



*Working together for the achievement of all.*

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's edition of the St. George's Hanover Square newsletter. This week, the senior leadership team had an opportunity to go and observe some of the wonderful learning that has been going on at St. George's. They watched some excellent English lessons, which showed the children engaged with and making good progress in their learning. We both had the opportunity to see Reception in action too. It is amazing how quickly they have settled in and how they are really exhibiting excellent learning behaviours, ready for their year ahead. Even with the torrential downpour, this week has been a real delight!

### Workshops and trips

A tremendous thank you to all the parents who have kindly made donations for their class trips and workshops. If you make a donation, please can you hand it directly to Mrs Baukovic so that she can ensure that all money is properly accounted for.

This week saw two of our classes going on trips and here is what their teachers had to say about them:

"On Tuesday, Year 3 travelled to the Natural History Museum to become Palaeontologists for the day. Our morning started with a very informative workshop where we learnt what was and was not a fossil, followed by excavating some fossils of dinosaur skulls. In groups, we were able to identify which type of dinosaur we had by measuring length and looking for key features. In the afternoon, we were able to explore the museum with help from our excellent parent-helpers. We saw life-size dinosaurs, and lots of fossils. It was great way to put our new-found expertise into practice as we made our way around the fantastic exhibit. Year 3 had an enriching day at the Natural History Museum, and are excited to continue developing our knowledge in our History and Science lessons this half term." Miss Derrick

"Year 2 spent a wonderful day at The Lookout in Hyde Park on Thursday to learn all about habitats. First we learned to identify different habitats and the animals and plants that might live there. Then we went outside to explore micro-habitats in our local environment. We hunted for mini-beasts under logs and went pond dipping to discover all the amazing creatures that live there - we even discovered some baby newts! In the afternoon we went out into the park with binoculars to try bird watching. We had a lovely day and learned lots of new information. Many thanks to the parents who accompanied us on our trip." Miss Carmichael

### Stars of the Week ☺

Each week, teachers choose one child in their class who has demonstrated exceptional learning or our Christian Values of Friendship, Kindness, Respect, Creativity, Forgiveness and Honesty. A big well done to the following children.

<b>Our wonderful Stars of the Week</b>						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Keano	Seraphima	Basmah	Ta'litia	Gabriel	Libuse	Toprak

Attendance	
Reception	94.1%
Year 1	99.6%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	98.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98.2%</b>

Two classes with 100% again this week!  
This is something to be proud of!  
Well done Year 2 and Year 4.



Lates	
Reception	3
Year 1	4
Year 2	3
Year 3	5
Year 4	1
Year 5	1
Year 6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

## Celebrations

Congratulations to Gabriel in Year 4 for winning a gold medal for his Judo skills. He also took part in an international Judo Competition in Belgium two weeks ago and was representing Mike's Judo Club who run an after school club here. Well done Gabriel and keep up the hard work!

## Class Assemblies

This week we had the opportunity to watch Year 1 perform their class assembly. They did a fantastic job! They spoke clearly, they sang beautifully and they acted amazingly. Their performance of Beegu was tear-jerking and heartfelt, rounded off by a brilliant song about various animals in a teapot!

Thank you to the parents who made their way straight down to the playground after the performance. Due to the change of timings, it is important that we celebrate our children's success at the end of the day in playground so that they can get back to class and be safely dismissed on time. Your cooperation in ensuring the safety of the children is, as always, very much appreciated.

## Church

ST GEORGE'S HANOVER SQUARE TERMLY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES HARVEST FESTIVAL 6th October at 11.00am

The Parish Church, which is on the corner of Maddox Street with St George's Street, is inviting families with children who are associated with our school, or church, or both, each term to a service which is especially tailored for the occasion. These occur on Mothering Sunday, then Whitsun, and the next occasion will be on Sunday 6th October at 11.00am when you and your family are most welcome to join us for our celebration.

## Food and Drink

Thank you to all who are coming to school with healthy snacks and lunches. Ms Slater still sees some children coming in with unhealthy snacks. Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a healthy snack as outlined in the table below.

Our healthy snacks **must not contain nuts**.

Things you can eat for your break-time snack	Things you cannot eat for your break-time snack
Fruit 	Fruit winders 
A plain biscuit 	Biscuits with jam, chocolate or any other extras 
A plain cereal bar	A cereal bar with chocolate on it
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks 	Crisps 

## Packed Lunch

### All lunches could include:

- At least one portion of fruit and or vegetable (this could include dried fruit)
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, chick peas, hummus)
- A sandwich that includes a savoury filling (e.g. egg, tuna, cheese, cooked meat)
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice, noodles
- Dairy food such as cheese, yogurt, fromage frais
- A biscuit not coated in chocolate
- Crisps (baked or other low fat options if possible) or other such snack such as savoury crackers, breadsticks etc
- A bottle of water

### Packed lunches should avoid:

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate coated biscuits and sweets
- Sausage rolls and pies should only be included occasionally
- Fizzy drinks

## Packed lunch boxes

Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch box which is clearly labelled with their name and year group (and not a plastic bag).

