



NEWSLETTER – Friday 25th September 2020

“Grow in Faith, Have Faith in Growing”

Trust, Respect, Faith, Forgiveness, Aspiration, Determination, Curiosity

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to begin by thanking you for your generous donations in support of Jeans for Genes day. We raised £272 and I am sure the money raised will make a real difference to many children and young people living with genetic conditions. Also, a big thank you to all those who joined us virtually for our start of year Mass and also our Meet the Teacher event. Both occasions were great ways of connecting with our families, even when we cannot do so in person.

Honourable mention must also go to Miss Lewis and Mrs O'Brien's classes for their wonderful acts of worship over the past fortnight. Each class did a fantastic job of bringing God's word to life.

This week, we have had a virtual visit from Ant and Dec and the team from the NSPCC 'Speak out and Stay Safe' campaign. Our children really enjoyed their assembly on how to speak out if they feel worried. This assembly can be accessed again here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm0kccbZpYY>

Of course, parents also need a place to make themselves heard should they experience any difficulties. For this reason, we would like to make you aware of the 'Make yourself heard' campaign. This is a police driven initiative to support families experiencing domestic abuse. As well as highlighting this campaign, we also have a team of trained adults in school who are there for our families as well as our children. Mrs Young co-ordinates this work and can be contacted via the school office or at admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk.

Make yourself Heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

- 1 Dial 999**
- 2 Listen** to the questions from the 999 operator
- 3 Respond** by coughing or tapping the handset if you can
- 4 If prompted, press 55**
This lets the 999 call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to the police.

See our guide for more information.



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Harvest Festival

Next week, we will be welcoming a representative (online) from the Padley Centre to talk to us all about how our harvest donations will help people in need in Derby. Of course, we need to be mindful of current restrictions and additional precautions in relation to gathering items from home. With this in mind, we will be limiting our Harvest collection to one week only during the week commencing Monday 28th September. Could we please ask that donations arrive in a sealed bag (a knot tied in a carrier will be fine) so that we can quarantine them in our classrooms before sending them to the charities' headquarters.

Harvest Festival – Please Donate...

Cereal, UHT milk, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, baked beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, curry and rice, tinned fruit, rice pudding, biscuits, tea/coffee, juice, cook in sauces, sugar, red and brown sauce, jam, tinned ravioli, tinned casseroles, gravy granules, tinned custard, squash, cooking oil, deodorant, disposable razors, kitchen rolls, shaving foam, toilet rolls, washing powder, washing up liquid.

Remembering our Mother, Mary

As many of you will know, October is the month in which we spend time thinking about the life of Mary. The Rosary is a meditative prayer that we say with Mary the Mother of God. In preparation for this special month, I'd like to share some great resources on praying the rosary. If you get the chance, please visit the following link:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/rosary-for-parents and use the password: **ROSARY** to access them.

Keeping in touch

Although we are unable to have parents inside the school building, we will be using our class email system to allow for good communication between parents and teachers. Class email addresses are as follows:

class(INSERT NUMBER)@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk

For example:

class7@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk

We will endeavour to answer all emails as quickly as possible, but this has to be balanced with the teachers' first commitment to teaching their classes. Emails will be responded to within 48 hours within the working week i.e. any emails received over the weekend will be responded to by the end of Tuesday.

Virtual Class Assemblies

In order to maintain the integrity of our bubbles, we cannot yet have parents inside the school building to attend our class assemblies. So that you can still enjoy these events, when it is your child's class assembly, we will send you a link to watch the assembly online. This is of course dependent on the consent of the other parents in your child's class (allowing their child/ren to be filmed). We will never post these acts of worship to our website or on social media. An online consent letter seeking filming permission will be emailed to you on Monday. I would be grateful if you could fill this in online as a matter of urgency.

