



*Working together for the achievement of all.*

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's edition of the St George's Hanover Square newsletter. What a half term we have **enjoyed!** We have had numerous workshops and trips, parents' workshops, class assemblies and a huge amount of opportunities to learn. The children have all returned to St. George's this year with a positive learning attitude and it is a pleasure to see how well they have settled into the new routines. A big thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants, who have worked tirelessly in order to make our school community one of harmony and cohesion. We would also like to say a heartfelt well done and thank you to parents and children for their continued perseverance at improving attendance. To date, St. George's Hanover Square has a whole school attendance of 97.7%, which is wonderful and **in line with** our target. As we move into the second half of the Autumn term, let's continue to build on the foundations we have started to **create.**

### Workshops

In anticipation of the Bach Fest, Year 6 and Year 5 took part in an organ workshop at St George's Hanover Square Church. Amidst the splendour, they were treated to intimate renditions of Bach classics on an organ that we later found out to have cost £1m! We learned about how the organ produces sound and the effect it can have on the soul. Then everyone had a turn pulling out all the stops- filling the atria with their original and fun melodies. Overall, it was a unique and joyous experience!

### Year 6 trip to Sayers Croft

Year 6 are all very excited about their upcoming trip to Sayers Croft. The children shall be leaving promptly at 8.30am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and returning from their adventures by 4.00pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Parents should all have received and email with an outline of information, the cost and ways to pay. Payment needs to be made by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October so that we can confirm final numbers with the centre.

We are also happy to be able to confirm who will be accompanying Year 6 on the trip. Mr Long and Miss Brashko shall be with the children all week long, Ms Slater will settle **the children** in on Monday and Tuesday, at which point our wonderful Year 1 teacher Miss Low will be taking over.

Attendance	
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	97.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97.7%</b>

Hooray for Year 2 getting 100% attendance!  
Well done Year 5 for 0 lates!



Lates	
Reception	5
Year 1	8
Year 2	9
Year 3	9
Year 4	1
Year 5	0
Year 6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

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



## Writing competition

Well done to all of the children who submitted poems for the Mayfair and St James's Literary Festival Poetry Competition. The standard was very high, and we enjoyed reading all of the children's poems about their heroines! The poems have now been sent to the judges, who are tasked with the difficult decision of choosing three winners. The competition will be judged by Stephen Fry, as well as Shevan Wilder, director of The Josephine Hart Poetry Hour, and Frieda Hughes, daughter of Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes. Excitingly, the prize has now been upgraded! The three winners will each receive 4 tickets for The Jungle Book Reading and afternoon tea at Brown's hotel on Saturday 2nd November. They will also be gifted an exclusive limited edition of The Jungle Book. Winners will be notified once the final judging has taken place.

## Class Assemblies

This week Year 4 wowed us with Greece Has Got Talent. The children were all very confident and clear in their presentations and it was clear from watching that they have learnt a lot this term. They sang well, performed well and most importantly raised a chuckle from the audience, including parents and teachers! Well done Year 4 and Mr Roney, Ms Dore and Mrs Lorenzo for putting on such a great performance.

A big thank you to all the parents for making their way down the backstairs at the end of the performance too. This is much safer and ensures that the children can safely be dismissed on time in the playground. The children were very excited to come down to the playground to celebrate their performance.

## Church

Thank you to all who attended our Thanksgiving Service at St. George's Hanover Square Church. It was a great way to see an end to an event filled half term with the children sharing their thanks for the things that they have been doing at school and the wider community.

## Food and Drink

Thank you to all who are coming to school with healthy snacks and lunches. Please continue to ensure that your child has a healthy packed lunch and snack for their playtime and lunchtime. We would also like to highlight the fact that this also extends to after school club snacks, so please ensure that these are in line with the guidance below.

Our healthy snacks **must not contain nuts**.

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 

## Packed Lunch

### All lunches could include:

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

### Packed lunches should avoid:

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

## School Lunches

The new menu launches after half term and looks delicious. If you would like your child to have school dinners, please inform Mrs Baukovic in the school office.

## **Choir**

The choir are sounding marvellous and Georgina Wright is working with them to be ready for their performance at Bachfest on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm at St. George's Church.

Please keep the date free and join our choir at St. George's Church to celebrate the works of Bach. Tickets for the performance at £10 for adults and under 16s can attend for free. Please see the flyer for the concert at the end of this newsletter.

The choir will need to be at St. George's Church until approximately 5.00pm. If your child will not be able to take part in this event, please let the office know as soon as possible and they will inform Ms Slater.

## **Uniform**

The children are looking very smart in their school uniforms. Visitors to the school comment on how wonderful they look and their attire and presentation is noted on school trips. Thank you parents for your continued support in this. With the colder weather coming, we suggest that the school PE kit would entail a white T-shirt with red trim, red tracksuit bottoms and black or white trainers.

## **NSPCC PANTS**

Next half term we will be supporting the NSPCC in sharing their Talk PANTS campaign, which has been developed to help prevent abuse from happening to any child. Although some parents may feel this is a sensitive area to discuss with their child, we feel that sharing messages such as these with children at an early age can be very beneficial in helping protect them. More information will be sent out after half term

## **Playground Zones**

Ms Slater, Miss Keeny and the support staff have been working hard to make the playground a more interactive and fun place for the children. This week we have been implementing our new playground zone areas. One area is a quiet area where the children can read, draw and/or reflect on their day. The second zone is where there are coach led activities, such as ball games and skills or keeping fit. The third zone is a free flow activities area where the children can choose what equipment they would like to play with safely and engage in fun play. The final and fourth zone is the group games area where one of the members of staff on duty lead games such as 'What's the time Mr Wolf'. It has been a great success and the children have all expressed their delight at the changes. For the adults, it has also been very encouraging to see the children engaging with purposeful play and enjoying their lunchtime breaks.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

Thank you and well done for the improvements in morning punctuality and collection at the end of the day. The school gate remains open until 3.45pm but pick up is at 3.30pm prompt. There remain a small and persistent number of children who are collected late at the end of the school day. Thank you for continuing to work with us to resolve this.

## **Return to school**

A reminder that Autumn Term 2 starts on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that any late returns will be noted.

## **Dates for your diary**

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Sayers Croft Week for Year 6</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Reception class assembly</b> at 3.00pm
<b>w/b 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Anti Bullying Week</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b> at 3.45pm – 5.45pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b> at 3.45pm – 5.45pm
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 5 class assembly</b> at 3.00pm
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children in Need day</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 6 class assembly</b> at 3.00pm
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Smile Train Concert</b> at 7.00pm
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nativity Performance</b> at 9.30pm and 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Carol Service Grosvenor Chapel</b> tbc

Thank you for all your support and wishing you all a restful break.  
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](http://www.bachlive.co.uk)**