



Working together for the achievement of all.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's edition of St. George's newsletter. Quite frankly I don't even know where to begin this week with all the fun and learning that has been going on. On Tuesday, Mary Thorne, our advisor from the London Diocesan Board, came and had a look at our wonderful school. My goodness was she impressed with all the active learning she saw taking place in our classrooms. She also observed excellent teaching from our great staff, clearly modelling expectations and making learning purposeful and fun. It was a real pleasure to show her around and for all her positive feedback. Of course, we will as always, continue to strive to achieve the very best but this was a very positive bit of feedback. A big thank you to all the staff at St. George's – you should be very proud of the fact your hard work and dedication is recognised by all our visitors.

In other news, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 put on a spectacular Nativity Performance this Tuesday. They performed with confidence and pizzazz, sang and danced like angels (literally) and simply blew the audience away! Not only that – but they had a very busy schedule with a morning and afternoon performance and gave it their very best till the very end. Thank you parents for attending and all the positive comments. I think Miss Carmichael, Miss Low, Miss Galvin, Miss Fostini, Miss Brashko and Miss Philip deserve a huge thank you for leading on this epic endeavour and producing an all-time memorable performance of Lights! Camel! Action!.

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.

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Our wonderful Stars of the Week</h3> </div>						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Eduardo	Lilianna	Layan	Arya	Wanying	Miles	Henrik

Attendance	
Reception	95.9%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	93%
Total	96.4%

Two classes with 100%. A huge well done to Year 1 and Year 2. Let's try to keep the attendance up for the last few weeks. We will be updating you with our termly attendance at the end of term.



Lates	
Reception	1
Year 1	6
Year 2	6
Year 3	5
Year 4	4
Year 5	6
Year 6	4
Total	32

Play Club

It has been brought to our attention that there are a few families who are consistently picking up late from Play Club. Please note that Play Club ends at 5.30pm and you are required to be on time for pick up. This is really not fair on the staff who may or may not have arrangements. Please ensure that you are on time.

Safeguarding

It has come to our attention that some parents are using the children's toilet facilities. This is absolutely not allowed under any circumstances due to safeguarding. If you do require to use the lavatory, please inform office staff. Due to safeguarding requirements, visitors and parents need to be escorted by a member of staff when on school premises. Thank you for your kind understanding with this important matter.

Christmas Fair

I met with the diligent and ever wonderful Victoria Chandor this morning and would like to thank everyone who is supporting and working to make this a great Christmas.

The Christmas Fair will start at 3.30pm, straight after our Carol Concert at Chapel. Please don't zoom off after the Carol Service, continue the festive cheer with a warm drink and some festive food from around the world.

Children of all ages will be able to go meet Santa in his cosy Grotto.

KS2 will dance with style and grace at the disco and refresh themselves with snacks in the theatre

KS1 will be entertained by Toni Macaroni in the gym. He will be putting on two showings of fun and games!

Everyone loves cotton candy, especially when it is the festive season, so why not go and buy some on the second floor?

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and share the hope, peace, love and joy that comes at Christmas time.

There is still time to get involved. We are looking for someone to lead on our raffle and auction, so if you would be able to, please come and speak with Ms Slater or Mrs Baukovic as soon as you can.

Choir and Advent Events at Grosvenor Chapel

The choir will be performing on Tuesday 10th December at the Community Carol Service at Grosvenor Chapel at 7pm. It would be wonderful if we could show support at this Service.

On Sunday 15th December at 11am Grosvenor Chapel's children's Sunday Club will perform an Advent Play and Nativity. If you would like your children to be involved please come to Grosvenor Chapel's Sunday Club on Sunday 8th December 11am, run by the Rev'd Santou Beurklian-Carter.

Uniform

Well done to Year 5 for winning the uniform cup this week. They looked extremely smart with their ties done up and shirts tucked in. Well done Year 5.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch update!

Caterlink have put together a delicious Christmas Lunch Menu on **Thursday** the 12th December, the very same day that St George's watch Scroogical in the gym. Teachers will also be sharing lunch time with the children to celebrate this time of year. If you would like your child to participate in this festive feast, please let Mrs Baukovic know and she will sign your child up.

Attendance and Punctuality

PUNCTUALITY

This is another area the school has to address and improve in order to drive up standards. Many of you have excellent punctuality habits and bring your child to school on time every day but we still have a number of children who arrive to school late each day.

The figures below state very clearly the impact lateness has on your child's education:

Since October half term there have been a large number of children who have arrived late to school:

Week Beginning	Number of Lates
28 th October	16
4 th November	31
11 th November	31
18 th November	14
25 th November	35
2 nd December	32
Total:	159

As a school we understand that mornings can be very stressful and challenging for a family. If you do experience difficulties we ask that you inform the school so that we can give you as much support as possible.

Below is a list of tips which may help if you do find punctuality a problem in the mornings. I hope that you find them useful.

1. **Rethink the meaning of "on time."** People who are always on time are really people who arrive early every day—and acknowledge that things can go wrong to set them back several minutes. When things do "go wrong" these pupils arrive on time!
2. **Understand the importance of being on time.** Pupils who are always on time are the people who achieve well at school. In the working world, the people who are always on time are the people who achieve success.
3. **Get enough sleep.** If you have trouble getting out of bed in the morning, then make a serious effort to get to bed earlier. Sufficient sleep is essential for maximum brain function anyway, so you really don't want to ignore this aspect of your scholastic habits.
4. **Give yourself a realistic amount of time to dress and groom.** You can do this with a simple exercise: Get up early one morning and time yourself (moving at a normal pace) to see how long it takes you to get ready. You may be surprised at the time it takes, especially if you find you have been trying to squeeze forty minutes worth of grooming into fifteen minutes each morning. You can try creating a time management clock.
5. **Know exactly when you need to be at your destination and subtract ten or fifteen minutes to establish your arrival time.** This will give you time to go to the bathroom or chat with friends. What time are you expected to be seated in your home room or your first class? The school gates close at 8:55, so you should arrive at the school by 8:45 and be in your seat at 8:55.
6. **Listen to traffic news.** If you depend on public transportation to get to school, always keep an eye on schedule interruptions.
7. **Have a backup plan for your transportation.** If you normally ride to school with a friend, think ahead and plan what to do if your friend gets sick.
8. **Set your clocks forward by ten minutes.** This is a little psychological trick that many people play on themselves. The funny thing is, it really works!

We need to work together as a community to help each other with this ongoing issue. Please support one another if you are able to, and speak with Ms Slater if you are experiencing difficulties. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th December	Community Carol Service at Grosvenor Chapel at 7.00pm
Tuesday 17th December	Carol Service Grosvenor Chapel 2.15pm
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 19th December	End of Term 2.00pm

Thank you for all your support, it is much appreciated.

Best wishes

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