Whole School Photographs – Wednesday 30th September

The children will be having their photographs taken on Wednesday 30th September. Due to maintaining the integrity of our bubbles and the complex logistics that the system requires, we will be able to offer only individual photographs this year and solely to pupils currently at St. George's. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Winter PE Kit

Outdoor PE will still take place during the colder months, but children are allowed to wear black plain jogging bottoms and a plain sweatshirt/zip up top in their house colour. They should also wear their house t-shirt underneath. Children will require trainers as well as pumps. Please do ensure all items are labelled.

St Benedict's Alternative Open Evening Event and Year 7 Admissions to St Benedict's For September 2021

Applications close on 31st October 2020. St Benedict's have been oversubscribed for the last 5 years so apply now to avoid missing out. To apply visit <https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions/apply-year-seven-secondary-school/>.



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You must also complete the supplementary form with all applications. An online copy can be found on St Benedict's admissions page. These must be returned to Ruth Darby at rsdarby@saintben.derby.sch.uk together with a copy of a Baptism certificate, if you are of the Catholic faith, or any further evidence of faith/worship to support your application. Further information regarding their alternative Open Evening Event which takes place on 1st October 2020 will follow shortly.

Termly Learning Conferences (Parents' Evenings)

We use an online booking system so that you can book an appointment to see your child's teacher directly via www.pupilrewardpoints.co.uk. All appointments will be telephone appointments. Appointment booking will go live on Monday 2nd November from 8am onwards. Log-in information will be sent out to you within the next fortnight. When booking goes live, if there are any issues logging in, please contact the Office Team for help. Termly learning conferences will be held on Monday 9th November and Wednesday 11th November. Please see the calendar attached for more details of timings.

Year 6 Trip to 'The Briars': Monday 17th May – Friday 21st May 2021

A letter will be going out early next week to all Year 6 pupils with regards to our provisional booking of our annual residential trip to 'The Briars'. This residential trip will be subject to the most current government guidance and is provisional at this stage.

Lego Request

As part of our continued provision within school to support the social, emotional and mental health of our pupils, we are developing our ability to 'talk'. By using Lego, the children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings and we will be able to work together to develop further opportunities for enhancing well-being within our school community. Therefore, we are asking for any donations of Lego you may be able to donate to school, no matter how large or small. Please bring them into the school office or hand them to Mrs Holmes on the KS1 playground.

Junk Modelling Items Plea for Foundation Stage 2

If you have any unwanted 'junk modelling' materials e.g. boxes, punnets, kitchen roll tubes, please speak to Mrs. Bennett in Class 1. Thank you!

Breakfast Club/After School Club

Breakfast Club hours are from 7.30am – 8.30am, at a cost of £3 per morning. After school club is charged at £7 per session and runs from 3.15pm – 5pm. There is also a shortened stay option of £3 per session with pick up by 4.15pm. This is the 'no snack' option as snack is provided after 4.15pm. Any late pickups will incur a fine.

If you would like a place for your child in either Breakfast Club or After School Club, please book online via ParentMail. If you have any difficulties with this, please contact the office on 01332 766815 or admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk.

Prospective Parents Open Day

We shall be holding a virtual open day for prospective parents on Friday 2nd October. An online tour, videos of our school in action and an MS teams hangout will be available on the day for any questions. Do tell your friends! Flyers and more information will follow shortly.

Applying for place in FS2 for September 2021

Parents wishing to apply for a place in FS2 starting in September 2021, can make their application from 9th November 2020 onwards. The National Closing Date is the 15th January 2021. To make an application you can: [apply online](#) via the Derby City Council Admissions website - it's quick and easy and lets you track the progress of your application:

- Apply by phone on 01332 642730 - this takes around 5 minutes.
- Apply using a paper form - telephone 01332 642730 to ask Derby City Council to send you one.
- If you make your application online, you will be able to access your decision on 16th April 2021 – National Offer Day.
- If you apply by phone or on a paper form your offer letter will be posted on 16th April 2021, second class.



