

Monday 12th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've nearly reached the end of term and there are only four more get ups to go! In this newsletter there is lots of information about things happening over the Summer Holidays, so there are links to various websites etc. To make accessing the information as easy as possible, this letter is on our school website as usual so you can follow the links directly from there. There will be another 'end of the school year' letter coming home on Thursday too.

Last week, children across Key Stages 1 and 2 enjoyed some sporty activities organised by Miss Haines and the Year 4s in Thyme class. Lots of fun was had and the winning class was Tarragon.

On Thursday morning, following six weeks of hard work the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 will be taking part in the virtual 'DanceFest' together with other schools across Redditch and Bromsgrove. The children have loved preparing for DanceFest and have grown in confidence in their Dance lessons with Cassie and we are very much looking forward to seeing the children's final dances!

This week, the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 will be shown videos welcoming them to their new class by their new teachers.

Free School Meal Vouchers over the Summer Holidays:

Parents of children who are entitled to benefits related free school meals will receive an Edenred voucher worth £85 per child for the summer holidays. If you have not received your voucher by Tuesday 13th July please contact the office.

Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme:

The £500 Test and Trace Support Payment is for people on low incomes who have to self-isolate due to coronavirus (COVID-19). You can only apply if you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, notified to self-isolate by the NHS COVID-19 app, or you're the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate. You can claim the payment up to 42 days after the first day of self-isolation, so if you had to self-isolate from today, you claim anytime up to 23rd August 2021. In order for find out more and to submit a claim please click here: <https://openrev.bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk/scripts/OPENPortal-Live.wsc/ctax/SelfisolationPayment.p>

Someone else can help you fill in the form or do it for you but only the person who has been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace can receive the payment.

If you need help filling in the form please email tntbenefits@redditchbc.gov.uk or phone 01527 534050.

End of year reports:

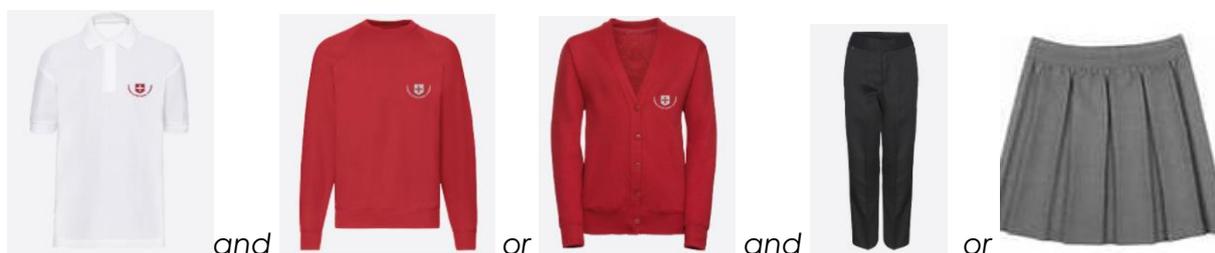
Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete and return the parent comment section of your child's report. If you have not already done so, could you please return your child's comment section by Thursday 15th July 2021 – thank you.

Staffing news – a final farewell!

At the end of this term, we will now be saying 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Underhill. Mrs Underhill has had an interest in how children learn to speak and learn new language for a long time, and she is going on to a new teaching assistant role where she can use and further develop her expertise and skills in this area. We wish Mrs Underhill every success in her new role and understand that this opportunity was one that was too good for her to miss!

School uniform reminder:

School uniform can be purchased from [St George's CE First School and Nursery Uniform \(orchardschoolwear.co.uk\)](#) or from any of the major supermarkets. It consists of:



School uniform claim back scheme for children entitled to benefits related free school meals:

From September we are operating a new scheme, where the parents of children entitled to benefits related free school meals can claim back the cost of school uniform. An allowance of £25 has been allocated to each child from our Pupil Premium Grant. All you need to do, is keep the receipts and in September, call into the school office to complete a form and the money will be refunded directly to your bank account.

Do you know someone who has a child who is 3 or turning 3 before 31st August 2021?

If so, please let them know about the Nursery provision available at St. George's. We offer the 15 hours of free provision available to all parents. To find out more please check here:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

We also offer up to 30 hours (full-time) provision for those parents who are eligible. Check here to see if you qualify: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Please note, that if you would like your child to access 30 hours of Nursery provision from September 2021 you will need to apply before we break up for the summer holidays. If you would like some help with the application process, please speak to a member of staff so that an appointment can be arranged.



ST. GEORGE'S
CE First School and Nursery

Why choose **St George's First School and Nursery** for your child?

15 hours FREE nursery places for 3 – 4 year olds!
Full time nursery available!

Fully qualified and experienced teachers in Nursery and Reception!
Highly skilled teaching assistants!

"Adults ensure that the learning environment engages children in activities they find enjoyable and interesting"
"The teaching of phonics in Nursery is highly effective. Children participate enthusiastically, repeating sounds which are modelled clearly by adults."
"Behaviour is good and children cooperate well. They listen to each other's ideas and share equipment."
"Links with parent are strong."
OFSTED Report 2019

"This is a good school with nice and friendly teachers. They help our children to learn the (English) language."
Parent View

"The experience my child has received during her stay has been exceptional..."
Parent View

Come and see us!
Get in touch to arrange a visit...
01527 62263
office@sgf.endeavourschools.org
<http://www.stgeorges.worcs.sch.uk/>

Please note that your child will need to have settled or pre-settled status for you to apply.



Ready, Steady, Worcestershire are excited to announce that they are partnering up with holiday clubs, activity providers and family days out all over the county for a fun, action packed **Summer Holiday**. There are a huge range of activity clubs, including football, arts, dance, outdoor adventure, sports, cooking and more! For families that are eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals, places will be free! For further details about what is available please follow this link: https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20818/worcestershire_school_holiday_food_and_activities The booking system goes live today.



Term dates for 2021/2022:

Autumn 1 – Monday 6th September to Thursday 21st October 2021

Autumn 2 – Monday 1st November to Friday 17th December 2021

Spring 1 – Tuesday 5th January to Friday 18th February 2022

Spring 2 – Monday 28th February to Friday 8th April 2022

Summer 1 – Monday 25th April to Thursday 26th May 2022

Summer 2 – Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July 2022

We hope you all have a great week!

Kind regards,

M. Bradbury

Marie Bradbury – Headteacher