



# St. George's CEP Newsletter

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*'Bringing faith and education together'*

## Our value this term is KINDNESS

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as Christ forgives you. - Ephesians 4:32

What a wonderful week it was welcoming the children back – they all looked very smart and the school was a calm but happy place to walk around. I spent time talking, watching and listening to the children fill the school with their voices once more!

We also welcomed our newbies in Oak Class – what a super class they are! I cannot believe how well they are settling into 'big school' already. It's their first full days week this week – I'm sure they will be tired when they get home as I know I have been by the end of each day!

Please be aware that due to Covid-19 we are encouraged to send home as little paper based material as possible. Therefore after this week our weekly newsletters can be found on the home page of our new school website [www.st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk) It is important that our communication is as good as it can be and we will use our website for latest information. This week each class teacher will be posting their class newsletter in the class page sections – please make sure you're familiar with this section of the website.

We will continue to use Teachers2Parents as an important form of communication but this relies on up to date mobile numbers and email addresses. If you change any of this information, please contact the school office on 01732 882401.

Teachers will use Class Dojo to keep you updated with snippets of what is happening in class or follow up information for reminders to emails and keep you informed of your child's rewards in school. This is NOT a suitable format to report, eg. school absence, changes to pick up or drop off. These MUST be reported to school office so important information isn't missed.

Thank you all for your patience as we work together to make improvements and adjustments to procedures as we move forward. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any queries rather than guess. Communication between us all is very important as we go through the term.

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## Reminder

Thank you for your prompt arrival for drop off and pick up times. If you are really keen and arrive early and it crosses into another group's time slot, please be aware to social distance for everyone's confidence. Can you only bring ONE adult onto the school playground to aid this please. At this point the wearing of face coverings is your own decision while on the school grounds but please be aware of other people around you. We want EVERYONE to feel safe and confident at times where there are more adults in one area.

Can I remind everyone to park responsibly outside of school at drop off and pick up times. Please do not park on the double yellow lines or on corners as this is dangerous for pupils and adults trying to cross smaller roads safely. The school gates should be clear at ALL times for emergency vehicles only and we also use the gates for our pedestrian walk way. Please do not use or park in or over private roads as we also have a responsibility to look after our wider community.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure our actions are for the safety of all.



On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September the school will celebrate being on this current site for 50 years! To settle the children back into school last week and prepare for this great event in our school calendar, the children learnt about events over the decades starting on the first day with the 1970's.

It was great to hear and see how much the children enjoyed this over the week and thank you to our amazing visitors to the school - including the return of the previous Headteacher Mr David Jones who really enjoyed seeing the school again but was very impressed with how many changes we've made in a short time. Mr Tunio impressed many children and think he may have inspired a new generation of racing drivers, though Mr Cameron and Mrs Lyle kept children enraptured with their own stories of their time as pupils of St George's and now working in both the police and education. And Mr Harkin, a former pupil, will be back again with his company launching the (virtual) 7Billions Ideas project!

## ATTENDANCE

I'm sure you're aware of the Governments expectations on attendance being back in encouraging high attendance and schools following up attendance that falls below 90%.

It is VITAL we work together as families and school, particularly in light of the fact we are still living with Covid-19 in our community.

*If you are unsure of what to do with your child, especially at this time of year with normal Autumn colds, please talk to the school office for advice and help.*

**However, what a start! We had over 90% attendance EVERY DAY last week - WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!**

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*Speak to us – we are happy to help in any way we can!*