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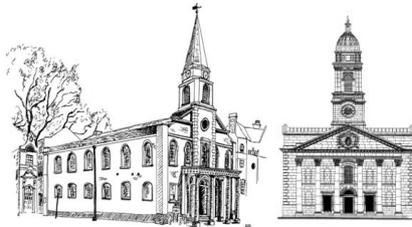
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our weekly Newsletter in which we are going to share all the Christmas cheer that we are going to be partaking in next week!

Firstly, however, we would like to thank all of you for attending our Academic Review Day on Friday. The teachers were all thrilled to share the successes of your children with you and to identify key areas in which they can continue their learning journey over the next two terms. It was great to hear all your positive feedback about the term and your continued support in our mission to ensure a safe and progressive future for St. George's.

Now to Christmas fun times coming up.

We are firstly overjoyed to be able to invite parents to our special COVID Carol Services next week. These will be hosted at St. George's Hanover Square Church and Grosvenor Chapel. Thank you Fr Roderick and Fr Richard for leading these very special Services at this magical time of the year.



We are able to allow a maximum of thirty parents to join us for the Services and this will be on a first come first served basis. If you would like to attend, please do contact the school office and they will put your name down. As you will of course also understand, due to the restriction of numbers, we are saying that there are no more than two adults per child who can attend. Please book early if you wish to attend.

Below you will find the dates and times on which the Services will be held for the different bubbles.

Yr R/Yr1 and Yr2 - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Grosvenor Chapel - 9:10am

Yr3 and Yr6 - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - St. George's Church - 9:20am

Yr4 and Yr5 - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Grosvenor Chapel - 9:10am

We will confirm by email that we have received your request to attend in order to fulfil Track and Trace requirements and will also register you so that we can see who arrives on the day. If your name is not on the register, unfortunately you will not be admitted into the Service. We also ask that you ensure that you sanitize your hands prior to entry, wear a face covering, stay in your family bubble and do not interact with the children or staff or other parents during the Service. These are strict rules but they are there to protect us all.

Tuesday will be full of festivities for the children when they will have their Christmas Parties in class. We ask, that if you wish, they can bring in one party treat for themselves which they can have during the entertaining afternoon planned. Please remember we are a nut free school.

Next, we want to say a huge thank you to The Friends of St George's who have managed to put together not only a raffle but also a live auction for parents. You will find more information in a separate email about this, but we want to say how impressed we all are at the generous donations they have gathered to help raise funds for our school.

We know that at this time it is important to celebrate and give thanks and we hope that this week we can all enjoy our caring and nurturing school community and come together to do just that!

Your support is greatly appreciated as always and we very much look forward to being able to welcome you to celebrate Christmas with us!

**Ms P Slater, Deputy Headteacher and Mr GP Musetti, Headteacher**

## COVID UPDATE

### Arrangements for Christmas reporting of positive COVID-19 test results

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation this school year as we continue to respond to the challenges of COVID-19. As the Autumn Term comes to an end, we are asking you to help us continue to keep children and families safe over the Christmas holidays.

This letter will cover:

1. School contact tracing over the holidays and what you need to do
2. What to do if your child or family member gets symptoms or tests positive over the holidays
3. Safe return in January

#### 1. School contact tracing over the Christmas Holidays

You will know that schools have been playing a vital role in contact-tracing. If a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), we carefully review who the person has been in close contact with while at school and ask those people to self-isolate. This helps to protect the remainder of the school community, your families and the wider public. The Department for Education has said that schools must continue to support contact tracing for 6 days after the end of term. This is so that we can identify any close contacts of positive cases who were in school while infectious and where test results come back after term ends. **Your reporting of positive test results remains vital to our contact-tracing efforts. As families come together for Christmas celebrations, this will minimise the risk of spreading the virus to your potentially vulnerable relatives.**

→ **If your child gets a positive COVID test result before 24.12.20, please email [office@sghsprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@sghsprimary.co.uk) with the following information:**

- **Name of child**
- **Did the child have symptoms or not?**
- **What date did symptoms start?** (this can be any feeling of being unwell, not just the three COVID symptoms)
- **Date that test swab was taken**
- **Date child was last in school**
- **Has anyone else been unwell with COVID in your household?**
- **Your contact phone number in case more information is needed**

Staff at the school will be working and responding to notifications of positive cases up to six days following the end of term.

