



Newsletter – Friday 24th May 2019

Another busy half term has come to an end. School will close today and re – open for children on **Monday 3rd June 2018 (first bell at 8:45am with school starting at 8:55am)**. You will find, attached to this newsletter/email, a list of the key dates for the next half term. Your child will also bring home with them their most recent attendance data. See below for class attendance updates:

Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%	Class	*%
YR:EB	93.66%	Y1TL	96.07%	Y3EG	96.56%	Y5JY	96.14%
YR:TK	95.66%	Y1/2OB	96.09%	Y3/4CS	94.02%	Y5/6NC	95.27%
		Y2JW	95.37%	Y4HJ	96.26%	Y6AJM	96.84%
Whole school attendance: 95.63%							

**September 2019 – Friday 17th May 2019*

Staffing updates – I am pleased to inform you that Miss Killian will be covering Miss Booth's maternity leave from September 2019. We welcomed Miss Killian to our school at the start of May to work in one of our Reception classes and she will continue in this role when Miss Booth leaves. Parents/carers of children starting in Reception in September will have an opportunity to meet Miss Killian and all the Reception staff at our open evening, at 6pm on Tuesday 4th June. A full and final staffing list will be included on the newsletter sent home on Monday 15th July.



PTFA events – Thanks to everyone who attended our recent PTFA meeting to discuss many fundraising ideas and events for the summer term in school. Please see below for the events and how you can help and support our school with everything we have planned:



Date	PTFA event
Monday 3 rd June	Don't throw anything away if you have a clear out of toys over half term: Please start to send any 'large' donations of toys into school for our Summer Fayre
Thursday 6 th June	PTFA meeting in school – all welcome (3:30pm start)
Friday 14 th June	Non-Uniform day for Summer Fayre: please send in a donation of wine, chocolate, lucky dip toys (one donation per family will suffice)
Friday 21 st June	Summer Fayre in school (3:30pm start)
Tuesday 9 th July	PTFA Bingo Night in the school hall (6:30pm start)



School Books and presentation – In order to support our transition activities across school and ensure that your child makes an effective start to their learning in September, when they return to school on Monday 3rd June, every child from Reception – Y5 will be starting their new 'September' exercise books in each subject area. This will support your child's new teacher in September as they will be able to look back at the standard of work your child has produced in their final six weeks of their previous year group. We are continually looking at ways to improve things at our school and starting books in June has worked well for us over the last few years. This year, as a result of some training that we have recently undertaken, we will be introducing some different style exercise books for some subjects which we think will help your child improve handwriting and presentation of their work. We will be having a parent/carer workshop about this at various times on **Tuesday 2nd July** – see the letter from Miss Glassbrook nearer the time. As usual, exercise books will be sent home at the end of the year, with a sample of school books being kept by class teachers.

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Fundraising events in school – Many thanks for your fantastic support with the Justicia, Fair Trade stall last week. With your support, we managed to raise **£279.15** and children learned more about the importance of Fair Trade products. During the first week back in school, there will be lots of fundraising events in school that your children will



be involved in. On Tuesday 4th June, the NSPCC will be visiting school to work with our children and launch our 'Speak out, Stay safe' fund raising event – more details will follow about this. On Friday 7th June, we will be joining other schools across Wigan in having a non-uniform day to support the local charity 'Real Change', which aims to raise awareness about the issues of homelessness. All money raised will be spent locally to support people who are currently homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless.



Skate Park idea – It was great to see Director of Children's Services, Mr Winterbottom, in our community recently to meet with Y5 pupil, Joshua Wallwork, to discuss his idea to have a skate park on the Union Street Park in Tyldesley. If we want children to care for their community and look after it as the future generation, then I think it is imperative we listen to, and work with, them. We visited the park so Joshua could explain his idea and he is now looking to get together a group of children from all schools to join him on a 'working party' group to meet with Mr Winterbottom again before the end of the school year in order to move this project on to the next stage. I will keep you updated.

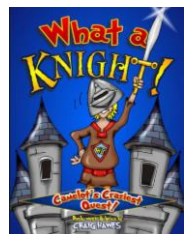
Sun Protection in school – I hope some of the recent good weather continues over the May half term break from school.

As we outlined in the last newsletter, there are some steps you can take to help protect your child from the sun whilst at school. As children will be outside for a relatively short period of the day we advise that they should come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and sun glasses and that any sun cream should be applied at home before children come to school so that re-application in school will not be necessary. We will adapt any outdoor activities within our Early Years and PE sessions and children will be encouraged to drink from their water bottles on a regular basis throughout the day.



Updated policies – We have recently emailed you with some of our school policies that we had reviewed and amended. Some of the changes we have already made have been around the requirement for schools to educate children around the many different types of bullying that people could experience (including relating to race, background, disability and sexual orientation). This is not something that is new practice for our school, all we have done is simply make more specific reference to it in our policies. Please be assured that all the work we undertake with your children is always age appropriate and carefully planned so that sensitive topics can be discussed in a way that children can relate to. Ultimately we want to teach children awareness, tolerance, respect and acceptance of others so they are able to understand and relate to a wide range of people, within the framework of our Christian ethos and statutory expectations. We have always discussed with children how incorrect use of language and terminology can cause hurt and upset others and we will continue to do this, as and when it is appropriate. The Department for Education has recently announced statutory changes to policies around relationships and sex education. These changes will come into effect from September 2020 and so in September 2019 we will be reviewing our sex and relationships policy, in consultation with all members of our school community, and we will keep you updated on this. In the meantime if you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me in school.

