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Newsletter – Monday 17th July 2017

Staffing update – I am pleased to announce that we have recently appointed Miss N Leonard as a KS2 teacher from September. This will be Miss Leonard's first teaching position and she has already been in school to work alongside staff to ensure that she has things ready for starting in September. Recent amendments in our staffing provided us with an opportunity to re-structure our senior leadership team in school. I am therefore also pleased to announce that Mrs O'Brien and Mr Young were recently successfully appointed as Assistant Headteachers. Mrs O'Brien will be responsible for Inclusion (SEND) and Mr Young will focus on curriculum and the teaching and learning throughout school. I am sure you will wish all three teachers luck as they start their new roles for September.

Staffing and classes for next year – As we have been recently undertaking both external and internal appointments, we have only just finalised our full staffing list for September. Your child will come home tonight with information about who will be their class teacher next year. Please see our complete teacher list for September:

Nursery – Mrs Davies
R: EP – Mrs Pearce
R: NT – Miss Taylor
Y1CS – Mr Simmons
Y1/2OB – Miss Glassbrook
Y2OB – Mrs O'Brien
Y3JW – Mrs Wright
Y3/4NL – Miss Leonard
Y4HJ – Mrs Jeffries
Y5NC – Mr Cooke
Y5/6AJM – Mrs Malley/Mrs Morris
Y5AJM Maths/English group – Miss Gray each morning (cover across school each afternoon)
Y6JY – Mr Young
Early Years leader – Mrs Pearce
Assistant Headteacher/SEND leader (KS1) – Mrs O'Brien
Assistant Headteacher (KS2) – Mr Young
Deputy Headteacher – Mrs Morris
Headteacher – Mr Grogan

KS1 and KS2 Snack – Many thanks to all the people who returned feedback on our snack provision in school for children in KS1 and KS2. This helped inform our decision making in this area. From September, there will be four snack options for all KS1 and KS2 children:

***Milk *Toast *Milk and toast *Fresh fruit from home**

The only acceptable option that can be brought into school by children from home is a piece of fresh fruit (and their usual plain water in their water bottle). Please note: **no variety of any cereal bars or fruit drinks will be allowed from September 2017 onwards**. We are also amended the payment options for snack payments. It will now need to be paid **half termly in advance**. Within the envelope your child will come home with today detailing their class, will be a letter providing you with further information about this.

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PE kits – Many thanks again for all the people who replied to our consultation about children coming to school wearing the new school PE kit on the day they have PE. On this occasion, we have decided against implementing this approach. With your feedback, we have however decided that from September onwards, for children in Y1 – Y6 we will adopt the school hoody and jogging trousers, dark leggings or school shorts for outdoor PE lessons (modelled by Lyra on the picture) with the usual school t-shirt underneath. For indoor PE lessons, we will keep the school/dark shorts and t-shirt (modelled by Oliver). These PE kits are available at Wendy's in Tyldesley and Icon Embroidery in Astley.

Whole school rewards – Our School Council have been working hard to 're-vamp' our whole school reward system and we are looking to have the new system and display in place for September. The basic principles with our new system are that:

- *Children will be in one of four teams throughout school (named after the four Gospel Saints – St Matthew, St Mark, St Luke and St John);
- *Y6 team captains will be appointed;
- *Children will earn team points as rewards for work in class/behaviour around school and add these onto their class display;
- *Points will be added up each week and the team with the most points that week will win the team points trophy and move along one space on our new display, which will be in the school hall.

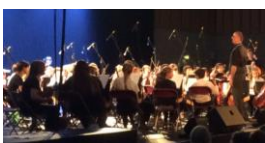
We wanted to use an idea based within our locality for the display and the School Council came up with the idea of each team travelling along the guided busway from Manchester to Tyldesley, visiting different places along the way. The team who are the closest to Tyldesley at the end of the year would be the winners and enjoy a team treat.

