



Working together for the achievement of all.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and we hope you all had a wonderful and restful half term. The children have settled back into school calmly and happily and are all ready for the new half term. Our Value this half term is Respect and we will be learning about this in class and through our Collective Worship.

Winners of the Mayfair competition

Congratulations to the winners of the Mayfair and St James's Literary Festival Poetry Competition. The judges had a tough time choosing the winners as there were so many wonderful poems submitted. The three finalists are Jasper-Blu, Toby and Aria. These three children and their families will enjoy The Jungle Book Reading and afternoon tea at Brown's Hotel. They will also be gifted an exclusive limited edition of The Jungle Book. Well done to all of the children who entered the competition - we have some very talented poets at St George's and you deserve to feel very proud of yourselves!

Christmas Fair

We need to start planning our annual Christmas Fair. If you would be willing to take a leading role in helping to organise this, please come and speak with Ms Slater.

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.

		Our wonderful Stars of the Week				
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isabella	Semah	Jero	Amal	Dina	Courtney	Penelope

Attendance	
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	91.9%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	94.6%
Total	94.3%

Our attendance took a dip in the week leading up to half term. Please let's work hard to get back on track. We are aiming for an average of 97% each week.

Well done Year 2 for achieving 98.1% ☺



Lates	
Reception	2
Year 1	2
Year 2	3
Year 3	4
Year 4	4
Year 5	1
Year 6	0
Total	16

We have set the children the Pizza Attendance and Punctuality Challenge! Each child with 100% attendance and 100% punctuality between Monday 28th October and the end of the summer term will join Ms Slater and myself for a celebratory pizza (plus pudding!).



Equalities Week

This week has been Equalities Week at St George's. The children have learnt about equality, social justice and British Values. The specific focus in Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 was on Challenging Gender Stereotypes and in Y5 and Y6 was on gender equality and racial equality in Britain. We have learnt about the history of these equalities and how Britain compares to other nations as well as looking at what Britain is currently doing to address inequality and what still needs to be done. The children have taken an active role in debates and discussions and have enjoyed researching and discovering more about this subject.

Bachfest coming up on Thursday

As you will be aware from our weekly newsletter, the choir will be performing this coming Thursday 7 November at St. George's Church Hanover Square in the Bach is Cool! Steinitz Bach Players Family Concert. If you would like to attend the concert, school parent tickets cost £10.00 and under 16s are free. It is advisable to book in advance and to do so please call 01883 717372.

If your child is in the choir please note the following information:

We will be leaving school at 1.00pm and walking to the Church.

The children will have eaten lunch already but will require a small snack (no nuts).

The concert ends at 5.00pm so please collect them from St. George's Church at this time.

Please email the office to confirm that you are happy for your child to take part, that they can be photographed during these events and that you will collect them from the venue at 5.00pm.

Sayers Croft

Next week Year 6 are embarking on their long-awaited journey to Sayer's Croft in Surrey. We wish them a wonderful time and cannot wait to hear about their exciting adventures. We are sure they will all have a wonderful time together taking part in all sorts of activities as team. Thank you to Mr Long, Miss Low (from Tuesday evening) and Miss Brashko for accompanying the children on this visit. Ms Slater is very much looking forward to settling them in on Monday and Tuesday. Year 1 will have a supply teacher for the time that Miss Low will be there and an experienced TA will cover for Miss Brashko in Reception.

Here is their timetable of exciting events that Year 6 will be getting up to!

St. George's Hanover Square Programme of Activities 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:30	Arrive 10:30am Make Beds Fire Drill Settle In	<u>Cobblers brook stream study</u> W	Maze and blindfold trail W	Shelter building	<u>Earthwalk</u>
11:00			Woods compass W	Hazel frames	Team challenges
	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:30	Orienteering 1 & 2 W	<u>High Ropes</u>	<u>Challenge course</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>WWII trail</u> W
15:00		<u>Team play</u>	<u>Challenge course</u>	<u>High Ropes</u>	<u>WWII trail</u> W
16:30				<u>Pond dipping</u>	Depart 13:30
Eve	<u>T.S. & giant games</u>	<u>Nightwalk</u>	<u>Tuck shop & disco</u>	Campfire	

Lunch Theme Day 5th November

School dinners are going to have a wonderful themed menu on Tuesday 5th November. Please see the office if you would like your child to have school dinners on that day if they are usually packed lunch.



Parents Evening 11th November 12th November

We are looking forward to inviting parents to meet with our teachers to discuss their child's learning, development and engagement over this academic year. In order to make an appointment, you will need to contact the school office and they will let you know available times. Meetings will be for 10 minutes and will run between 3.45 pm and 6.00pm on the dates above. We look forward to meeting you then.

Anti-Bullying Week 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November. This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme Change Starts With Us and is happening from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2019.

We will be working with the children to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We are excited as we want to create empowering, positive messages addressing the fact when it comes to bullying that change starts with us!

Book Fair Week 11th November

We're going to be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in our school during the week beginning 11th November. We hope that you will be able to join us and make this celebration of reading a huge success! There will be hundreds of fantastic books for you and your child to browse through. The prices start at just £2 and there's such a great range that there's bound to be something that your child will enjoy. Plus, up to 60p in every £1 you spend is given back to our school in FREE BOOKS!

Children in Need 15th November

As you may already know, Monday 11th November is the start of this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal Week. St. George's is excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme.

On Friday 15th November, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to support our book fair that is taking place that week too!

End of term finish at 2pm

Although we have only just started this half term, we would like to take the opportunity to let you know that term ends on Thursday 19th December 2019 at 2.00pm.

Subject Day

Three extremely entrepreneurial girls from Year 6 (Penelope, Sara and Suzanna) have come up with a super idea of how to help St. George's buy new and needed resources to support the great learning that takes place in our school.

'Subject Day!' This is a day where children will come dressed up as someone or something to do with their favourite subject at school and donate £1 or more. This money will then be used to support learning throughout the year groups.

What a wonderful idea and we will be looking forward to celebrating this day in the new year.

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th November

Sayers Croft Week for Year 6

Thursday 7th November

Reception class assembly at 3.00pm

w/b 11th November

Anti Bullying Week

Monday 11th November

Parents' Evening at 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Tuesday 12th November

Parents' Evening at 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Thursday 14th November

Year 5 class assembly at 3.00pm

Friday 15th November

Children in Need day

Thursday 21st November

Year 6 class assembly at 3.00pm

Thursday 28th November

Smile Train Concert at 7.00pm

Thursday 5th December

Nativity Performance at 9.30pm and 2.00pm

Tuesday 17th December

Carol Service Grosvenor Chapel 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