



## Newsletter – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019



**Fundraising events in school** – Upon our return to school after half term, we welcomed Karen from the NSPCC who spoke to our children about how they can *'Speak out and Stay safe'*. We also launched our NSPCC fund raising event which will take place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** and will involve our children being sponsored for undertaking their Daily Mile activity. We look forward to you supporting us with this – look out for sponsor forms coming home soon. Earlier this half term, we also joined with other schools across Wigan in having a non-uniform day to support the local charity 'Real Change'. Mrs O'Brien led a Whole School Worship on the day with our children, highlighting and raising awareness about the issues of homelessness. Many thanks for your support with this as we raised **£238** to help local people who are currently homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless



**Music Alive** – Children in Y2 – Y5 recently experienced a visit from a group of musicians from Wigan Music Service who performed a number of musical pieces, using string instruments. The idea of these visits is that not only do the children have the chance to see musicians perform, but it may also inspire them to want to learn a musical instrument themselves. Currently in school we have children who have drum lessons, guitar lessons, keyboard lessons and violin lessons. Therefore, should your child be interested in learning a musical instrument through school then contact the school office.

**Healthy Relationships** – We were recently visited by Damian Munro, from Wigan Council, who came into school to deliver Healthy Relationships workshops with children from Y1 – Y6. Children learned about what makes healthy friendships and relationships.



**ATHOS music concert** – On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, our school choir took part in the second ATHOS Music Festival at St. Stephen's Church. This event involved the children performing alongside other local schools. The children from our school performed 'Rhythm of Life', 'This is Me' with solos from Poppy Ottiwell, Caden Womersely and Amirah Edwards. Denisa Buliga and Mia Riches also performed a recorder duet of a tune called 'Weather'. Well done to all our children.

**Y6 London residential** – Some of our Y6 children recently experienced a two day residential visit to London. The trip involved the children enjoying 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. Many thanks to Mr Cooke, Mrs Malley and Mrs Morris who accompanied the children on the trip.



**Reception 'Imagine That' trip** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June saw children in Reception enjoy a fantastic trip to Liverpool. They visited 'Imagine That' where they took part in a variety of workshops that included making slime, bath bombs and fridge magnets. They watched a science show with rockets and volcanoes and bubbles. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who helped on this trip.

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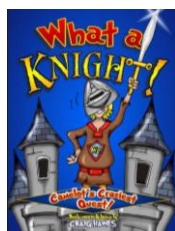
### Re-arranged KS2 Sports Day:



This has been re-arranged for **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30am** start on the school field. This will unfortunately mean that our new additional sports day event that we had planned for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June is now cancelled as there are no 'spare' dates for this to take place.



### KS2 end of year production



Not long to go before the KS2 production takes place here in school. The table below outlines the dates of key events concerned with the performance. We anticipate that all the children in Y3/4/5 will support these performances and a letter has been sent home about this – many thanks for those who have already returned their letter (to be handed in by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June). There will be two performances in total, but only **one** evening performance (**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - 6pm**). As space in our school hall is at a premium, and as the KS1 and nursery children will have seen the dress rehearsal, should you need to bring any younger children (including children from

St. George's Central nursery, reception and KS1) then they will need to access our crèche facility. Please let our school office know if you will need to make use of the crèche so that we can make the necessary staff arrangements. This will mean that there are more tickets available for older family members.

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	All responses returned from KS2 children who will form part of the choir
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Tickets on sale for KS2 production from Mrs Kearns' room at 8:45am – <b>Y6 parents/carers: 4 per family at 50p per ticket</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Tickets on sale for KS2 production from Mrs Kearns' room at 8:45am – <b>all KS2 parents/carers: 2 per family at 50p per ticket</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Tickets on sale for KS2 production from Mrs Kearns' room at 8:45am – <b>all KS2 parents/carers: 2 per family at 50p per ticket</b> Make sure you have informed the school office if you need to take advantage of the crèche facilities by today so that staffing arrangements can be made
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Any remaining tickets on sale for KS2 production from the school office – <b>all KS2 parents/carers: OPEN SALE at 50p per ticket</b> KS2 Production (1:45pm start for all KS2 children)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production (6pm start for all KS2 children)

We have again liaised with an external provider and they will be filming the **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** performance of the play so that we can provide the **Y6 leavers** with a full copy of the play as a leavers' gift. Should this be of particular concern for you then please let the school office know by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** so that seating provision for your child can be made.

