



Monday 28th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great half-term so far! Last week we were delighted to welcome Nicki Wright (the CEO of our Trust) and another leader from one of our sister schools to review the progress we have made with implementing our new approach to teaching phonics and reading. The outcome of this was very positive and they found that **"The school has worked at a terrific pace to embed significant change to their phonics and reading provision and should be proud of what they have achieved to date."** We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support for your child(ren)'s reading at home.

Pokemon cards:

It has come to our attention that some children in years 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been bringing Pokemon cards into school to trade with their friends. Unfortunately, we regard Pokemon cards as toys and therefore they should not be brought into school. If staff see children with Pokemon cards, they will be confiscated.

Keeping healthy – Keeping well:

It seems that many children/families in our St. George's community have been hit with various bugs and infections in the last couple of weeks. We have had lots of children off with sickness and diarrhoea. Parents are doing absolutely the right thing by keeping their children at home if they have vomited or have diarrhoea. We have also had lots of children off with colds, coughs and high temperatures.

In school we have talked to the children about all the good hygiene habits we had to slow the spread of COVID as they are also important defences against a range of other infections, including respiratory infections and stomach bugs.

At home, could you please reinforce the importance of your child(ren) using good handwashing techniques with soap for 20 seconds and using tissues to catch coughs and sneezes. By working together, we can reduce the risks of picking up, or spreading infections. Thank you.

Christmas preparations!

I spoke to Father Christmas recently and told him all about the wonderful children at St. George's and he is very much hoping he will have time to come and visit us before the end of term!



Merry Christmas!

Here's a reminder of what is happening in the next three weeks:

Tuesday 6th December	Angelfish and Dolphin parents are invited to watch the children's Nativity . Performances are at 9:15am and 2:15pm and will last around 30 minutes.
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas Dinner Day for Reception, Year 3 and Year 4. If you want your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please order via ParentPay.
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Dinner Day for Year 1 and Year 2. If you want your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please order via ParentPay.
Thursday 8th December	Reception and Years 1 to 4 visit St Stephen's Church for our Christingle Service. You are welcome to join us in church from around 9:30am.
Monday 12th December	Reception and Years 1 to 4 visit to watch the Beauty And The Beast Pantomime at the Palace Theatre. Tickets cost £12 and are still available to order on ParentPay.
Wednesday 14th December	EYFS Christmas Craft Workshops. This is for parents in Angelfish and Dolphin Classes and take place at 9:00am and 2:30pm.
Friday 16th December	The last day of term and Party Day! Children can come in their party clothes that day and celebrate!

Kind regards



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