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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach our final week of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the wonderful successes and progress we have made in a very short and unusual time. We would not have been able to achieve all these things without the continued hard work and dedication of our teachers, parents and most of all our fabulous children.

We started the year by introducing our new and much improved curriculum. The children had many opportunities to actively learn across all subject areas, recapping and developing their knowledge and really beginning to understand the learning journey that they are all on. Practical mathematics, using concrete resources and moving onto more abstract reasoning has had a wonderful impact on the language that children use in order to explain their higher level thinking skills. A broad range of historical and geographical knowledge, has supported the children's understanding of their place in our world and made them more aware of their role in society. Across all learning areas the children followed clear and sequential learning, making it more meaningful and purposeful and it was a pleasure to watch them flourish both academically and also as young people.

We didn't mention English though! Through much hard work from all our teachers we have also successfully embedded a comprehensive and clear reading programme, from Reception up to Year 6. In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, children have been learning their phonics in a systematic way through the Read, Write, Inc. teaching programme, enabling them to make good progress and develop into fluent readers at a much faster rate than previously. As they move up the school, and with the help of the Destination Reader scheme, they have learnt how to use different reading strategies to help them with their comprehension of more challenging texts. It was remarkable how swiftly the children were able to challenge, build on and eloquently speak about their reading.

Now, an area very close to Mrs Harris's heart, as you will all know from our superb weekly Chapel Services, is attendance. We were rocketing at the beginning of this year, with an accumulated attendance of 97% by the end of the Autumn Term. This was the first time in years that attendance at St George's had been significantly above the national average! Punctuality was also improving and the impact that this had on the children, teachers and all their learning was clear. Perhaps it was our new and exciting curriculum that helped, or perhaps it was parents realising the positive impact that good attendance has for their children throughout their lives.

Sadly, our journey was somewhat cut short this year with lockdown. However, our work was by no means done. Together, with Miss Carmichael at the helm, we worked hard to ensure that we were able to share and provide quality assured online resources during this time. We worked with a 5 School Partnership school in Camden on a weekly basis, to make sure that in the initial stages of lockdown, all children had access to learning resources that were matched to the curriculum year group and our curriculum map, in line with other state sector schools. WELL DONE!! As time progressed, we introduced links to the Oak Academy learning resources produced by the government, which facilitated a more interactive learning opportunity for children and parents alike.

Although we were not able to welcome all our children back, we worked tirelessly to ensure that the school was set up and in line with government guidance. Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and the Childcare Hub have been supported in their transition back to school and have continued to amaze us all at how resilient and adaptable they are to changes. We also continued to support home learning and made contact with those who were not able to join us at this point. We introduced Google Meetings where children were able to see their friends and teachers and also invited our classes back to school for the opportunity to see each other, their teachers and also Ms Slater and our wonderful vicars.

What next, we hear you ask. We will of course continue to ensure the safety of all our community and continue to provide a rich, broad and balanced learning diet for your children to achieve their potential. In our imminent future, we will continue to embed Google Classrooms, for which teachers are going to receive training in order to use it to its best capacity. Our wonderful teaching staff and our new Headteacher Mr Musetti will continue to use their expertise to impart their knowledge and pedagogical understanding to create an environment in which your children can thrive. Next academic year still holds many uncertainties, but what we can be certain of, is that St. George's will continue to be a place in which children are cared for and nurtured in order to go on to shine in the world!

Stars of the Week ☺

 Our wonderful Stars of the Week 					
Reception	Year 1 A	Year 1 B	Year 6 A	Year 6 B	Childcare
Eduardo	Lilianna	Zachary	Max	Boulevard	Oscar Rose

Eduardo - adjusting well to our new way of working in school and working hard in literacy and maths.

Lilianna for her excellent effort in learning new sounds in phonics and for always striving to do her best.

Zachary for his fantastic effort in writing this week and for being a super reader!

Max because he's very helpful, reads with enthusiasm and displays positive values at all times.

Boulevard because he has shown tremendous resilience and determination

Oscar Rose for his improved focus and working hard this week to get his work completed.

Leavers' Service

We are thrilled to be able to welcome Year 6 and their families to Chapel to celebrate their years and achievements at St. George's. This will take place on **Thursday 16th July 2020 at 2:30pm.**

If you would like to attend, please can you contact Ms Slater, as you will need to register your interest.