Crucial Crew – Tuesday 27th June saw all of Year 5 attend a 'Crucial Crew' event at Wigan Life Centre. The children went there for the afternoon and learned many life skills. They took part in some mini-workshops including: Emergency First Aid, stranger danger, road safety, healthy living and recycling.



KS1 Blackpool trip – On Thursday 29th June, the whole of KS1 set off on a trip to Blackpool. First stop was the Sea Life Centre where the children saw lots of different sea creatures and were even able to handle some star fish and crabs! The children also met Boris who was half shark and half stingray. Later the children enjoyed going on the beach and pier and sampled a delicious ice cream! The trip really helped to support the children's learning as part of their current topic. Thank you to all our volunteers that made the trip possible also!

Y6 Learning Review project – Over the last few weeks, our Year 6 children have been developing their presentation skills as part of a learning review project with Fred Longworth High School. Mrs Walters, from the high school, had visited the children a few weeks ago to give them hints and tips on what makes an effective presentation. The children then spent the next few weeks putting together their presentation, about themselves and their learning at our school. Mrs Walters then returned to join Mr Young and Mrs Morris to watch the children successfully showcase their learning.



Music Gala Concert – Tuesday 4th July saw our Y5 children visit Robin Park for the Wigan Music Service's Singing Gala. The children were treated to several pieces performed by the Wigan Youth Orchestra, before performing as part of a multi-school choir to the song 'Let's Dance'. Two of our children were selected to have a performance poem published as part of an anthology that was handed out to each attending school.

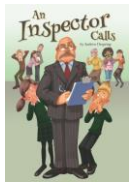
It was an extremely enjoyable and inspiring afternoon for our children!

Summer Song Share – On Wednesday 5th July, our Y2 attended Robin Park Arena to take part in the KS1 Summer Song Share. It was the first time our school had taken part in this event. Lots of other schools were there and we sang two songs with them altogether. Also our children joined others on stage to perform our song (Toes a Twinklin'). The children did a great job and the band all complimented them on their singing. Well done Y2!



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KS2 production – Well done to all the children and staff who were involved with the recent KS2 performance of ‘An Inspector Calls’. The acting from the Y6 children was fantastic (it looked like the children have been watching some of our teachers very closely!) and with excellent support from the Y3/4/5 children singing in the choir, the play was sure to be a hit. Thanks to all the staff that helped preparing props, scenery, helping with the acting and for all those who helped during each play, either behind the scenes or with front of house tasks. Special thanks to all the parents/carers who supported the plays by either helping children learn lines, prepare costumes or by turning up to watch the excellent performances.



Let's Sing – Last week our school choir performed a variety of songs with other schools at Robin Park in Wigan for the Let's Sing concert. Miss Gray had been working hard with the children over the last few weeks to ensure that they were ready for this performance and they did not disappoint! Well done to all the children who attended. A special mention to Alfie Jarrett who was on standby as reserve soloist. Thanks to Miss Gray and Mrs K Toone who were present on the night.

Farewell to Y6 – Friday 14th July saw our children attend the Y6 Leavers' Service for Tyldesley Schools at St. George's Church and these are now the last few days at St. George's Central for those 6 children. On Friday morning, their final day, there will be a leavers' assembly where end of year awards will be given out. I hope you enjoy your final few days at our school Year 6 and we wish you well for the future – make sure you come back and see us!



Farewell to staff – This Friday will be the final day at St. George's Central for Mrs Fudge. We wish her the very best of luck as she moves onto the next stage of her life. I am sure Mrs Fudge will keep in touch and we will see her again at St. George's Central.



Cycle Speedway festival – Some Year 6 children took part in this event at Astley Cycling club competing against four other schools. The team finished **second overall** – well done to Jake Beckett, Daniel Senior, Max Shaw and Oliver Sincup who represented the school in this event.

