



Newsletter – Friday 24th November 2017

In our newsletter this month, as well as finding out about our most recent events in school, you will also find details about all our school productions and all other events on the run up to Christmas. Tickets for all productions will be on sale from Monday morning. For your convenience, I have included part of the Autumn term (2nd half) dates letter that was recently sent out. Don't forget, school will now close for children for Christmas at **2:15pm on Tuesday 19th December**.

Class attendance update (%'s are up to and including Friday 17th November):

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EB	96.32%	Y1CS	94.80%	Y3JW	96.22%	Y5NC	95.81%
YR:NT	94.33%	Y1/2EG	96.80%	Y3/4NL	97.62%	Y5/6AJM	97.43%
		Y2OB	96.59%	Y4HJ	96.44%	Y6JY	96.43%



Reading at home – Please help us to support your children with their learning by remembering to listen to them read at home at least three times a week and sign in their planner. Teachers should be seeing at least three signatures, with page numbers and short comments per week. Many thanks to the large majority of you who do this but when I recently collected a sample of planners in from across the school, this wasn't the case with everyone. Regular reading to, and with your child, can make a dramatic, positive difference to their achievement within school.

Parents/carers workshops – Many thanks to everyone who attended our recent KS1 Reading Workshop. Our next workshop will be a Phonics workshop aimed at Reception parents/carers, led by Miss Booth. This will be on **Wednesday 29th November**, 9:00am – 9:45am or 5:30pm – 6:15pm. Miss Booth has recently sent out a letter about this for you to select which session is best for you to attend. We hope to see you at one of the sessions



Christmas Fair – This will take place in school on **Friday 1st December (3:30pm – 5:30pm)** and will include lots of different stalls in our school hall, library and in the KS1 area of school. There will be a raffle, chocolate and wine tombola, name the teddy, spin the wheel, nail painting and much more. Plus we will have all our usual 'challenge' stalls. We will also have a 'special visitor' who will be in one of our Reception classrooms! Thank you for your support with donations today. Many thanks to all the people who have supported the planning and organisation of this event so far. I hope to see you on the night.



Parent View – Don't forget to return your Parent View questionnaire to me, in school, by **Friday 1st December**. Every June, we have the '3 stars and a wish' parental questionnaire that many of you complete, however, we now also use the Parent View questions on an annual basis in order to support our continuing school improvement. Children in school will soon be completing a 'child-friendly' version of this questionnaire, which school council will be 'analysing' on our behalf.



Reception starters 2018 – Applications are now open online for parents to submit an application for their child to start our Reception class in September 2018. Applications need to be submitted by **15th January 2018**. We will not be holding a formal open day but if you would like to come and have a look around, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be able accommodate a more individual approach.



Y5/6 Dancers – Well done to our Y5/6 dancers who recently took part in the annual dance event at Fred Longworth High School. Through liaising with Mr Cooke, dance leaders from the high school came in to teach our children a dance in the weeks leading up to the performance. The girls did a great job with their performance.

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Information about Christmas productions

This year there will be a Christmas production from children in:



Nursery

Reception

and

Year 1 & Year 2



All tickets will go on sale on **Monday 27th November at 9am** from Mrs Kearns

(please queue at her external door near the main entrance).

From **Wednesday 29th November** any remaining tickets for any performances will go on OPEN SALE from the school office.

Nursery	
Details:	The children in Nursery will come into the school hall to perform some Christmas songs After the performance you will be invited down to nursery for a 'Stay and Play' session (nursery may get rather busy and so please only attend one of 'Stay and Play' sessions).
Tickets:	Tickets are priced at 50p are on sale on Monday 27 th November (9am from Mrs Kearns) 4 per child in total You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.
Date/Time:	Monday 11 th December 2017 – 1:30pm start
Date/Time:	Wednesday 13 th December 2017 – 9:30am start

Reception	
Details:	The children in Reception will be performing ' The Nativity '
Tickets:	Tickets are priced at 50p are on sale on Monday 27 th November (9am from Mrs Kearns) 4 per child in total You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.
Date/Time:	Monday 11 th December 2017 – 2:15pm start
Date/Time:	Wednesday 13 th December 2017 – 10:15am start

Year 1 & Year 2	
Details:	The children in Year 1 & Year2 will be performing ' Gabriel's Big Break '
Tickets:	Tickets are priced at 50p are on sale on Monday 27 th November (9am from Mrs Kearns) 2 per child in total You will need to bring your ticket with you on the day of the performance as the number on your ticket is your seat number.
Date/Time:	Monday 11 th December 2017 – 6:00pm start
Date/Time:	Wednesday 13 th December 2017 – 2:00pm start

There will be a raffle at each performance with tickets on sale for £1 a strip.



