

Monday 7th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term and enjoyed the wonderful weather we had. It has been great welcoming the children back to school today for the final half-term of this school year. They have settled back in really well – remembering all the safety precautions we still need to take to keep ourselves safe from COVID-19. We are very much looking forward to another exciting, enjoyable and positive half-term at St. George's.

COVID-19 safety measures:

The Department for Education and Worcestershire Children First are recommending that schools continue with all the current safety precautions. So we will carry on treating each class as a 'bubble' and make sure children and staff do not work across 'bubbles'. The children will continue to wash their hands regularly, and we will have enhanced ventilation and cleaning in place for the foreseeable future.

As parents and carers you have been absolutely brilliant at following the safety measures at drop off and pick up time and we want to say a BIG thank you for the way in which you have supported us in keeping St. George's COVID free since January 2021. The staggered drop off and pick up times and the one-way system around the school site will remain in place along with the requirement that face coverings are worn when dropping off or collecting your child(ren).

Here is a reminder of the drop off and collection times:

Children in	Drop off	Collection
Miss Haines's, Mr Abbott's and Miss Round's classes and younger brothers and sisters	8.35am – 8.45am	2.55pm – 3.05pm
Miss Garrigues, Mrs Evans's and Mrs Browning's classes and younger brothers and sisters	8.45am – 8.50am	3.05pm – 3.10pm
Mrs Harley's and Miss Kemp's classes	8.50am – 8.55am	3.10pm – 3.15pm

PE days:

Please note that there have been some changes to the PE timetable. So please check the timetable below and make sure your child(ren) wear their school PE kits on the correct days when we return to school.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chive	Tarragon	Chive	Tarragon	Chilli
Elderflower	Thyme	Elderflower	Thyme	Basil
Juniper	Peppermint	Juniper		
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The value for this half-term is 'Compassion'

If someone shows kindness, caring, and a willingness to help others, they are showing compassion. Through our assemblies this half-term the children will be learning more about how to show compassion for one another, for people in their family, their pets and people at school. They will also learn that you can show compassion (care for) and responsibility towards the resources and environments we use too.



Child Safety Week is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's annual community education campaign. We want to use this event as an opportunity to highlight two things that are of concern at St. George's.

In car safety – car seats:



Most car accidents happen close to home. Child car seats can help to keep your child safe. Children aged between three and 11 years old must be in seated appropriately for their age, height and weight. If an appropriate restraint is not available, it's illegal for a child to travel in the vehicle. Further information can be found here: <https://www.childcarseats.org.uk/>

Lunchboxes - grapes:

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Why are grapes so dangerous?

Doctors have issued a stark warning that young children can choke to death on whole grapes, and nationally, there have been a number of recent cases where children have needed emergency treatment. Doctors warn that food is responsible for over half of all fatal choking accidents, with grapes the third most common cause of death in food-related incidents.

The size and shape of grapes means they can completely plug a child's airway and the tight seal produced by the grape's smooth surface makes them difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques. Young children are particularly vulnerable to choking on grapes because:

- They don't have a full set of teeth and are still learning to chew properly.
- Their swallow reflex is still developing.
- Their airway is very small.

We therefore advise that grapes are chopped in half lengthways and ideally into quarters.

Sunshine!

I do hope we can all carry on enjoying the sunshine over the coming days and weeks. When the forecast is particularly good, could you please make sure your child(ren) have sun cream applied before they come to school, bring caps, sunglasses (if required) and a full water bottle. If your child is able to apply their own sun cream, they can bring a small supply into school. Please write your child's name inside their caps, on their sun cream bottle etc,



EU Settlement Scheme: Information for EU/EEA citizen children

If you and your child(ren) were living in the UK before 1 January 2021, and you are from one of the European countries listed below, you must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by **Wednesday 30th June 2021.**



Now that the UK has left the European Union, children and adults from other European countries who live in the UK may need to apply for permission to stay. This is called 'pre-settled' or 'settled status' depending on how long you or your child(ren) have lived in the UK. Once you have received permission, you can carry on living in the UK as you do now. Existing close family members (who are EU or non-EU citizens) will also be allowed to come and live with you in the UK.

How do I apply to the EU Settlement Scheme?

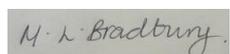
You need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme online: [gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](https://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme). You do not have to pay anything. You can apply for yourself and then link your child's application to yours. If your child does not apply they may have problems when it comes to apply for a place at college, university, for jobs or for benefits later in life.

How can I get help if I need it?

If you have a question about your application or need additional support, go to: eu-settled-status-enquiries.service.gov.uk. There is also a helpline: **0300 123 7379** and translators are available. If you need further help please speak to Mr Rivett or myself on the gate at the start or end of the school day.

We hope you all have a great week!

Kind regards,



Marie Bradbury – Headteacher