KS2 Girls' Football festival – On Monday 3rd July, the girls' football team took part in an ATSA festival at Fred Longworth High School involving eleven schools. The children from St. George's Central played very well, but narrowly missed out on qualifying for the next stage. Children who took part in this were: Rachel Clarke, Caitlin Davies, Ashley Highlands, Jessica Highlands, Heidi Marsh, Jemima Mayingi, Ella Meskell, Mollie Toone and Maisy Yates.



KS1 football festival – A team of footballers from KS1 recently took part in a football festival hosted at Pennington FC. Well done to Marley Crawford, Jack Duffy, Oliver Houlihan, Braeden Howarth, Noah Smith and Cole Stoneley, who took part in this event and thanks to coach Mr Simmons.



Taster sessions – Our children have recently taken part in some taster sessions in different sports. Four Year 5 and 6 children took part in a golf session at Astley Golf Range and eight children from Year 3 and 4 recently enjoyed taking part in a tennis taster session at Astley Tennis Club.



Residential Sports weekend – Four Y6 children (Caitlin Davies, Harry Edwards-Shorter, Olivia Hilton Jones and Daniel Senior) recently took part in an ATSA residential sports weekend at Low Bank Ground in the Lake District where they competed against children from six other local schools in kayaking, orienteering and running. The children competed as individuals and as a team. In the kayaking: Daniel was the **overall boys' winner**, Harry came **third** and our whole team came **second**. In the running: Daniel was again the **overall boys' winner**, Caitlin came **third** and Olivia **fourth** with our whole team **winning** this section of the event. Once all the results were collated: Daniel Senior was the **overall boys' winner** and the whole St. George's Central finished **second overall** (missing out on winning by just one point!). Well done to all our team members who were excellent ambassadors for our school.

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Animalates taster session – Six children from our Reception class recently enjoyed taking part in their first ever ATSA event as we were visited by the Animalates gang for a taster session! Animalates is a yoga style activity programme for young children and we have a club for this at school, so it was great for some of our children to not only meet Reception children from other schools but also the characters that they had only seen online.



Crown Green Bowling – Children from St. George’s Central were recently crowned ATSA Crown Green Bowling **champions**. Well done to Rachel Clarke, Caitlin Davies, Toby Davies, Jessica Jones, Sania Kashif, Heidi Marsh, Thomas Marsh and Daniel Senior who made up our school team. Thanks to everyone at Tyldesley Subby Club for supporting this event.

Whole year attendance – Our whole school attendance for the school year is **95.86%**. Individual class percentages for the year can be seen below:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EP	95.12%	Y1CS	95.87%	Y3VG	95.67%	Y5NC	97.16%
YR:NT	95.39%	Y1/2EG	95.22%	Y3/4DF	96.22%	Y5/6JW	96.56%
		Y2OB	96.32%	Y4HJ	94.37%	Y6JY	96.51%

All %'s shown below are from Tuesday 6th September 2016 up to and including Friday 7th July 2017

Dates for returning to school

Date	Dates for September 2017
Tuesday 5 th September	Children in Y1 – Y6 return to school (first bell at 8:50am for a 8:55am start) Nursery and Reception ‘closed’ (home visits start)
Wednesday 6 th September	Nursery and Reception ‘closed’ (home visits continue)
Thursday 7 th September	Nursery and Reception ‘closed’ (home visits continue)
Friday 8 th September	Nursery and Reception ‘closed’ (home visits continue)
Monday 11 th September	Nursery sessions start and all Reception children start

This is the final newsletter of this school year – the next newsletter will be sent out in September. I hope you all have a great summer. For those of you who will not be here in September – good luck for the future! For those returning, please find the term time dates attached for next year and I’ll see you all (except for Nursery and Reception) on **Tuesday 5th September 2017** when school doors will open at **8:50am**. Thank you for your continued support throughout this last school year. Everything we do with your children could not be achieved without an effective partnership between school and home and so we thank you for your support and look forward to working with you in the new school year.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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