



Working together for the achievement of all.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. Our second week back has been rather different without our Year 6s to guide the way. It has to be said that Year 5 took their position as school leaders seriously and it was a pleasure to watch them demonstrating excellent behaviour and even taking a lead in our Remembrance Service today.

Christmas Fair and Parent Representatives

We are still looking for parents to be Parent Representatives and also parents to help with the Christmas Fair. If we don't find enough volunteers for the Christmas Fair we may not be able to have one this year. Please come and speak with Ms Slater or Mrs Baukovic if you want any more information about what the roles entail or to sign yourself up!

Bach is Cool! Steinitz Bach Players Family Concert

The school choir sang at St. George's Hanover Square Church this Thursday and were phenomenal! They listened attentively to classical pieces played by an orchestra and ended the concert with a fabulous performance of Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach which is not an easy piece to perform. They sang confidently and with pride and made Ms Slater and all the other adults proud. A huge thank you to all the parents who attended and also a massive thank you to Mrs Georgina Wright, our choir lead, without whom this would not have been possible.

Sayers Croft

Year 6 had a tremendous time at Sayers Croft this week! They participated in a whole array of exciting activities which kept them active and learning. The experience will last a lifetime and Ms Slater was so pleased to have been part of this bonding experience in which the children shone when working collaboratively and showing great friendship and community. A big thank you to Mr Long, Miss Brashko and Miss Low for supporting them on this invaluable learning experience.

Stars of the Week ☺

As we had a special Remembrance Service this Friday, we did not celebrate Stars of the Week this week. Normal service will resume next Friday.

Attendance	
Reception	91.8%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	99.6%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	99.1%
Total	97.3%

Well done Year 4 for another week as winners with 99.6% and all the other classes who are meeting and exceeding our school target of 97%.



Lates seem to be slipping in some classes, so please let's be on time!

Lates	
Reception	4
Year 1	4
Year 2	7
Year 3	6
Year 4	5
Year 5	3
Year 6	2
Total	31

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!).



Class Photos

Individual class photos are being taken this coming Wednesday 13th November. Please make sure your child is looking smart in their uniform so that they look their absolute best captured for the academic year 2019-2020.

Destination Reader

This year, our children in Years 3-6 are learning to develop their reading skills through Destination Reader, an exciting new approach to teaching reading at KS2 which can be applied to all texts. Its main focus is on key reading strategies which support comprehension and on developing learning behaviours which support dialogue. Last week, the children were introduced to the 3 core learning behaviours: be supportive and actively listen to others; discuss and explain your ideas; take responsibility for your own and your group's learning. Each week, lessons will now focus on developing key reading strategies including predicting, asking questions, clarifying, summarising, inferring, making connections and evaluating. Please talk to your children about their reading at home and ask them to explain their new reading strategies to you! We look forward to sharing more about Destination Reader with you in the near future.

Good readers...



Parents Evening 11th November 12th November

There is still time to book a slot to see your child's class teacher for Parents evening. Please contact the office by email or phone to arrange a time. We have asked teachers to keep a register of parents who have attended and they will be contacting parents who were unable to make it over the next week. It is really important that you come to these meetings so that you know how best to support your children in moving forward in their learning.

Anti-Bullying Week 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week is taking place next week. Children will be engaging with lessons around this important subject and our Collective Worship will be based around this theme.

Book Fair Week 11th November

We are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair this coming week. It will be based in the gym between 3.15pm and 4.00pm. Please do come and have a look at the books that are on offer.

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!

Many thanks to Miss Nicola Carmichael, our English Co-ordinator, KS1 Phase Leader and Year 2 teacher for organising this wonderful event.

Children in Need 15th November

This coming Friday St. George's Hanover Square are going to be raising funds for the very worthy charity, Children in Need. Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character or author to coincide with our Book Fair Week. A voluntary donation of £1 is suggested and all proceeds will go to Children in Need.

Attendance and punctuality

Thank you for the continued hard work at attendance. If your child is absent due to illness, please bring in a medical note from your GP and hand it to the office.

We need to keep an eye on punctuality for drop off and pick up please. You will be required to sign our late book if your child is later than 9.00am and if they are picked up after 3.45pm. Please make sure that you do come in with your child to sign the book.

Dates for your diary

w/b 11th November

Anti Bullying Week

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Book Fair 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