

# St. George's CE Primary School

Our School Motto - "Bringing faith and education together"

Newsletter  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
2017  
Term 1 Issue 8



## Key Dates

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Term 2 begins at 8:55am  
[Football](#) v. Borough Green

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
H.S.A. 'Silly Socks' Day  
FLO [Coffee Morning](#)  
Yr. 6 to T&M Council  
Offices to take part in  
Debate

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
KS1 [Chatham Dock Yard](#)  
Educational Visit

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Sevenoaks School  
[Football Tournament](#)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
KS2 [Remembrance](#)  
[Service](#) at 10:45am at St.  
Georges Church

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
St. Georges [Football and](#)  
[Netball Festival](#) (pm)  
[Parents Forum](#) from  
2:00pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
[Children in Need Day](#)

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
[Education Sunday Service](#)  
at St. George's Church  
from 10:00am.

Dear Parents/Carers

Mr. D. Jones, Headteacher

## Staffing news...

Schools are just like any organisation with staff changes and St. George's is no different in this respect. Some of you may have seen a 'growing' Mrs West during Term 1 and we are all delighted to formally announce that she and her husband are expecting their second child during January. We have been interviewing for her replacement for the remainder of the year and I very much hope to make an announcement during the coming weeks.

## Football

After a number of friendly matches and festivals our footballers were back in action on Wednesday when Ditton Juniors were the visitors to St. George's on a wet and windy autumnal evening. Our 'A' team continued their good form and created numerous chances with a very good all-round performance giving us a 5-1 win. Well done to all the players (& parents) who braved the inclement weather. Next up is Borough Green this evening.

## Cross Country

We seem to be becoming a school which braves the inclement weather as Cross Country running took place in October at Somerhill Park in Sevenoaks. It appears to have been a huge event as at least 20 schools were involved during the afternoon.

With such fierce competition our team had to be at their very best! Pleasingly, everyone who started from St. George's finished, with Charlie Phillips finishing a very creditable 10<sup>th</sup> (out of 100), and Emma Lambert finishing 24<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all who took part!

## Achievement Cup Heroes!

A big well done to all seven pupils who were the winners of their respective class achievement award cups at the very end of October. These awards are handed to those pupils who within the class go that extra mile not just in regards to their classwork but by being helpful towards others and being prepared to do that extra bit in the classroom. So 'pats on the back' to the following: George, Levi, Lily, Matthew, Sophie and Hugo!



## Secondary Transfer for Sept 2018

Please can I remind all parents of a Y6 child that the closing date for applications for secondary transfer (SCAF) is today Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

### **Parking and Care and Consideration**

Last term our school core value was **RESPECT** and so I was very distressed to hear of altercations happening between a parent and the swimming coach driver before half term particularly as it took place in front of our pupils.

Obviously there is no excuse for behaviour like this and I have apologised to the coach company on behalf of the school.

Please can I ask all parents to park in a safe place which includes not parking on double yellow lines no matter how late you may feel that you are.

This also includes not blocking drive ways or pavements – preferably park further away and **WALK!** As my wife is always reminding me, it is exercise for you - and for your children - and has huge long-term health benefits.

Also on the matter of parking outside the school gates can I remind everyone that there is an unofficial policy and driving your car in a circuit around Pilgrims Way (the top of the park) to re-join the High Street. This option is preferred to attempting to reverse in the school entrance and trying to negotiate cars driving towards the school.

I think that we will all accept that the school will never have enough room to park close enough to the school gates so we all need to think about others.

*Thank you for listening, understanding and acting.*

### **Thank You Vicar Day!**



It is not often that we have the time to say a big thankyou to those around us who support us in our lives. But at the very end of last term our Leading Lights Worship Group stopped for a moment and celebrated our very own Revd Edward Wright.

The pupils spoke highly about what Edward does within the village and in our school. The pupils even mentioned that even on his days off he is working which makes him a very special member of our community.

### **And on that subject ..... Family Support Drop In's**

Come and share a cuppa (and maybe even a biscuit) with our FLO, Family Liaison Officer, Gretel, who is hosting another drop-in this coming Friday between 9:15am and 10:00am in the school hall. She would love to meet you and will be able to steer you in the right direction to find support for your child and family.

### **Attendance - keep it up!**

Thanks to everyone's hard work our attendance levels last school year finished at **96.1%** which is excellent. But what is 'good' attendance? Although 90% attendance may appear 'good', this equates to half a day being missed from school each week or 4 weeks over the whole year. Research from secondary schools suggests that good attendance is closely linked to achievement. 90% attendance a year equates to a GCSE grade drop in achievement....

## **Reminders!**

### **Mobile Phones**

May we remind you that the school has a safeguarding policy prohibiting the use of mobile phones on the school premises. This includes the school playground and field. Thank you for your help in observing this rule and keeping all our children safe.

### **Music for Schools Foundation**

#### **Pupils learning a music instrument!**

Presentation to pupils  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
Followed by Parents Talk on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** from 3:20pm.

### **Silly Socks this Friday!**

Don't forget that this Friday is the first of two H.S.A. fundraising events as we work towards our annual Christmas Fayre. Wear silly socks in exchange for a bottle for our tombola.



### **Autumn Term Book Fayre**

Finally, please remember that the Autumn Book Fayre takes place this coming week on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** and **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** both starting at 3:15pm in the school hall. Lots of bargains to be had.