



## Newsletter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019



I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy some of the good weather over the Easter break from school.

Hopefully, this will continue over the next few weeks! 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.



**Thank you** – Many thanks for the recent support/donations over the last few weeks. Your Easter egg donations were used as prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt that took place on the last day. The money from selling off the squares managed to raise over **£450!** This money has been used to 'top up' the prize box for use in Celebration Worship. We recently had a Book Fair in school and we receive 'commission' for every book you purchase. Your support helped to raise over **£550** for us to buy more books for school. This is our highest total yet, which just goes to show how reading, really is a kind of magic at our school.



**Shakerley Fun Day** – It was great to see so many of you at the Shakerley Fun Day over Easter.

I am sure that you and your children all had lots of fun on the many stalls in and around our Lancaster Avenue Nursery.



### 20 years celebration



A busy first week back after Easter saw us start our 20 year celebrations on St. George's Day with the unveiling of some commemorative artwork to mark the occasion. We welcomed artist Mark Mennell to school to unveil his work with our School Council. We also welcomed back to school The Mayor of Wigan Borough, Councillor Sue Greensmith and Bishop William Pwaisiho - the Bishop was in Tyldesley 20 years ago to open our amalgamated school and returned here today to help lead our services in school and church on the day. The week continued with the burying of a time capsule and an open evening, and we finished with a 'party' afternoon – many thanks for your party food donations. We now look forward to making more memories and to many more celebrations over the next 20 years at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery.



**Hinning House assembly** – Former St. George's Central governor, Mr Murgatroyd, returned to school earlier this week to present the Outdoor Education Shield named in his honour to Y5 pupil Denisa Buliga. Well done also to Jack Reeder, who was the runner up for the award. Each year the award is given to a child who goes above and beyond in rising to challenges and helping their peers during the annual residential to Hinning House in the Lake District. The Y5 children, who went away in February, led an assembly where they shared their experience of their week away from home.



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**Don't forget that our next PTFA meeting will be at 6:30pm, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at The Gatehouse Pub where we will be discussing further ideas to raise funds. Everyone is welcome, I hope to see you there.**

**During week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, all Year 6 children will be undertaking KS2 National tests – a timetable for the week will be sent home to children in Year 6. These tests are externally marked with the final outcomes being returned to school in July so that results can be sent home in your child's annual report. Please ensure children arrive at school in good time each day, well rested and ready to do their best.**

**During week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, all Year 2 children will be undertaking KS1 National tests – a timetable for the week will be sent home to children in Year 2. These tests are marked by staff in school with the final results sent home in your child's annual report. Please ensure children arrive at school in good time each day, well rested and ready to do their best.**

**During week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, children in Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 will be undertaking end of year tests. Each class will have their own timetable for these. The tests are marked and moderated in school with the final outcomes sent home in your child's annual report.**



**Staying open!** – We have had an email asking school to again be used as a Polling Station on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019** for the European Parliamentary Elections. School will again **REMAIN OPEN** on this day! Like yesterday, the largest room in our extension will be used for this. Should you use our school for voting purposes on the day, then please use the gate on 'Peel Hall' side of school and walk down to the extension where you will be able to cast your vote.



**Kick golf taster session** – Four children from our school recently enjoyed a 'Kick Golf' taster session at the Golf Range in Astley. The game has the same format and principles as golf but players kick a football, aiming to get it in the hole in the least number of 'kicks'.

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

**\*\*Girls' Football Festival\*\*    \*\*KS2 Tag Rugby Festival\*\*    \*\*Y5/6 Rounders Festival\*\***

### **ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision**



The first week of the Easter holiday saw children from our school join with children from 4 other schools to attend the ATSA 'All Sports Holiday Provision'. A varied programme of sporting opportunities (dance with MB Dance, Boxing Fit and Fun with 'Become a Champion', Mini Polo, Fun Swim & games, football with Wigan Athletic and rugby with Leigh Community Trust) were on offer over the 5 days with children being able to sign up for different days for £3 a day (with lunch included)! See the email that was sent home yesterday about this or speak to the school office to book a place for your child.

Paper copies of this newsletter are available in the letter holders in the school entrance area for you to pick up should you wish. The next newsletter (with Summer Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half dates) will be sent out on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, the last day of this half term! Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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