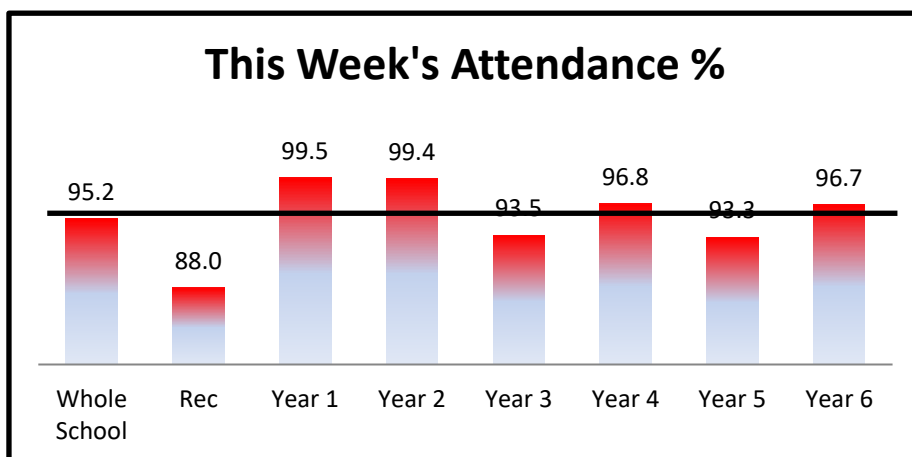
ALISTAIR SAVILLE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Your child will have taken home a stapled letter regarding a Christmas card competition. Alistair Saville run this every year and have chosen St George's this year. All children have to do is design their card on the sheet provided and return to school. Every child who takes part will receive a selection box and each class winner will receive a special prize. And, there is an overall winner who will have their card made up for their company Christmas card this year! Huge thanks to them and good luck to ALL our children.



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.** Well done – **4 classes** this week with great attendance!



Wishing you all a fantastic half term.

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

Mr P. Chapman
Headteacher

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