



St George's RC Primary School Newsletter – 5 September 2011

Statement of the week

We are all special

Welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to all our new children and their families. It is a delight to see all the children arriving for the start of the school year full of smiles and enthusiasm. We are all looking forward to a busy and exciting term.

Being the best we can be together

All classes are devoting time in the first week to establishing routines and ways of working and playing together so that every-one can do their best. We will be working hard to make sure that all the children know that they are special and how rules and routines help us.

Celebration & Worship

The RE Newsletter for this term gives details of Masses and Celebrations. The first Mass of term in school will be on Thursday 8 September. Please join with us for Mass and Celebrations on Thursday mornings whenever you can. We try to begin at 9am.

Shared Learning Assembly

Shared Learning Assemblies provide an opportunity for children to gain confidence by explaining and celebrating their learning in a very supportive setting. You are very welcome to join us for these half-termly assemblies.

Staff News

There are a number of changes to share at the start of term:

- We are very pleased to welcome to St George's Miss Meyer, who will be teaching Reception;
- Congratulations to Miss Symonds who was married in the holidays and is now Mrs Bowker;
- Mrs Lightfoot Loftus is now known as Ms Lightfoot.

Parents' Meetings

The first organised meetings for parents with their child's class teachers will take place in the week beginning 12 September. The aim of the shared session with all parents will be to outline key approaches to the organisation of learning in the class. There will be an opportunity to discuss individual matters with the class teacher as well as a chance to meet and chat with other parents.

Monday 12 September 6pm:	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 13 September 6pm:	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 14 September 6pm:	Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 15 September 6pm:	Reception

Dinner Money

School Meals are currently £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week)

It would still be really helpful for Mrs. Glendinning if your child's dinner money was sent into school on **MONDAY MORNING** in an envelope marked with the child's name and class and the days of the week they are staying, if not the full week. Cheques should be made payable to 'City of York Council'. If paying by cash, sending the exact amount is very helpful. You are also very welcome to pay for half a term in advance. (Half term to October £77). Thank you.

School Documents

Policies and documents are available from the office for parents to view. The School Statement of Internal Control (the document which details how the school's finances are organised and monitored) is one of these documents.

After School Clubs

There are a number of after-school clubs planned for this term. Please contact the named person for the club to request a place. Clubs will start next week.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Eligible Year Groups</u>	<u>Number of places</u>	<u>Contact person</u>
Multi Skills	Monday 3.15 to 4.15pm	KS1	15	Mr Robinson/ Mrs Bowker
Football	Tuesday 3.15 to 4.15pm	KS	15	Mr Robinson/ Mrs Bowker
Homework	Wednesday 3.15 to 4.15pm	KS1/KS2	15	Mrs Humphries
Band	Monday 3.00 to 4.00 pm	KS2		Mr Wilton
Chess	Thursday 3.15 to 4.15pm	Y5/6	10	Mrs Mazza/ Mr Palmer
German	12.30 to 1.00pm	Y2/Y3	12	Mrs Mazza/ Mrs Meehan
Gardening	Wednesday 3.15 to 4.15pm	Y3/Y4	10	Mrs Murray
Choir	Thursday 3.15 to 4.15pm	Y4/Y5/Y6	30	Ms Lightfoot Mrs Maart

School Refurbishment

There have been a number of improvements made to the school building during the summer break. In Years 1 and 2, the classrooms have been redecorated and new furniture purchased; in Early Year, the indoor space has been reorganised to create a more open and flexible learning space with the addition of a kitchen area and a quiet room. We are looking forward to seeing the children's learning benefitting from this work.

School Link with the Islamic Primary School in Begoro, Ghana

St George's has established a link with a school in Ghana. The children learn from and about each other by sharing school work and projects. During the half term break Mrs Mazza, Miss Smith and Mrs Bradshaw will visit the school, working alongside colleagues in the school and developing our partnership work further.

Rights Respecting School Award

UNICEF's Rights Respecting School Award is a whole school award that gives recognition for embedding the values of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) within their school's values. St George's is continuing to work towards this award, with further work this year on developing our understanding of rights and responsibilities within our school family and the wider community.

Dates for the term

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Week beginning 12 Sept	Class Welcome Meetings
29 September	Fulford School Open Evening for Year 6
Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 October	Year 6 residential trip
4 October	Education Mass at St Wilfrid's
5 October	All Saints Open Evening for Y6 at 7pm
10 October	Personal Safety day in school
14 October	Shared Learning Assembly
16 October	Harvest Mass at 10.30am in St George's Church
21 October	End of half term
31 October	First day back to school
7 (morning) and 8 (afternoon) December	Early Years, Y1 and Y2 Christmas presentation
13 December	"A Christmas Carol" production for Key Stage 2
14 December	Interim Reports out to parents
15 December	Service in Church Christmas dinner and Class parties
16 December	End of term

This Week in School

- Mass in school on Thursday prepared by Year 6
- Pedestrian Training for Year 3 on Thursday and Friday afternoon

School Website

There are technical problems with the website which are being looked into. School is doing all it can to make sure that the website is functioning properly as soon as possible. Apologies for the confusion.

With best wishes.