KS2 end of year production – Rehearsals for Y6 children have begun and children now know the part they will be playing in the end of year KS2 production. Y6 children will now need to spend the half term break learning their lines so that upon their return to school, they can 'polish' off their performance by practicing on stage without the need for scripts. We are planning to have **two performances: Monday 8th July (1:45pm) and Wednesday 10th July (6pm)**. Although Y6 make up the main actors for this performance, the children from Y3, Y4 and Y5 play a major role in making up the choir that sings all the songs during the play (which is a key aspect as the songs help to tell the story). Pop these dates in your diary and look out for the letter coming out after half term. Details about tickets, and the order they will be sold in, is included on the dates letter attached to this newsletter/email.



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Music alive – Children in Y2 – Y5 will experience a visit on Wednesday 5th June from a group of musicians from Wigan Music Service who will perform a number of musical pieces, using string instruments. Should your child be interested in learning a musical instrument through school then contact the school office.



London residential – Thursday 6th June will see 30 Y6 children and four staff members from school set off early in the morning on our residential trip to London. This is the third time we are undertaking this trip with our children and they will experience a bus tour of London, a boat tour on the Thames, a trip to the theatre to watch the musical 'Aladdin', a visit to London Dungeons and a London Eye Experience. I am sure our children will have a great time away from home.

ATHOS music concert – On Thursday 6th June, our school choir will be setting off from school early to take part in the second ATHOS Music Festival at St. Stephen's Church. This event will involve performances from other local schools and will start at 10:00am. All parents/cares are welcome to attend this event.



Y1/2 Phonics tests – During week beginning Monday 10th June, the children in Y1 and some children in Y2 will undertake a phonics test. This will be delivered by staff in school and will involve the children being tested on their knowledge of the sounds of letters, and groups of letters, within words. The children are typically asked to say the sound/word from a given list. There is a national standard that children are expected to achieve – your child's result will be included in their end of year report that will be sent out in July.

Reception and Nursery Worship – At 9:15am on **Friday 21st June, both Reception classes** will join together for their Class Worship in our school hall. **Friday 28th June will be the turn of the Nursery children**, who again will come to the school hall for a 9:15am Class Worship. On both days, all parents/carers and wider family members are invited to attend as the children showcase their learning and you will be invited to remain in school for a 'stay and play' session following the Worship, should you wish.



Sports days

These dates were included on the key dates letter in September but as a reminder:

Monday 17th June – Key Stage 2 (9:30am start on the school field)

Tuesday 18th June – Reception and Key Stage 1 (9:30am start on the school field and playground)

Wednesday 19th June – Nursery (9:30am start on the school field)

****NEW EVENT: Friday 28th June: KS2 Sports afternoon – see newsletter on 22/6/19 for more details****

You are very welcome to attend these events and in most cases you will be able to follow your child/ren to each station.

All sports days are weather permitting



Playground equipment – Over the next few months, we are aiming to have some new equipment for our children on our school playground. Children have discussed ideas as a class and these have then been fed back to us through School Council meetings. As a result, we have met with various companies who have been out to school to measure up different areas to develop. We are looking for work to commence on our playground as soon as possible so that we have things in place, however, a more realistic timescale would involve things being ready for September. ***In preparation for this, please could we remind you that to keep everyone safe, keep your children with you and in your vicinity at all times before and after school on our playgrounds and keep them from going on any of our school equipment/tyre parks.***

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ATSA Events



Tag Rugby festival – Thursday 16th May saw our tag rugby team take part in an ATSA festival at Meadowbank School with thirteen other schools. The children from St. George’s Central played really well, but missed out on qualifying for the semi-final. Children who took part in this were: Alfie Daly, Tegan Davies, Bradley Graham, Sam Hunt, Ella Meskell, Noah Molyneaux, Cole Stoneley and Finlay Twiss.

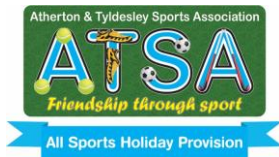
KS2 Girls’ Football festival – On Monday 20th May, the girls’ football team took part in an ATSA festival at Fred Longworth High School involving seven schools. The children from St. George’s Central played very well, but missed out on qualifying for the next stage. Children who took part in this were: Mia Atkinson, Jenna Binks, Mabel Iwelu, Princess Iwelu, Mia Jackson, Madison Medley Ella Meskell, Eva Molyneaux and Gutjera Tumerevichute.



Y5/6 Rounders festival – Thursday 23rd May saw the Y5/6 rounders team take part in a festival against fourteen other schools. Well done to Mia Atkinson, Leon Beca, Jenna Binks, Alfie Daly, Tegan Davies, Tommy Hampson, Michael McAlpine, Ella Meskell, Noah Molyneaux and Emily Ward who made up the team.

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

- **Crown Green Bowling sessions** **Sport Psychology** **Cycle Speedway taster session and Festival**
- **KS2 Track and Field Athletics** **Football ‘cup’ competition** **Girls’ netball league** **Kwik Cricket Festival**



For children booked onto the May half term ATSA All Sports Provision, please see details of the sessions below:

Date	Events during Easter holiday
Tues 28 th May 2019	ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision at Hindsford CE Primary School: Jenny Meadows Athletics Masterclass (10am – 3pm)
Wed 29 th May 2019	ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision at The Pelican Centre: Mini Polo, Fun Swim and games (9:30am – 3:30pm)
Thurs 30 th May 2019	ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision at St. George’s Central CE Primary School and Nursery: Wigan Athletic Community Trust (9am – 3:30pm)
Fri 31 st May 2019	ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision at Sacred Heart RC School: Miriam Bowyer Dance (9am – 3pm)

You will find, attached to this newsletter/email, a list of the key dates for the next half term. Paper copies of will be made available in the letter holders in the school entrance area for you to pick up should you wish. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 21st June. Have a great half term with your family.


 Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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