## School Lunches

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October there will be a food tasting session for parents in the theatre. It will start at 3.00pm. Come along and see how delicious our school lunches are! Do please let Mrs Baukovic know if you are planning to take up school lunches.

## **Choir**

The choir have already begun rehearsing for the performance at Bachfest on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm at St. George's Church. Please keep the date free and join our choir at St. George's Church to celebrate the works of Bach. Tickets for the performance at £10 for adults and under 16s can attend for free. Please see the flyer for the concert at the end of this newsletter.

The choir will need to be at St. George's Church until approximately 5.00pm. If your child will not be able to take part in this event, please let the office know as soon as possible and they will inform Ms Slater.

## **Uniform**

It is a pleasure to watch the children coming in each morning wearing their school uniform with pride. The Rector noted today how wonderful they all looked in Chapel this morning and noted how smart the PE uniform with the white T-shirt with red trim and tracksuit bottoms looked.

## **End of the day pick up and rain**

Thank you all for your support with making the end of the day at pick up a safe one. Please note that parents are not allowed in the Undercroft area and please make sure that once you have picked up your child that they remain under your supervision. In the event of rain, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be dismissed from the football pitch area of the playground.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

Thank you and well done for the improvements in morning punctuality. It is already making such a difference to the children's learning. Attendance so far is looking better too. Please make sure your child is at school by 8.55am, so that they are ready for registration. If you arrive after 9.00am, please could you sign the school 'late book'. There remain a small and persistent number of children who are collected late at the end of the school day. Please work with us to resolve this.

## **Half Term**

A reminder that this half term ends on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm and any early absences will be noted.

## **Dates for your diary**

<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 3 – Year 6 parent workshop - Destination Reader</b> at 2.45pm – 3.30pm
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 3 class assembly</b> at 3.00pm
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 4 class assembly</b> at 3.00pm
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Thanksgiving/Holy Communion at St. George's Church</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Sayers Croft Week for Year 6</b>
<b>w/b 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Anti Bullying Week</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b> at 3.45pm – 5.45pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b> at 3.45pm – 5.45pm
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 5 class assembly</b> at 3.00pm
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children in Need day</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 6 class assembly</b> at 3.00pm
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Smile Train Concert</b> at 7.00pm
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nativity Performance</b> at 9.30pm and 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Carol Service Grosvenor Chapel</b> tbc

Thank you for all your support, it is much appreciated.

Best wishes

**Ms Petra Slater, Head of School and Mrs Rebecca Harris, Executive Headteacher**



## ***Back is cool!***

### **A Special Family Concert**

*Featuring*

*St George's*

*Primary School Choir*

*With*

*Steinitz Bach Players directed  
by Rodolfo Richter - violin*

**Thursday 7 November at 4.00pm**  
**St George's Church, Hanover Square W.1**

#### **•Programme•**

Music by Bach, Vivaldi, Telemann, Handel  
The choir will join the orchestra in a performance of Bach's  
famous chorale "*Jesu, joy of man's desiring*"

**School Parents Tickets £10.00; Under 16s FREE.**  
**Call 01883 717372 to pre-book or at the door from 3.30pm.**



Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) is rightly regarded as a musical genius, but in his life he was a hard-working and meticulous musician, fulfilling his duties day by day just like we do today. He also liked good food, had a sense of humour, liked being with his large family and entertaining his friends.

Such is Bach's fame that we are almost bound to come across his music at some point – weddings, funerals, special occasions. Bach's music touches all our lives and is for everyone, all ages.

This special Family Concert is the culmination of an exciting project with St George's Primary School focussing upon "*Bach, the organist*" in particular, but also as an introduction to the composer's music and that of his friends and colleagues Vivaldi, Telemann and Handel.

The pre-concert sessions held in Handel's Parish Church of St George's introduce the children to the highly praised organ in St George's Church: the sounds, the pipes, the stops, the workings, to give them an exciting, new musical experience. In addition, the children have been learning one of Bach's most famous chorales which they will perform with the members of Steinitz Bach Players, a professional chamber orchestra that plays instruments of Bach's time.

Come and join us all to support the children and enjoy some wonderful music together

- ~ Simon Williams, Director of Music at St George's
- ~ Nicholas Morris, Assistant Director of Music at St George's
- ~ Petra Slater, Headteacher at St George's Primary School
- ~ Georgina Wright, Director of St George's Primary School Choir
- ~ Margaret Steinitz, Artistic Director London Bach Society & Bachfest

**The concert is part of the London Bach Society's annual Bachfest.**  
**[www.bachlive.co.uk](http://www.bachlive.co.uk)**