→ **If your child gets symptoms or tests positive after 24.12.20, schools do not need to be informed until the first day of the new term 6.1.21. Instead, please engage with NHS Test and Trace who will be in contact with you.**

#### 2. What to do if your child or family member gets symptoms or tests positive over the holidays

##### Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

- **If anyone in your home develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should get tested and must remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Please read the attached leaflet on self-isolation.**
- All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.
- The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- No one else needs to get tested unless they have symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.** Household members staying at home for 14 days helps stop the virus spreading to others in the community
- You should not have visitors to the home if anyone in the household is self-isolating

##### Telling the school about COVID in your household

- If your child gets symptoms or tests positive **before 24.12.20**, inform the school as set out in Section 1.
- If your child gets symptoms or tests positive **after 24.12.20** schools *do not* need to be informed until the first day of the new term (6.1.21). Instead, please engage with NHS Test and Trace who will be in contact with you.
- If anyone else in the household gets COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID during the holidays, please make sure that all household contacts isolate as set out above. Please do not send your child to school in January if they are meant to be isolating and inform the School Office.

### 3. Safe return in January

We look forward to welcoming children back to school for the start of Spring Term on 06.01.21 but it remains a priority that we keep the school community safe. **Please do not send your children back to school if they should be self-isolating for any reason.** Reasons that your child should be isolating include:

- Your child has symptoms of coronavirus or has tested positive and has not yet completed their 10 day self-isolation period
- A member of your child's household (e.g. mum, dad, sibling) has developed symptoms of coronavirus or tested positive and your child has not yet completed their 14 day self-isolation period
- You/your child have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace or the School because your child is the contact of someone who tested positive for coronavirus and your child has not yet completed their 14-day self-isolation period.

**If your child is meant to be isolating at the start of Spring Term (6.1.21), please keep them at home and inform the school office.**

### Christmas Holidays

Please remember that if you are leaving the country during the Christmas holiday period, it is possible that you may need to quarantine when you return to England. Your child may not be able to return to school immediately as a result. Please check government guidance with regard to any country you may be visiting. Thank you for your help with this.

### PROCEDURES

#### Drop off and Pick up

Thank you to all parents who are following our clear and important safety measures at drop off and pick up times.

May we once again please urge you to ensure the safety of your children by collecting them from the correct side of the road. In addition, please could we request that once you have collected your child you move away from the collection area so that there is space for others to be safely dismissed.

Your continued support in this is greatly appreciated.

#### Face coverings for children

At the current time, we are asking that children do not enter the school wearing a face covering. If you would like your child to wear a mask, please be as kind as to ensure that they leave their face covering with you at drop off and have them available at pick up.

#### Face covering for adults

Please could we request that you wear face covering at drop off and pick up. Not only is this modelling good practice to our children but also continuing to reduce the risk of illness. Thank you.

#### Clothing

We have to keep classroom windows open at all times during the pandemic. Ventilation is a key part of the guidelines to help us in our fight against the spread of COVID-19. The children (and staff) need to have a supply of fresh air at all times. Children need to be wearing their school jumpers/cardigans/fleeces (they can wear more than one!) but can also wear thermal tops underneath if they feel the cold.

### CELEBRATIONS

Attendance	
YR/Year 1	92.4%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	88.9%
Year 6	96%
Total	93%

Well done to Year 3 with their excellent attendance of 97.4%. Remember our target is 97%.

19 lates. We need to work on this please, even though it is getting to the end of term we still need to be on time.



Lates	
YR/Year 1	4
Year 2	5
Year 3	5
Year 4	2
Year 5	1
Year 6	2
Total	19

## NOTICES

### Message from Fr Richard

Dear Families,

As the end of this difficult year draws to a close, I write to invite you to the Grosvenor Chapel's annual "Community Carol Service", [on Tuesday 15th December at 7pm](#), which I hope will offer us comfort and joy!

As is usually the case, this Carol Service is not ticketed, although there will be a retiring collection for the Homeless Charity "Groundswell". In order to create a safe environment for all participants, advance booking is essential to reserve your place at the Carol Service. You can do so either by:

1.) Emailing or phoning our Chapel Office: [info@grosvenorchapel.org.uk](mailto:info@grosvenorchapel.org.uk) Tel. No: [020 74991684](tel:02074991684)

For Track and Trace purposes we need your full name and contact details, which will be kept only for 2 weeks after the event.

2) Online, via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grosvenor-chapel-community-carol-service-tickets-130399920673>

### Acceptable Use of Social Media

Parents at St George's School Hanover Square use social media as a means of positive and friendly communication. Whilst the school does not endorse social media friendship groups, we recognise that friendly online communication is part of our school social life and our supportive community.

