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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our weekly Newsletter in which we will be sharing the delights that take place in our wonderful school. It is such a pleasure to be able to share with you all our learning, both through our broad and balanced curriculum we offer and through our enrichment opportunities at St. George's.

As ever, the week has been busy and the children are all enjoying being back at school and with their friends, old and new. It is heartening to see all our children frolicking in the playground when the gates open at 8.30 until the bell rings for our 'soft start' at 8.45. It is equally thrilling to be able to meet with and speak with our parents and carers when we open our gates at 3.15 prior to the children's dismissal at 3.30. Thank you to all the parents who have made sure that their children are here on time and also for your patience at the end of the day at pick up to ensure a safe reuniting after a busy day of learning.

Monday saw our curriculum meetings with parents and teachers, in which key information was shared about what the learning over the coming half term will look like. Thank you for your feedback and we will schedule the meetings slightly differently next time, over three days, so that parents will be able to attend the meetings if they have more than one child at school.

On Tuesday, Mrs Collaço and I took the opportunity to spend a little more time in classes and to peruse the learning that has been taking place. As you are aware, we are working hard to improve standards at St. George's and the children are all enthused with their learning and are attentive and focused in lessons. We are also focussing on ensuring that the presentation in our books is representative of the high quality of learning that is taking place and we are pleased to say it is paying dividends. We have already awarded some pen licences this year, so the only way is up.

Wednesday was a delight for Oak as they started ballet. They looked wonderful in their PE kits and ballet outfits and danced their way merrily into the afternoon. They have made a tremendous start to their primary careers and are clearly ready for all that the year holds in store. We are so pleased to have them as part of our community and they have made a flying start. Sycamore too had some new physical education experiences with their first ever swimming lesson.

Thank you to the parents who came to our coffee morning on Thursday. I had the pleasure of sharing some exciting plans that we have afoot centred on a project around ecology and global warming, as well as starting to produce our very own St. George's magazine. We will be hosting more coffee morning/afternoons over the coming terms and look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible. It was also a great opportunity for the parents from different classes to get to know each other and branch out their social circles, much like the branches of our new tree themed class names.

Today we all went to Chapel together for the first time in what seems like an age! It was magnificent to all be together again in such a marvellous environment and to sing in unison once more. Please remember, all parents and carers are cordially invited to attend our Chapel Services and the children love it when they see their families there. KS2 also had the pleasure of working with Amanda Szewczyk-Radley, a fabulous lady, creating detailed and captivating artwork of flowers. She will be working with all our children over the term and we are very much honoured to have her expertise added to our skill set. Sycamore and Plane Tree also began their journey to design our very own magazine with the help of another highly skilled lady called Jeannine Seba who edits her very own magazines – The Covent Gardener and The Mayfarer.

As you can see, there are many exciting opportunities here at St. George's. I am very much looking forward to further enhancing our rich learning experiences this year, and in the meantime wish you a calm and relaxing weekend.

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Miss Petra Slater, Acting Headteacher

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory. Our attendance target is 97%. We will continue to follow our procedures for monitoring attendance and contact families when we need to. If attendance drops below 95% you will receive a letter and request for medical evidence for absences. It is so important that your child is at school each day and on time and we will follow up on any persistent latest or absences.

Attendance	
Oak	100%
Horse Chestnut	97.8%
Birch	92.9%
Sycamore	81.9%
London Plane	92.5%
Total	91.6%

Amazing job Oak! 100% and our newest recruits!
Keep it up!

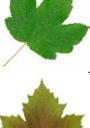
There are however far too many lates. We need to improve on this please!



Lates	
Oak	2
Horse Chestnut	9
Birch	3
Sycamore	7
London Plane	1
Total	22

Classes

As you may have noticed, our class names have slightly changed to support our learning around our precious environment. Please find our new names below.

	Oak	Reception
	Horse Chestnut	Year 1 and Year 2
	Birch	Year 3
	Sycamore	Year 4 and Year 5
	Plane Tree	Year 6

Uniform

Please follow the guidance on the school website for uniform. Trainers are not permitted unless it's for PE. All children require sensible black shoes for school so that they can run around and play during break times. Children are not allowed to wear heeled shoes, trainers, boots or open toed sandals. Hair needs to be tied back please and jewellery and nail varnish are not permitted. Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

Extended

Breakfast Club will be from 8.00 -8.30 - please book and pay in advance.

Extended Provision will continue from 3.30 pm-4.30 pm Mon-Fri (except the very last day of a full term) - please book and pay in advance online and collect your child from the Reception entrance.

Coding Club now runs on a Thursday for all ages and runs from 3.45 – 4.45.

We are hoping to start a Junior Drama club from 27th September which will run for 3.45 – 4.45. Please let the office know if you are interested as we need a minimum uptake of 10 for it to go ahead.

Mrs Lorenzo is also keen to start a Spanish club. She will run a KS1 and KS2 club. Again, if you could let the office know if you would be interested then we can look at getting started!

Food and Drink

Please make sure that you supply your child with a named water bottle each day.

If your child is having packed lunch, please ensure that it is healthy.

All lunches could include:

- At least one portion of fruit and or vegetable (this could include a 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

Lunches should avoid:

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

Here are some healthy suggestions for break-time snack:

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 

Our healthy snacks and lunches **must not contain nuts or kiwi fruit.**

Medicines and Allergies

We need to make sure that all our Health Care Plans are up to date. If your child suffers from any allergies please let the office know and this will be followed up swiftly in order to ensure an adequate Health Care Plan is in place.

Mrs Collaco is taking the lead on our medical so please do respond when she gets in touch.

PE days

Children will continue to come into school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Also it means the children actually have a longer PE lesson as they don't waste time getting changed.

YMCA are taking the following classes:

Tuesday is PE for Oak and Plane Tree

Wednesday is PE Horse Chestnut and Birch

Wednesday is ballet for Oak

Wednesday is swimming for Sycamore. Thank you very much to the parents who said that they would be able to accompany the children to their swimming lesson. We will be putting together a rota and Mr Long will be sharing this with the lucky parents soon.

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord

Thank you for making this amazing world.

Thank you for making it so beautiful.

Thank you for loving every person you have made in the whole world.

Please help us to look after the world.

Please help us to look after each other.

Please stop climate change hurting people and all your creatures.

Please help us not to be greedy, and trust you to give us enough.

Please help us to share what you've given us.

Amen



Celebrations of the Week!

	Our wonderful Star of the Week	
Horse Chestnut 10.09.21		
Sebastian For having a fantastic attitude toward his learning, being a kind member of his class and always trying his hardest. You certainly are a shining member of Horse Chestnut!		
Birch 17.09.21		
Aya For having fantastic handwriting and really caring about your presentation skills, making sure you follow up on any advice given on how to make your learning even better and throughout all of that being a fabulous friend.		

Values Champions

We will continue to celebrate our Values Champions weekly too which is very exciting. Below you will find our last awarded Champions for the end of this term!

				
Respect				
Oak	Horse Chestnut	Birch	Sycamore	Plane Tree
Rocco	Jesse	Aluna	Mikey	Malak