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Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 30 th September: 8.30am	School photographs for all pupils	For more information, please see the relevant section of this newsletter.
Thursday 1 st October: 8:50am	Class 10 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 10 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 2 nd October: 4-5pm and 5-6pm	Prospective Parents Open Day for entry into Foundation Stage 2021	Parents who are thinking of sending their child to St. George's in September 2021.
Thursday 8 th October: 8:50am	Class 9 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 9 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 15 th October: 8:50am	Class 8 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 8 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 22 nd October: 8:50am	Class 5 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 5 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 23 rd October: 9am	All Saints Mass	A pre-recorded video will be available on our website and will be emailed out to parents.
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October	Advent Half Term	School Closed
Monday 2 nd November: 8am	Termly Learning Conference Booking Goes Live!	All parents will be able to book their parents' evening slot from 8am – Letter regarding log in process to follow just before Autumn half term. These will be virtual or telephone appointments only.
Thursday 5 th November: 8:50am	Class 6 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 6 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Monday 9 th November: 3:30-6pm for KS1 and 3:30pm-7:30pm for KS2.	Termly Learning Conferences	These will be virtual or telephone appointments only.
Wednesday 11 th November: 3:30-5.30pm for KS1 and 3:30pm - 6pm for KS2.	Termly Learning Conferences	These will be virtual or telephone appointments only.
Wednesday 11 th November: 10.30am	Remembrance Day Liturgy	Subject to consent, parents of pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 12 th November 8:50am	Class 1 and 2 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 1 and 2 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 13 th November: All day	Non uniform day in support of Children in Need in exchange for £1 donation	All pupils
Thursday 19 th November 8:50am	Class 7 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 7 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 26 th November 8:50am	Class 4 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 4 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 27 th November: All day	Non uniform day in support of NDCYS (Briars team) in exchange for £1 donation	All pupils
Wednesday 2 nd December: 9am	Advent Liturgy for Year 1-6 pupils	Subject to consent, parents of pupils in Y1-Y6 will be emailed a link to watch the advent liturgy online.
Thursday 3 rd December 8:50am	Class 3 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 3 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 4th December: INSET All day	INSET	School Closed
Wednesday 9 th December: 9am-11am	Foundation Stage Christmas Crafts Morning	We will be in touch to say whether parents are able to join us for this event as per the latest guidelines.
Wednesday 9 th December: 2-3pm	Foundation Stage Christmas Sing-a-long	It is highly likely that this will be a virtual event and will be subject to whether the latest guidance allows singing indoors in large groups.
Tuesday 15 th December: 2:15pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity	
Wednesday 16 th December: 2:15pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity	
Wednesday 16 th December: 6pm-7pm	Carol Service at St. George's Church	
Friday 18 th December: All day	Christmas Jumper Day (wear with jeans) in exchange for £1 donation for our Parish	All pupils



Friday 18 th December: Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for pupils and staff	More information will follow in November on ordering a lunch for your child if they are ordinarily sandwiches.
Friday 18 th December: 2-3pm	Carols around the Tree	It is highly likely that this will be a virtual event and will be subject to whether the latest guidance allows for singing indoors in large groups.
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January (Monday 21st December and Tuesday 22nd December are INSET days)	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Monday 4th January 2021	All pupils return for the start of the Lent term	All pupils
Friday 12th February: All day	INSET	School Closed
Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February	Lent Half term	School Closed
Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April	Easter Holidays	School Closed
Monday 19th April	All pupils return for the start of the Pentecost term	All pupils
Monday 3rd May: All day	May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 10 th May – Thursday 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week	All Year 6 pupils
Monday 17 th May – Friday 21 st May	Key Stage 1 SATs Week	All year 2 pupils
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	Pentecost Half term	School Closed
Monday 26th July 2021 – Thursday 2nd September (Friday 3rd September is an INSET day)	Summer Holidays	School Closed
Monday 6th September 2021: All Day	Return to school for the start of Advent term FS2 pupils to be in for mornings only for the first week	All pupils



Covid-19 related pupil absence A quick reference guide for parents

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days - Self-isolate the whole household 	...they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact the school to inform us - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact the school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. As per attendance policy.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Household member to get a test - Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. - Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel <p style="text-align: center;">Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and you child can return to school again.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - At home support your child with remote education provided by school - Your child will need to isolate for 14 days 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.



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