

Monday 1st November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new half-term! We have been thrilled to welcome the children back today and are really pleased that they have already settled back into school life and been very busy with their learning!

Welcome to new staff:

Today, we have welcomed 3 new staff to our St. George's team. Mrs Ellis is a new teaching assistant and will be based mainly in Chive class. Mrs Javed is a new Lunchtime Supervisor who will be working with children in Basil and Chilli class and Mrs Akhtar is a new Lunchtime Supervisor who will be working with the children from Chive, Elderflower and Juniper classes.

We are delighted to let you know that over half-term Miss Shafiq got married and is now known as Mrs Shafiq.

Parent/teacher consultations:

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent/teacher meetings on Friday 22nd October. We hope you found these to be useful and informative. If you missed your appointment a member of our team will be in touch in the next few days.

Attendance:

When children come to school every single day, they learn more. When we plan lessons, we plan to build on the learning that has taken place each day so that each child can do more and remember more. Nationally, attendance in the autumn term 2020 was **95.3%**.

Class name	Teacher	% Attendance so far this year
Basil class	Mrs Harley	85.3%
Chilli class	Mrs Webb	87.3%
Chive class	Mrs Browning	90.4%
Elderflower class	Mrs Evans	92.1%
Juniper class	Miss Garrigues	95.7%
Peppermint class	Miss Payne	95.3%
Tarragon class	Mr Abbott	94.3%
Thyme class	Miss Haines	94.0%

We are delighted that attendance in two of our classes is in line with the national average. However, in most classes rates of attendance are lower than the national average last year.

As a school we are very keen to avoid an outbreak of COVID or any other infection such as seasonal flu or Norovirus and support parents in taking a cautious approach if their child(ren) have any symptoms associated with these illnesses. However, it is not acceptable to keep your child(ren) at

home because they are tired after a late night or not in the mood for school. Also, we politely ask that from now on routine (check-up) appointments with the Dentist or optician are made for the school holidays or after the school day. **On Thursday 18th November, all children will be invited to have their vaccination against seasonal flu – more details will follow next week. We would very much encourage all parents to ensure their child(ren) receive this vaccination to ensure their child has as much protection as possible over the winter months.**

Fantastic Friday Assemblies:

Every Friday we celebrate the achievements of children across the school and this week we are very much looking forward to the children in Chilli and Basil class joining our Fantastic Friday assemblies too. At the end of each Fantastic Friday assembly, we have a special party with biscuits, squash and party games. From this week onwards, if your child has been awarded a certificate, we will send you a text message to let you know that there is something to celebrate with your child. Please ask them to show you their certificate, ask them what their certificate is for and celebrate their success. Thank you.

Our value for this half-term is Peace:

Peace is when people feel safe and happy because they solve disagreements without arguing or fighting. Through our assemblies this half-term our children will be learning some of the skills and attitudes that are needed to live peacefully with others.

Diary dates

- Friday 17th December - break up for the Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 4th January – children return for the Spring 1
- Friday 18th February – break up for February ½ term
- Monday 28th February – children return for Spring 2
- Friday 8th April – break up for the Easter holidays
- Monday 25th April – children return for Summer 1
- Thursday 26th May – break up for May ½ term
- Monday 6th June – children return for Summer 2
- Thursday 21st July – break up for the Summer holidays

Have a great week,

kind regards,

M-L Bradbury

Marie Bradbury - Headteacher