However, we ask parents to keep certain rules in mind:

- Children's and staff members' names and personal details should not be shared on social media.
- Confidential details about particular events involving specific children should not be shared.
- Social media should not be used to share negative messages about the school or hurtful messages.

These are rules for our whole school community (including children, staff and parents) and these rules keep our children safe and the school environment safe.

We know that all our parents use social media responsibly and we would like to thank our wonderful parent community for doing this. However, in the rare instances where these rules are breached and confidential information is shared, we urge parents to refrain from reading, responding or sharing this information and to contact the school if they are concerned.

Please always feel free to discuss any concerns about acceptable use of social media with either me or Ms Slater.

### Admissions to St. George's

If you know of a friend or family member who would like to make an application for their child to attend our school, please ask them to call our office.

They can apply online via our school website and will also need to fill in a St George's supplementary form, also available online, or from our school office.

If there is an application for a class which is full, we will keep the child's application on file and on our waiting list.

Mrs Baukovic is always happy to help with any queries or with filling in forms!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Term Dates:

#### Autumn Term 2020

**Academic Review Days (No children in school) Friday 11th December**

**Term Ends Friday 18th December**

End of term timings on Friday 18th December

- 1.30 pm – YR/Y1 and Y2
- 1.45 pm – Y3 and Y6
- 2.00 pm – Y4 and Y5

#### Spring Term 2021

**Monday 4th January (INSET)**

**Tuesday 5th January (INSET)**

**Term Begins Wednesday 6th January**

**Half Term Holiday Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February**

**Term Ends Thursday 1st April**

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

Lord Jesus, in the season of Advent we wait eagerly for your arrival and prepare for the coming of Jesus who is the light of the world. Come fill us with your hope, your peace, your love, and your joy.

We pray for a genuine spirit of generosity and kindness to all those who are going through a hard time and all our neighbours in any kind of need.

**Amen**

**Let your light shine in the world as Jesus did, with compassion, thankfulness and hope.**

With warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.

**Miss Petra Slater, Deputy Headteacher and Mr Paul Musetti, Headteacher**

## A Christmas Letter to Children from the Bishop of London



Dear children,

Let me please start this letter by thanking you all. This has been such a difficult time for all of us, but the way this pandemic has affected children and young people is easily forgotten. You have done so much to change the way you live to help control the virus and keep those more vulnerable to the virus safe. I know that the way school has changed has caused a great deal of anxiety and uncertainty for all of you, but you've kept going and I hear from our schools so many stories of how hard you are still working and, more importantly, being so kind to one another. You have been an inspiration to me in difficult days.

Although there is now hope on the horizon with the coming of a vaccine, we are about to have a Christmas that will be very different from any before. My dog Bracken has been making the best of the situation by inventing a new game which gives him hours of fun. He likes to steal the baby Jesus from our nativity and then hare around the flat with him until we manage to catch Bracken and rescue Jesus from being chewed! We are all having to make new plans, maybe you won't be able to see all the people you would normally see. Please remember if you find this all very stressful; that is okay and it is always good to talk to someone about how you feel, we all feel worried or sad at times and it is very normal to do so. A phrase you hear a lot at Christmas is "Comfort and Joy" and I pray you will find that this year through all the mess.

It is funny that the first people to hear the Christmas message of comfort and joy were a group of shepherds who heard it from the angels telling them about Jesus' birth. These were poor men who lived in the fields with the sheep in a country that was ruled harshly by the Romans. I wonder if they thought that message would mean that someone was going to kick the Romans out or they would get better jobs? God's plan was different. In Jesus he came to be with people in all the mess of a stable, but also in all the mess of our lives. The wonder of Christmas is it reminds us that in all the mess that is happening now, Jesus is still with us and he still brings comfort and joy.

When I last wrote to you, I said that you could send me an email and that I would pray for you. I want you to know that you still can. Lots of you did and I was very privileged to be able to pray for you. If you want to, please pray for me too. Being a Bishop can mean dealing with some difficult things and I would be very grateful if you asked God to help me and give me wisdom.

I hope you have a very happy Christmas and I pray that you would experience the comfort and joy that God gave us through Jesus.

Bishop Sarah



# Grosvenor Chapel

## Community Carol Service

Tuesday 15th December 2020

at 7:00PM

An evening with:

The Grosvenor Chapel Choir  
& Representatives from our local community

Advance Booking required:

Email the Chapel Office: [info@grosvenorchapel.org.uk](mailto:info@grosvenorchapel.org.uk)

Or book via: <https://eventbrite.com/e/grosvenor-chapel-community-carol-service-tickets-130399920673>

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