Reports

You will be receiving your child's end of year report shortly. These reports are reflective of the progress and attainment that we believe that the children would have made had they been at school for the whole academic school year. If you would like to arrange a time to discuss the report, please contact the office and we will hopefully be able to make a time this side of the academic year for you to have a conversation with your child's class teacher.

Child Care Friday 17th July 2020

In order to get prepared for returning to school in September, we are going to need all the human power to ensure that classrooms are set up and compliant to new government guidance. Therefore, we are not going to hosting the Child Care Hub on Friday 17th July as this day will be utilised to set up for the upcoming academic year. We thank you for your understanding.

Mayfair Library

We are delighted to tell you that Mayfair Library has opened its doors once more. The library looks a little different since lockdown. They have removed furniture to create space to allow users to move round in a socially distanced fashion. There is floor signage to help users move round the book shelves in a one way route. The children's' library has signage to guide users in a one way clockwise route.

They unfortunately offer fewer services than before lockdown. They now offer a book loan and return service and they also have a full time cleaner who works round the library cleaning surfaces and IT items and also have door security. They are now open until 6.00pm Monday – Friday and would very much welcome you back to library, accompanying your children.

Mrs Marsh

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mrs Marsh at the end of this term. She has been an absolute pleasure to work with and took on and embraced Year 3 when she started with us in the Spring Term. She quickly bonded with the children and supported them brilliantly. I think it is fair to say that her welcoming smile and unwavering kindness will be sorely missed. We were lucky to have had the opportunity to welcome her into our team and we wish her the very best as she moves onto pastures new. Thank you Mrs Marsh.

Nursery Survey

Thank you to all the parents who participated in our Survey Monkey regarding the potential of opening a Nursery at St. George's. We had a tremendous response with almost 30 people sharing their opinions.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please do either follow the link below or Scan the QR code to the right as we greatly value your opinions in such a worthwhile and epic venture if we are able to proceed.

or Scan the QR code!



You will find the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NHDD5WK>

Learning from Home

We are so proud of how you have all embraced your Learning from Home over these past few months. The teachers have frequently commented on how diligently you are all engaging with your learning and how keen you have been to share what you have been doing.

Thank you to all the positively received from parents and children who have sent emails and letters thanking us for the continued focus on a learning rich provision during these difficult times. We would also like to thank you all for your continued focus on supporting your child's learning over the past few months.

Mathletics

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Bronze Alexander	Bronze Mickey Taberhem Jayden Len Genesis Aiyanna- Sophia James Hiyabel Silver Jayden Genesis	Bronze Amelle Emily Lisa Oscar	Bronze Silver		

Oxford Reading Buddy

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Taberhem	Toby			

Prayer of the week

Lord Jesus, be with those whose week never seems to start,
because there is no difference for them in the days.

Every day is the same.

Lord, we pray for those who have no joy in being able to do something new;

for those whose routine is so rigid that anything out of the ordinary is challenging, frightening.

In their routine may they find you.

In the care provided by others, may they find your love.

In the work done for them may they find your healing hands.

For you are our carer, our healer and our sustainer, and in your name we pray.

Amen

Reopening of the school

Please make sure that you read our **reopening school letter** which will be sent out next week. In it, you will find useful information about what we are planning for September. We are, and will continue to follow government advice and guidelines and therefore the information may change over the summer holidays. We will keep you informed and updated every step of the way.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th July

End of the academic year 2019-2020

Thursday 3rd September

Start of the Autumn Term

Monday 26th October – 30th October

Half term

Friday 18th December

End of Autumn Term

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With warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.

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

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school - a parent's guide.



Dear parents / carers,

Your child _____ appears to have the following symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) (Head of School, Ms Slater, to tick here, as appropriate)



new and continuous cough



high temperature



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

You need to do the following:

1. Take your child home immediately to self-isolate.
2. Call **111** to book a test for your child, **or** visit 111.nhs.uk/covid-19 to book a test for your child online.
3. **DO NOT WAIT! Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest!**
4. **Please let the Head of School (Ms Slater) know** immediately you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test, by calling the school office on
5. **020 7629 1196**
6. If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
7. If your child tests negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.