

St. George's CE Primary School

Our School Motto - "Bringing faith and education together"

Newsletter
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**Happy
New Year!**

Key Dates

Friday 12th January
Swimming begins for
Hazel + Group 1 Maple
Class

Wk. beginning 15th
January – all **extended
school clubs** begin

Monday 15th January
Family Service from
10:00am – led by Cedar
Class

Thursday 18th January
H.S.A. Termly Meeting
from **3:30pm**

Friday 19th January
Yrs. 5 & 6 Multi-Skills at
Offham (**pm**)
H.S.A. Movie Night

Thursday 25th January
Parents Forum from
2:30pm

Monday 29th January
KS1 Multi-Skills @ Platt
(**pm**)

Wednesday 7th February
Twilight Maths PIE from
5.30pm

Friday 9th February
Term 3 ends at **3:15pm**

Our final INSET day for
this school year is on
Monday 4th June 2018.
Please make a note on
your calendar.

Dear Parents/Carers

Mr. D. Jones, Headteacher

Looking forward, looking back!

From experience the start of a new calendar year in education brings its own challenges but I am conscious that we are a very forward looking school, which is a positive thing, but it is also important that we are aware of our past and that we take time to recognise our achievements.

Our first collective worship of the year focused on the plans and hopes for the New Year and will discuss any resolutions that might have been made by the children or staff. There were of course a number of somewhat optimistic ones perhaps but thankfully more which seem to be achievable with some effort.

This year I have discussed two resolutions for the school with the pupils for 2018. The first is a challenge set by our wonderful School Council Team. This term our school value is **Kindness**, which encourages and acknowledges any acts of kindness seen and personal reflection on acts unseen.

The School Council are planning a 'Kindness Wall' which I hope will grow by the day and I have set the children the challenge of filling the entire space by the end of the term. Pupils are encouraged to write down any acts of kindness towards them or acts they have seen others do.

The second relates to my introduction above. I have asked the children to take pride in the school, and in particular our building which is beginning to feel it's age! Like any school it is a particular challenge this year maintaining the general tidiness of the school. Having over 210 children using the playground and field presents its own particular issues in terms of mud at this time of year. I am adamant that this will encourage our children to do their bit to look after the school.

I also want them to maintain the highest possible standards in terms of their appearance and to take pride in the uniform and the fact that they are a pupil at St George's. Please can we all make that extra effort this term...

Spring Term Swimming

This term it is the turn of Hazel and Maple classes to swim at White Oak Swimming Pool in Swanley. The first swimming session starts from Friday 12th January. As always our 'swimming slot' is between 2:00pm until 2:30pm which in turn means that we should, traffic allowing, arrive back at school at approximately 3:15pm. Just in time for the weekend! Please remember kits each week!

**THE FIRST FAMILY SERVICE
FOR THE TERM WILL BE
HELD ON
MONDAY 15TH JANUARY AT
10:00AM**

Some of you will know already that each month the children at St. George's are helped by Rev. Edward in leading a family service at St. George's Church. The children from each class take it in turns to lead with readings, prayers and hymns. Each service begins at 10:00am and normally lasts about 30 minutes with tea and coffee at the end. This month it is the turn of Cedar Class to lead the service - so please, if you are able, find time to support the school.

**Staff Arrangements from
January 2018**

A new year often brings into school new members of staff and can I pass on a very warm St. George's family welcome to **Mrs. Yvonne Nunes** who began her employment here as SENCO last week. Mrs. Nunes will be in school every morning if you require an appointment to see her and discuss your child.

As I mentioned before for the remainder of the school year we say a very brief goodbye to **Mrs. Donna Emirali** who is taking a short period of time out of St. George's but will return at some point later this year. In her place as School Bursar we have appointed **Mrs. Nikki Jones** to make sure that everything is in order in the office. Please say hello to them both....

**Admissions to school in
September 2018**

Time is getting close if your child is due to start school in September 2018.

You can make an online application for at www.kent.gov.uk/ola and a booklet explaining the admissions procedure is also available online. If you have any questions please contact the school office, the Primary Admissions Team on 03000412121 or email:

kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2018**.

**Home School
Association Meeting...**

Please try to find the time to attend! Last term there were many successful events led by the Parents Association.

The next H.S.A. Meeting will be held on **Thursday 18th January** at 3:30pm in the school hall. Please find the time to attend. We are well on the way to achieving our goal of a new Hall Curtains but every little bit of support will bring the curtains a bit nearer!

Clubs This Term

As normal, letters have been sent out detailing a range of sports and club activities for Terms 3 and 4. It will help us with the general organisation if you can return completed forms as soon as possible, so we can finalize numbers for all activities. Most clubs will start in the week beginning **Monday 15th January** unless otherwise stated on the letters.

E-Safety

With Christmas now long gone and the excitement of electronic presents in the past please **ensure that you are aware of how to keep your child safe online**. The school website has a comprehensive page which should support you with this:

Please click on <http://st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk/?s=e-safety>

**School Dinner
Money Payments**

Just a reminder that all school meals (£2:10 per day) must be paid for in advance as Caterlink do not allow debt and the school is liable for any unpaid meals at the end of each term. Thanks for your cooperation.

Cold Weather

The weather forecast is set to change over the next few days and much colder spells are predicted. Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm, named coat as they will not be allowed outside without one!

Parking

As always, please remember to park with consideration for all our school neighbours. We will always look after your child if you are running late - and so it is better to park further away and walk (and good for our health too!)