Babies and other children – Please note that tickets for the performances are for older siblings and adults **ONLY**. For those who need to bring children, babies or toddlers, a crèche will be provided. This also includes all children from St. George's Central who will have seen all dress rehearsals.

Photographs and digital recording – Under no circumstances are you to use your phone/camera in school or take any photographs during any of the performances, including at the end. We will have already have taken individual/group photographs of the children in their costumes which, through completing a form on the day, you will be able to purchase.



Costumes – We are hoping to provide costumes within school, if any additional support with costumes is required individual class teachers will let you know.

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Remembrance Events – Thursday 9th November was a special day for school as we received a visit from members of the Tyldesley British Legion. The visit started with a talk about some of the symbols associated with Remembrance Sunday and children also learned about the British Legion Standard that was brought in. Children were also able to ask the guests some questions. We would like to thank the members of the Tyldesley British Legion for, yet again, providing an informative talk to the children, helping to ensure that future generations continue to remember the bravery that members of the armed forces demonstrated in the past and continue to show today. Thank you also to the children, staff and parents from St. George's Central who represented school at the Remembrance Sunday parade.

Raising money – Your fantastic support for our recent Children in Need 'Dress in Pyjamas' day helped school to raise **£320** for charity. Thank you again for all your support.



School choir events – Last week our school choir sang at the opening of the Church Christmas Fair and this weekend the children will be singing Christmas Carols at the switching on of the Christmas lights in Tyldesley town centre. Thanks to Miss Gray and all the children – it is great to have our school represented at these events. On **Thursday 7th December at 6pm** in St. George's Church, our choir will be taking part in the Community Carol Service. More details about this will be sent out soon in a separate letter from Miss Gray.

Open afternoon – Tuesday 21st November saw school open its doors for an open afternoon with our second Headteacher forum of the year. We welcomed parents/carers of children in KS2 into school to spend part of the afternoon in classes and then part of the afternoon having some refreshments in the school hall where I was available to answer any questions about school and life at St. George's Central. We are planning a slightly different format with our Spring term Headteacher forums – further details will be included in newsletters nearer the time.



Pantomime – The afternoon of Tuesday 12th December will see our children from Reception to Year 6 go to The Opera House in Manchester to watch Dick Whittington, starring John Barrowman and The Krankies. As always, funds raised via our PTFA events will be used to support this **FREE** event. You will soon receive a letter from Mrs Morris, giving further details about this trip.

Christmas dinner – On Thursday 14th December, Christmas dinner will be served for all pupils and staff in school. Should your child be on packed lunches and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner then please let the school office know by **Friday 1st December**. We are inviting all children to bring a Christmas cracker with them on Christmas dinner day.



KS2 Carol Service – On the morning of Tuesday 19th December, all KS2 children will be walking to St. George's Church to take part in our very own carol service. This will start at 10am and will involve the children telling the story of the first Christmas through a mix of narration and songs. All members of the St. George's Central community are invited to this.



ATSA Events



VX taster session and festival – Some children from Y5 and Y6 recently took part in competition in a sport called VX. The children spent time learning the basics of the game from Ian Crosby from 'Allinclusivesports'. The game involves children scooping up soft tennis balls with a lacrosse style stick and throwing the balls at their opponents. The main methods of scoring points are for hitting your opponent with a ball or catching a ball that was thrown at you. The children did very well in the competition and narrowly lost out being overall winners.

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ATSA Events continued

Sports Council – Our Sports Council members, Miller Ince and Mia Johnson, recently met with Sports Councillors from other schools to discuss and share ideas and projects to help our local sporting community. The children were shown a short video clip showing how they can work as a team to help to make continual improvements within ATSA and their local area. The children had some initial ideas and we are looking forward to bringing them back together soon in order to start to develop these further.



