



Monday 14th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a brand-new week!

Attendance up date:

In the first half of the Autumn term, the national average attendance in primary schools was 94.9% and at St. George's it was 94.4%. Thank you for your support in improving the attendance of our children and for notifying us if your child is going to be absent.

Punctuality:

Most children are on time and are ready to learn by 8.45am every day. However, there are a small number of children who are regularly late. Arriving late can cause children anxiety and worry and can disrupt the learning of the other children in class. From this week, we will be making early morning phone calls to the parents of children who are regularly late to ensure their children get to school on time and have a calm and settled start to their day in school.

Contact details:

If you have a new phone number or address, please let us know your new details. You can do this via the Arbor Parent Portal or by calling in at the office. Thank you.

School dinner taster session for parents:

At **2.30pm** on **Wednesday 16th November** we would like to invite you to a school dinner taster session with Sophie, our head cook. She will provide you with samples of some of the dishes on offer to the children at lunchtime and be available to answer any questions you may have about the ingredients she uses.

Anti-bullying week:

This week is Anti-Bullying Week. At St. George's our core values are respect, compassion, responsibility, honesty and forgiveness and I am very proud to say that our children are very good at living out those values.

However, sometimes bullying does occur. Bullying is hurting someone, more than once, on purpose by using words or behaving in a way which is meant to frighten, hurt or upset another person. It can happen face-to-face or online.

Mr Rivett has done a special assembly today about what to do if they feel they are being bullied or know that one of their friends is being bullied.

We also know that often children will talk to their parents or other family members if they are feeling hurt or upset. If you think any child is being bullied, please do speak to Mr Rivett or I. We take bullying very seriously and will work hard to put a stop to it.



New playground equipment:

We know that one of the ingredients to children having happy, busy playtimes and lunchtimes is having plenty to do. Therefore, we were delighted to receive some brand new play equipment a couple of weeks ago from Endeavour Schools Trust. Our Year 4 PE leaders (led by Miss Haines) are doing a great job of making sure the equipment is being well looked after and put away properly – well done everyone!

Nursery places for January 2023:

Do you have or know a child who is 3 years old? If so, from January 2023 they are entitled to 15 hours free Nursery provision a week. Some children may be entitled to 30 hours of provision. If you would like an application form, please call in at the Office and speak to a member of our team.

Staffing update:

Last week we were delighted to welcome Mrs Joynes to the St. George's team. She is going to be working on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the school office, covering the senior administrator role. Mrs Yates is also working in the office on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon until 2.30pm.

Fancy a new start in 2023? If so, we have a vacancy for a senior administrator:

We are currently advertising for a senior administrator. This is a permanent, term time only position. Full details are on our website. If you would like any further information, please come in for a chat.

Twitter and Facebook:

There are now even more ways to keep up to date with what is happening at St. George's and within Endeavour schools Trust as we now have a twitter account, a Facebook page and an Instagram page. To follow us look for endeavour_st

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 15th November – Flu vaccinations for children in Reception and Years 1 to 4

Wednesday 16th November – 2.30pm School dinner taster session for parents

Friday 18th November – Children in Need – please wear odd socks and donate

Tuesday 6th December – EYFS Nativity 9.15am and 2.15pm

Friday 12th December – Visit to the Pantomime to see Beauty and The Beast

Wednesday 14th December – 9am and 2pm – EYFS Christmas craft workshop



Friday 16th December – PARTY DAY - please wear party clothes!

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Children return to school

We hope you all have a great week!

Kind regards,

M.L. Bradbury

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