



## Message from the headteacher

What a snowy week! Well done to everyone who managed to get their children into school this week. Also, a massive thank you to staff who all managed to get here as well. It is great that we were able to keep the school open during the whole week.

This week Year 5 and Year 6 have been very busy with workshops. On Monday they had a workshop on Modern Slavery run by JustEnoughUK then a workshop run by the NSPCC as a follow up to our assembly last week. Both of these have supported our older pupils in thinking about their rights and responsibilities and how to keep safe in the world we live in.

Year 1 really enjoyed their trip to the Synagogue. They were able to learn lots more about Judaism. Year 4 had their visit from Handel House to work on their music project and Year 2 enjoyed their visit to Waterstones. We also had a wonderful concert run by Pelican music. Thank you to everyone who performed during this.

We had a wonderful World Book Day on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who dressed up. We were able to raise almost £100 for Book Aid. Thank you to Miss Allen for organising the event and Reception for sharing their fantastic assembly.

Thank you to those parents who attended our coffee mornings/afternoons this week. We hope this has given you all an opportunity to speak to members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Next week we welcome Miss Loureda back to St George's. Next week is also Values day. We hope you will be able to join us in the afternoon for activities at 1:30pm followed by a service at 2:30pm at St George's Church. All children will need to be picked up from the church at 3:30pm.

Thank you to everyone who has completed their communications questionnaire and handed this back into school. We will analyse your comments over the next few weeks and will feed back to you. One of the questions we have been asked is what are we focusing on this year. We have put a parent friendly School Improvement Plan on the website. Please ask if you have any questions.

As you know, at parents evening we asked parents to tell us what the best things about St George's were and also how we could make St George's even better. Please see below for some of the feedback we received.

## Attendance information

Due to the weather this week every class's attendance was below 95%. Hopefully next week will be better.

## Class Assemblies and Parent Workshops

Year 1	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4	15 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3	22 <sup>nd</sup> March

Reminder- all class assemblies are followed by a parent workshop. We hope you can join us for these.

### Friends Cake and Uniform Sale Dates

Friday 16 March - F3 cake sale  
Thursday 26 April - pre-loved uniform sale  
Friday 4 May - F1 cake sale  
Friday 18 May - Reception cake sale  
Monday 11 June - pre-loved uniform sale

### Prayer of the week

God of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish in us all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever.  
**Amen**

## A day in the life of ... a Year 1 child

What happens in your child's class? Each week we will tell you about a different class. I am sure you will enjoy reading the quotes from some of the Year 1 children.

8:55 - 9:05	Register "We need to know how many people are in our class."
9:05 - 9:25	Collective Worship "We have been learning about respect, kindness, honesty. Right now it is forgiveness. We have been learning to be kind to each other and helping each other when they are sad." "We have been learning about the fruits of the spirit."
9:25 - 10:15	Maths "We have been adding numbers and we have been doing take aways. We have started learning times tables." "I know that 2 x12 is 24."
10:15-10:30	Phonics "We have been learning sounds like oe and o split e. We have been learning ou, ae, au, ow sounds. We have been using whiteboards to write down the sounds."
10:30 - 10:45	Play time
10:45 - 11:55	English "We have been writing about Beegu. She is an alien girl. We have been using conjunctions like 'and' and 'because'. We have used the W words- what, where, when, why and how." "We have also been writing thank you letters to the Synagogue."
11:55 - 12:00	Getting ready for lunch
12:00- 1:00	Lunchtime
1 - 1:30	Guided reading "We have been writing our own stories, we do handwriting, we read stories, we read to a teacher and we do our spellings and change our books."
1:30 - 2:30	Science "We have been learning about materials. We have also been learning about different types of materials. The materials are plastic, metal, wood, bricks and fabric."
2:30 - 2:45	Playtime
2:45 - 3:15	RE "In RE we have been learning about Moses and Judaism. We went to the Synagogue." "We have been learning about the Rabbi, the kippah, the challah bread, the menorah and the prayer shawl."
3:15 - 3:30	Story time and getting ready for home time "We love listening to stories!"
3:30	Home time

## Uniform Cup

Congratulations to **Form 1** who won the uniform cup this week.

## Parent dates- this term

<i>Chapel</i>	<i>Whole school</i>	<i>Every Friday</i>	<i>9:15am</i>
Classical roadshow	Form 5	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Day
Values day	Whole school	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	1:30pm
Science week	Whole school	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Day
Pelican music concert- external	Instrument players	14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening
Wagamammas	Year 3	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Day
Hyde Park Look out centre	Reception	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning
Water music concert	Year 4	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning
<b>End of term</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	

### What are the best things about St George's?:

- Teachers and teaching
- Staff
- Happy children
- Good atmosphere
- Caring
- Welcoming
- Values and values days
- Workshops
- Pastoral care
- Approachable staff
- Diversity
- Community feel
- Communication
- Range of opportunities

### How can we make St George's better?

These are the areas which parents wanted clarification over. We will address these in the next few newsletters.

- Clubs
- Homework
- Communication
- Refurbishing the building
- More competitions
- PE, Science, Music and Art
- Special needs support and more able support
- Computers

*Please remember, if you have any questions about anything directly related to your child, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance. Following that, please speak to Miss Slater, Mr Jones or myself. If you have any questions relating to the whole school, please speak directly with a member of the Senior Leadership Team- Miss Slater, Mr Jones, or myself.*

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