KS2 Kurling festival – Friday 3rd November saw our KS2 Kurling team take part in a festival against nine other schools. The children played really well and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the final. Well done to: Brandon Cawley, Tegan Davies, Ryan Maselela, Lily Ottiwell and Luke Worthington who represented our school at this event.

Y5/6 Basketball festival – On Monday 13th November our Basketball team took part in a festival against nine other schools. Again the team narrowly missed out on qualifying from their group, winning one match and drawing another. Well done to: Leon Beca, George Deluce, Tommy Hampson, Alec Highlands, Lewis Hupton, Cameron Lucas, Madison Medley and Scarlett Vella who represented our school at this event.



Smite! – Children from St. George's Central were recently joined by children from two other schools to take part in a taster session of the inclusive sport, Smite! This is a game similar to ten pin bowling as the aim is to knock down 10 different numbered pins and get to a score of fifty. To make things 'interesting', if you happen to score more than 50, your score reduces to 25 and any pins knocked down are stood back up wherever they land in the room! A big thank you to Ian Crosby from 'AllinclusiveSports' for leading this session.

Before the next newsletter, children from St. George's Central will be taking part in:

****The Graham Jackett Cross Country Challenge** **KS2 Dance festival****
****Y5/6 Dodgeball festival** **Y6 Squash taster session****

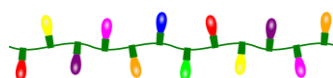
See more about all these ATSA stories above on the ATSA Facebook page.

The next newsletter will be emailed out on Monday 18th December. Paper copies of the newsletter will be made available in the letter holders in the school entrance area for you to pick up should you wish. Remember that we break up for Christmas at **2:15pm on Tuesday 19th December**. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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Reminder of dates up to Christmas



Date	Event
Friday 1 st December	PTFA Christmas Fair: 3:30pm – 5:30pm in school
Monday 4 th December	Autumn term (2 nd half) assessments to take place this week Nursery INSPIRE session for January starters (9:00am – 10:30am) ATSA KS2 Dodgeball festival at Fred Longworth High School for Dodgeball team (4pm start)
Thursday 7 th December	Ethos Council to lead whole school worship Y4 Wider Opportunities music performance (1:45pm – 2:15pm) All welcome ATSA Squash taster session at Howe Bridge Sports Centre for 4 x Y6 children (4:00pm – 5:00pm) Community Carol Service at St. George's Church (6pm Start)
Friday 8 th December	Christmas jumper day for all children and staff Nursery/Reception Christmas production – dress rehearsal (morning) Y1/2 Christmas production – dress rehearsal (afternoon) Spring term (1 st half) clubs letter sent home
Monday 11 th December	No after school clubs this week 9:05am: Choir performance in school – all parents/carers welcome Nursery Christmas performance: 1:30pm start (followed by 'stay and play' session in nursery) Reception Christmas production: 2:15pm start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas production: 6pm start
Tuesday 12 th December	Rector Martin to lead whole school worship Y6 Puberty session Whole school FREE visit (Reception to Y6) to Pantomime at Manchester Opera House
Wednesday 13 th December	Spring term clubs (1 st half) money sent into school by today Y6 Puberty session Nursery Christmas performance: 9:30am start (followed by 'stay and play' session in nursery) Reception Christmas production: 10:15am start Year 1/Year 2 Christmas production: 2pm start
Thursday 14 th December	Nursery home visits to start this week for January starters Y6 Puberty session Y5/6 party day – non uniform for these children Christmas dinner in school Y6 SATs meeting for parents/carers – 3:30pm – 4:00pm & 6:00pm – 6:30pm Select which session is best for you, from the letter Mr Young will be sending out
Friday 15 th December	Reception/Y1/Y2 party day – non uniform for these children Termly assessment form sent home
Monday 18 th December	Y3/4 party day – non uniform for these children Newsletter and Spring term (1 st half) dates sent home 'Drop in' for parents/carers to speak to teachers about termly assessment, if needed (3:30pm – 6pm)
Tuesday 19 th December	Nursery party day – non uniform for these children 10am – KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St. George's Church – all parents/carers welcome School closes for Christmas at 2:15pm and re-opens on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 (first bell at 8:50am for an 8:55am start) No after school clubs during the first week back.

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