



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

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Newsletter, and here we are at the end of week three. There have been quite a few changes over the past few weeks, which I would like to share with you all. If, however, you don't have the time to read all the exciting things that have been taking place, please skip to the second page where you will find essential information for you all for the next coming week.

Firstly I would like to thank you all very much for your continued support and effort at making drop off and pick up run more smoothly. If we could please remind you that it is really important for you to try to socially distance yourselves at the gate as that is still Government guidance. Also, please ensure that you are only lining up when it is your time to drop off that would also help with pavement congestion. The same applies to pick-up. We thank you all for your patience and cooperation of moving aside if you have two children who have different pickup times. Please also try to keep your children away from children in other bubbles. This really helps us and also you, to maintain the bubble integrity that we have been working so hard to achieve during the school day.

Our new Reception children have all settled in wonderfully well and are really beginning to become confident and thoughtful members of their class and school community. Miss Sutton has also joined us in Reception/Year 1 class this year and has commented on how super the behaviour of our new recruits has been over the past few weeks. I was in class today when they were playing an exhilarating game of Honey Bear, where they needed to use their listening skills to capture the honey thief. It was terrific, not only to witness their incredible auditory detective work but also how well they worked together and helped and encouraged each other. They have certainly begun their long journey through primary school with a good set of friends and learning behaviours.

As for the rest of the children, it has to be said that it would be difficult to believe that they had had that very long break from school. They have returned with enthusiasm, resilience and determination to make up for the lost time and to achieve their very best. I have visited every classroom over the past few weeks, spent time with the children at lunch and at play, and they are all clearly very happy to be back; back with their friends, back with their teachers, back to their routines and back to a slightly modified and much more structured way of life at St. George's. The children are now, where possible, all facing forwards in classrooms during learning time and ensuring that they use their own personal items pack successfully. This does not, however, mean that they do not have the opportunity to have discussions and learn collaboratively, just that they need to be more mindful of personal space and new ways of learning. Daily routines have been changed so that classes don't cross paths with each other as much, handwashing happens consistently throughout the day, an enhanced cleaning procedure of the school has successfully been put in place. There has been a general shift in knowledge and understanding of the importance, especially in these current times, on following our new rules and taking the personal responsibility of ensuring not only their, but also each other's safety. The children and staff have all quickly taken on board our new ways of staying safe, and our systems are running smoothly.

Responsibility is also our new value for this term. Children have been thinking about and learning about what it means to be responsible in a whole variety of different ways. When teaching in Year 5 earlier this week, I must say I was rather taken aback with their mature and sensible suggestions of what is meant by responsibility. They identified that we need to take responsibility for the environment, nature, belongings, each other, our behaviour and ourselves, and these were just a few gems that they shared with me.

I am sure you will be thrilled that Chapel Services on Friday's are also still taking place, albeit in a slightly modified way. Today, Year 5 went to Chapel, and Fr Roddy led a fantastic service all about responsibility. Last week, Year 6 attended our Chapel service, where Fr Richard was welcoming our children back and looking at new beginnings. We have been sharing these Services with the classes back at school. Longer-term, we are hoping to invite parents of the class visiting these Services and even possibly share them via our Google Classroom site. However, as with all things technical, we are ironing out any glitches before we open this up to avoid any disappointment – but watch this space! We wish you all a wonderful weekend and are already excited about what next week holds in store.

Stay safe and best wishes

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

COVID UPDATE

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you're worried about your symptoms
- you're not sure what to do

 [Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#)

Call 111 if you cannot get help online. Do not go to places like a GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy.

Testing

Testing is really important;

- It will let you know if COVID-19 is causing your child to be unwell.
- If the test is positive and the person and their family will know they need to self isolate at home. If the test is negative the household can get back to normal.
- It also helps services know how many people are infected in the community.

If a child's test confirms a positive result, track and trace health professionals will get in touch. They will ask the parents, or the child if they are able to understand and consent for themselves, who they have been in close contact with whilst infectious. These people will be asked to self-isolate too. This is one of the ways that the virus can be controlled and our lives get back to something more normal.

How To Get A Test For Your Child

It is important that a test is taken as soon as possible after COVID 19 symptoms appear. The test is not accurate if you do not have these symptoms. The sooner the test is taken the more effective it is. If it is 5 days or more since the person first became unwell it will not work.

