



Tuesday 27th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the 4th week of this school year, I am already reflecting on the huge amount we have achieved so far! The Little Wandle phonics lessons are going incredibly well in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The pace at which the teachers are delivering the content of the programme and the way your children are responding to this teaching is just phenomenal! This week we are starting the programme in Years 3 and 4.

Attendance:

As you know we are monitoring children's attendance very carefully to make sure all children attend school regularly. As a result, you may receive a letter from us with some information that may be useful, or you may be invited to attend a meeting to discuss how we can work in partnership to ensure good attendance patterns. These letters and meetings are examples of the help and support we provide to promote children's attendance at St. George's.

Is your child entitled to benefits related Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals as well as access to uniform vouchers if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think your child may be eligible you apply through the same portal you used to apply for your child's school place, using the same login details. You can access the portal using this link:

https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnURL=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

If you do not currently have a Citizen Portal account, please use the link above and follow the on-screen instructions to register an account.

Special school lunch:

On Thursday 6th October, the catering team are putting on a special 'Smiley Thursday' lunch, consisting of:



Chicken Nuggets (Halal) or Vegetable
Nuggets
Smiley Potato Faces
Beans or Vegetables
Sugared Ring Doughnuts



If you would like your child to have the special 'Smiley Thursday' lunch please book on ParentPay by 11pm on Thursday.

Staffing news:

Sadly, Mrs Jukes will be leaving St. George's at October half-term as she has been promoted to another role in another school. We will all be very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Jukes.

We are currently advertising for a new Grade 3/Senior Administrator. If you are interested in this vacancy, please see our school website for further details.

Year 4 pupils moving to middle schools in September:

If your child is in Year 4, you will need to apply for their place at Middle school by 15th January 2023. Here are the dates of Open Evenings for some of our local middle schools:

St. Bede's Catholic Middle School – Thursday 20th October 2022

(book via EventBrite – the link is on their website)

Birchensale Middle School – Thursday 6th October 2022

(Further details sent via Parent Portal App)

Woodfield Academy – Monday 3rd October

(Register via a link on their website.)

We hope you all manage to keep dry and warm this week,
Kind regards,

Marie Bradbury
Headteacher