



Working together for the achievement of all.

Dear Parents and Carers

As the front gates to our wonderful school shut for the final time in 2019 this Thursday, we at St George's would like to say an almighty thank you to all who contribute and make our school what it is.

This Newsletter will be somewhat briefer than others but in it being so, I hope that we highlight some of the fabulous things that have happened over the past term and allow us all to celebrate the progress that our community has made within the very brief period of time that has passed since September.

We would like say a huge thank you to all the parents who contributed so generously to the Christmas Fair. The children had a great time and the spirit of Christmas was palpable throughout our historic building. Disco, entertainers, Code Club, Cotton Candy, delicious food and drinks, Santa, raffle, silent auction, games, beauty parlour (not in order of enjoyment and I hope we haven't missed event out) all supported the amazing success of a great get together at this time of year. St George's thanks all the parents who helped and contributed and you are all stars. Thank you very much as we are aware that your time is precious and all the contributions were generously donated and that was the reason that this memorable event was possible.

We need to applaud each other on our good attendance this term too! There have been so many classes with 100% over the weeks and this in itself is quite extraordinary. We need to keep this going in 2020 and ensure that our children are in school and also on time. We have made great progress and need to continue working on ensuring that we are in on time on a daily basis so that they are able to access the comprehensive and enjoyable learning that is being delivered.

Trips and extra-curricular activities are key to the children's learning and gaining a wealth of experience. This term, all the classes have had the opportunity to experience workshops at St. Georges and excursions to a variety of venues which have supported the learning going on in classes. A big thank you to all the parents who have contributed to support funding these enrichment opportunities and we look forward to a new term full of more exciting trips.

Our incumbents, Fr Roderick Leece and Fr Richard Fermer, are astounding at the care and consideration that they put into our weekly Chapel Services and into our bigger Services such as our Thanksgiving Service and Carol Concert this term. On a weekly basis they teach us about the schools Christian Values and how to live respectful and positive lives. We are proud to work alongside them in fostering our school community to be one of nurture and care.

We must also not forget our wonderful staff team at St. George's. The teachers and teaching assistants are working their socks off in order to make sure that the children are getting an interactive, curriculum filled education. They make the process seem easy, with their tireless enthusiasm and positivity, however, they work very hard to ensure a consistent and enriching learning environment. Indeed this is their job, but it is also important to recognise dedication and therefore we would like to say a big thank you to them.

Our Governing Body work very hard to keep our school running smoothly. They set targets and promote high standards of education, working closely with the school leadership team, Local Authority and London Diocese Board for Schools to assess and oversee many of the strategic decisions that are required to be made. Our Governing Body has undergone a few changes this term, where we said a fond farewell to Fr Roderick Leece as our Chair of Governors (who still remains on the Board) and a big welcome to Prebendary Guy Pope as our new Chair.

So there we have it. A short summary of just a few snap shots of what we need to be thankful for this Christmas. Our parents and families are fantastically supportive and without them we would not be the school that we are. Our teaching staff bring inspiration to not only our children but adults alike. Our incumbents teach us to lead better and more reflective lives and be improved citizens in our world. Our Governors ensure that our school continues to fulfil it's motto of working together for the achievement of all. Finally, of course, our superb children who are the heart and soul of our school. So thank you one and all and we wish you a very peaceful and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Trips and Packed Lunches

As a school, we are keen to be environmentally friendly. From January onwards, we will be asking parents to provide rucksacks with reusable containers or paper bags inside in order to protect our environment. In addition to this and in line with the current national security guidance, schools have been advised to ask parents to supply their child with an extra bottle of water and snack. This will be shared on trip letters too. Thank you for your support and understanding.

End of the day pick up

A massive thank you to all the parents who have embraced our much safer and much simpler system of dismissing the children at the end of the day. It has made the whole process run much more smoothly and avoids unnecessary complications. Could we please ask that once you have collected your child that you make your way out as swiftly as possible to avoid congestion in the playground area. We also urge you not to speak to anyone else's child. If you have anything that you would like to discuss around your child, please ensure you speak to one of the teaching staff or senior leaders in the playground. Your support in this is much appreciated.

Food and Drink

We will be relaunching our healthy snacks and lunches appeal in the new year, however, please see below as a helpful reminder over the Christmas Holidays. From the New Year we will be checking lunches and snacks and sending home helpful reminder slips.

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 

Uniform

We would also appreciate your help in making sure that children come to school wearing their correct uniform. Please also ensure that your child only brings in school uniform rucksack and wear school uniform shoes – we are seeing plenty of boots which do not adhere to our uniform. Your understanding in this is much appreciated.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th January

Spring Term starts

Monday 13th January

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Curriculum Meeting

3.00pm – 3.25pm

Tuesday 14th January

Year 3 and Year 4 Parent Curriculum Meeting

3.00pm – 3.25pm

Wednesday 15th January

Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Curriculum Meeting

3.00pm – 3.25pm

Thursday 23rd January

Reception Class Assembly 3.00pm

Thursday 30th January

Year 1 Class Assembly 3.00pm

Thursday 6th February

Year 2 Class Assembly 3.00 pm

Thursday 13th February

Year 3 Class Assembly 3.00pm

Friday 14th February

Break up for half-term

Monday 24th February

Back to school

Friday 28th February

Academic Review Day

Thursday 12th March

Year 4 Class Assembly 3.00pm

Thursday 19th March

Year 5 Class Assembly 3.00pm

Thursday 26th March

Year 6 Class Assembly 3.00pm

Friday 3rd April

End of term 2.00pm

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

Ms Petra Slater, Head of School and Mrs Rebecca Harris, Executive Headteacher