Get a test online on GOV.UK.

Call 119 to get a test if you have problems using the internet.

The school does have a small amount of tests. The Government guidance states that: Coronavirus (COVID-19) test kits should only be offered in the exceptional circumstance an individual becomes symptomatic and you believe they may have barriers to accessing testing elsewhere.

We have ordered more and we hope that we will soon be in a position to be able to provide some if you are unable to obtain one via the officially stated means.

Please stay safe. We shall update you as and when we receive any further information at how to support families during these times.

PROCEDURES

Drop off and Pick up

Thank you for your patience in dropping off your children with our staggered start times. Please see below, that we have amended these start times to make it easier for you to drop off your children in the morning.

In order to ease congestions and ensuring that handwashing and registers are being completed, we will be asking parents who are arriving later than their drop off window to go and register at the office. This being said, we urge you to please be there for your drop off window as this will ensure a good, smooth running start to the day for your child.

Please do your best to maintain social distancing during these times.

Please bring your child to school at the correct time.

Year R/Y1 and Year 2 — start at 8.45am and end at 3.15pm

Year 3 and Year 6 — start at 8.50am and end at 3.25pm

Year 4 and Year 5 — start 8.55am and end at 3.30pm

Gate closes at 3.35pm

PE

PE days for our year groups will be as follow:

Monday – Y4 and Y5

Tuesday – YR/Y1 and Year 2

Wednesday – Y3 and Y6

Please ensure that your child arrives at school in the PE kit. They will stay in this for the day. This way, they will have more time enjoying their physical activity and getting fit. Thank you.

Homework

As you will be aware, we are in the process of setting up of Google Learning platform which should be ready to start working for homework assignments for KS2 at the end of next week.

We will be offering online workshops for parents from YR/Y1 and Y2 to see how to access the learning.

We have also updated our Mathletics, TTRockstars, ORB platforms and will be sending out the new login details for each class on Monday.

Your patience in this is greatly appreciated and we are very excited indeed to how the future of home learning looks.

CELEBRATIONS

It is with great joy and happiness that I can officially announce our new Headboys and Headgirls for the academic year. In the summer, the previous Year 6 children, all voted and decided upon who they thought would be the best ambassadors of upholding our Vision and Values for the following year.

It was a difficult decision and the children ensured that they considered every member of the class. However, without further ado, the new Headboys and Headgirls for the class of 2021 are:

Class of 2021	Boy	Girl
Head	Matthew	Libuse
Deputy	Anthony	Soul





Stars of the Week ☺

We are still celebrating our Stars of the Week, however, we have returned to awarding just one star each week!

Please see the current stars and the reasons they were chosen by their teacher.

Congratulations Stars!!

Our wonderful Stars of the Week	
 Y5 18.09.20	 Y6 11.09.20
Zak For a wonderful attitude to learning, never giving up and always trying his very hardest! You've really improved your approach to challenges in his learning.	Courtney For being a focussed and attentive learner, sharing thoughtful contributions and being an excellent member of Year 6.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Gardens

It has been brought to the attention of the school once again that the children are causing disruption after school in Mount Street Gardens. It is similarly important that children maintain social distance in the gardens from children in other bubbles. The children are indeed no longer under our watchful eye, however, they are still ambassadors of our school. I would like to draw your attention to a message in one of our previous Newsletters, and hope that, moving forward we can respectfully follow the rules of the garden:

Thank you to all those parents and children who are treating Mount Street Gardens and our fellow neighbours with the respect that we believe in at St. George's. The neighbours delight in the laughter, joy and life that the children bring to the gardens.

Sadly, however, there are still a few who are not harbouring the responsibility of looking after nature and continue to damage the flora and fauna of our unique surroundings.

Please could we ask, that in addition to adhering to the garden rules of not cycling and scooting, we also treat the grounds with the respect that we would our own homes and ensure the safety of the children by not allowing them to rummage in bushes, jump around on gravestones and launch themselves off garden features.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Be to us, O Lord,
a support in our setting out,
a comfort by the way,
a shadow in the heat,
a covering in the rain and cold,
a conveyance in weariness,
a protection in adversity,
a staff in unsteady ways,
and a port in shipwreck;
that, with you being our Leader,
we may reach the place we seek,
and at length we may return again to our home in safety.

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