**Three stars and a wish** – Our annual 'three stars and a wish' questionnaire is being sent out next Friday to all members of the St. George's Central community. This process involves you telling me three things you think the school does well and one thing that that we might improve. Hopefully some of your 'wishes' from last year were granted over the last ten months and we hope that by completing the questionnaire again this year, we can work together to continually improve our school. I would be grateful if you could complete and return this to school by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** to enable me to collate the responses and prepare feedback over the summer holiday.



**Please note that our last week of extra-curricular clubs is week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, which will mean that after Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July there will be no after school clubs until September 2019. I am sure you will join me in thanking to all the staff and children who have given up their time to lead these clubs, at lunchtimes and after school.**



**PTFA events** – Don't forget that our Summer Fair is taking place today. In the short term, most of the funds raised from this will support some of our end of year events, but as many of you will know, the large majority of the funding is used to support our annual **FREE** trip to the pantomime at Christmas for children in Reception – Year 6. Thanks to all members of our PTFA team for overseeing the whole event. We have a further event planned before the end of the year and that is at **6:30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** when we will have another Bingo Night in our school hall. We hope to see you there!

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**Let's Sing Concert** – On **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July**, Miss Gray will be taking our school choir to the Let's Sing Concert at Robin Park Indoor Sports Centre in Wigan. The children will sing a variety of songs alongside children from other schools (this unfortunately will mean that any KS2 children who attend Let's Sing will not be part of the afternoon production of the KS2 performance). The organiser of this event, Mr Orrell, has been in school to rehearse with our children and Miss Gray has been using time after school with our choir to ensure that they know all the words to all the songs. I am sure it will be a fantastic event as usual.



**Talent show** – During the afternoon of **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** there will be a talent show in school which will involve all classes. Because of the timings over the afternoon, each class will have a limit of 2/3 performances and so classes will be voting on the talents that will represent them. Due to restrictions on space in the hall, we are unable to invite parents/carers to watch.

**Annual Reports and School books** – As you know from our last newsletter, for this last half term, all children have started their new school books that they will take with them to their new class in September. We will therefore be sending your child's school books (June 2018 – May 2019) home on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. We are required to keep a sample of books as evidence of work completed in previous academic years. Therefore a small number of children will not bring some of their books home this time. If this is the case for your child, please call into school to have a look at them. They will be given them to keep at the end of next year. Your child's annual school report will be sent home on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. We have included a key to explain each element of the report and there is a section where the children assess their own level of effort. As usual with our reports, there is an opportunity for you to comment and let us know any thoughts and feedback on the year as a whole. Please ensure that you return any completed forms to me at school by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**.



**Parent/carer 'drop in'** – This year we are again providing you with an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about their report, should you wish. All the teachers will be available for you to speak to after school on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July (3:30pm – 6:00pm)**. No appointment is necessary for this, however, as we will not know how many people will be coming, please be aware that we may need to limit the time you spend with your child's teacher – we will simply have to judge this on the night! Please come to the school office should you wish to see your child's teacher on this night.

#### Y6 LEAVERS' EVENTS



**Leavers' service in church** – This will take place at St. George's Church on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July (10am start). Family members of the Y6 children are invited to come and watch as the children 'perform'. The whole service will involve four other local primary schools and one secondary school – I hope to see you there.

**Alton Towers** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July will see an early start for the staff and children in Year 6 as they make their way to Alton Towers for their annual leavers' trip. A further letter will soon be sent out to Y6 children providing the finer details of this trip.

**Leavers' disco** – This year, this FREE disco will be for Y6 children only and will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 5:00pm – 7:00pm (including pizzas as a Y6 leavers' treat).

**Leavers' service in school** – This will take place in school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July (9:10am start). Family members of the Y6 children are invited to come and watch as the children 'perform' for the final time at St. George's Central. The whole service will not only incorporate a performance from the children but will involve end of year prize giving – we hope to see you there.

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