



NEWSLETTER - Monday 19th April 2021

"Grow in Faith, Have Faith in Growing"

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Pentecost term! I hope you have all managed to rest, relax and enjoy the break. This term is my favourite term of all as there are always so many fantastic events taking place; St George's day, Sports day (in bubbles!), the Year 6 production, FS2 Graduation and our three transition days- to name but a few! We also pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion at St. George's Church later in the term. May God be with them as they reach this next milestone in their faith journey.

I have some staffing news to share with you all. Firstly, I am delighted to say that Mrs. Beth Holmes is expecting her first child and will be shielding (followed swiftly by maternity leave!) after May half term. We are currently recruiting a new SENCO internally and a Year 1 maternity leave teacher externally. Unfortunately, Mrs Goodman will not be returning to St George's after a period of time shielding. After 27 years of loyal service, she is taking some time out to be with her family. She will be really missed! We wish her all the very best and thank her for her hard work and dedication to our school. If any families wish to pass on their best wishes to her, please send these via admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk or via the school office. We are interviewing for this position soon.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find all the key dates for the next academic year. Please do also note remember that Monday 3rd May 2021 is a Bank Holiday and so school will be closed.

I know that lots of families are starting to access the government offer of lateral flow tests. If you would like to make use of this home testing scheme, please read the following letter here: <https://primarysite-prod.sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/stgeorges/va/UploadedDocument/fede8a572d794f289d4f06b0050f04f9/covid-testing-letter-for-families.pdf>

Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. If anyone tests positive on a lateral flow test, they should tell school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

We cannot accept children back into school before the end of an isolation period based on a negative lateral flow test, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic. Only PCR results will be accepted as these are more accurate. Finally, I would like to extend my continued gratitude to you all for adapting so well to our staggered drop off and collection times.

Bubble	Classes	Arrival Time Window	Drop off Point	Collection Time	Collection Point
FS2 Bubble	1	8.40-8.50am	Enter through the double gate onto the KS1 playground closest to the rainbow (colourful) gate and the children will be directed straight into class	3.05pm	Same as drop off point
	2				
Key Stage 1 Bubble	3	8.40-8.50am	Enter through the main gate onto the KS1 playground and children will be directed straight into classrooms.	3.10pm	Please enter through the pedestrian (car park) gate and collect the children from outside the main office.
	4				Please enter through the pedestrian (car park) gate and collect the children from outside Class 4's fire door
	5				Please enter through the pedestrian gate (car park) and collect the children from outside Class 5's fire door
	6			3.05pm	Please enter through the single gate onto the KS1 playground wait outside Class 6
Lower Key Stage 2 Bubble	7	8.30-8.40am	Enter through the double gate onto the Key Stage 1 playground and go straight in through Class 7/8/9's fire door (as appropriate).	3.10pm	Please enter through the single gate onto the KS1 playground wait in the designated area demarcated by the class number on the floor.
	8				
	9				
Upper Key Stage 2 Bubble	10	8.30-8.40am	Enter through the main gate onto the Key Stage 1 playground and head round onto the KS2 playground.	3.15pm for Class 12 3.20pm for Classes 10 and 11	Please enter through the single gate onto the KS1 playground wait in the designated area demarcated by the class number on the floor.

Please ensure that you exit the KS1 playground via the main gate and enter via your allocated gate only. Take care everybody,



St George's Catholic Voluntary Academy
Uplands Avenue, Littleover, Derby, DE231GG
admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk
Company Number 7937154



St Ralph Sherwin
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



NEWSLETTER - Monday 19th April 2021

"Grow in Faith, Have Faith in Growing"

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

Catholic Life

First Holy Communion 2021

If you would like your Key Stage 2 child to make their First Holy Communion in late June/early July 2021, please fill out the online application form here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4TTn0FP30EK-xoGjIM1Ku4SZU71rZ_BGgPxXFrIXB11UM0xPSORGUEw1WIFLRkM0VkvIRVlaNzNMWi4u

If your child has not been baptised, but you would still like your child to make their First Holy Communion, this can be incorporated into the programme. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please contact Karan O'Connor at officestgeorge@aol.com.

The first meeting will be held online on Thursday 22nd April at 5.30pm. We will have sent you a link to this meeting, if you have filled in the form above to express your interest. Please do check your emails for this ☺

St George's Day Mass - Friday 23rd April at 9am

Mass will be at 9am and a link will be emailed out so that you can join us! We will combine this with a dress up day for the children (and staff!) with a 'George and the Dragon' theme. Children can choose whether to come dressed as a knight, a dragon, a princess or a villager. There will be no charge for this dress up day - it's just for fun in honour of our patron saint!

Lenten Giving - CAFOD's 'Walk for Water' Appeal

We raised a grand total of £480. A big thank you to everybody for getting your walking/running shoes on and supporting with this very worthy cause! Special mention must go to the Garlinski family and the Drake family for their outstanding efforts!

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water-with-st-georges-and-cafod-this>

All proceeds will be donated to CAFOD and will help in the following ways:

How can your sponsorship help?

- **£10** can buy a water container for a family
- **£40** could buy safe water for a school
- **£200** could buy bikes for a team of three water engineers to service water pumps in remote communities
- **£750** could bring water to an entire community

Year 6 RSE Consultation

During the second half of the Pentecost term, Year 6 will complete the following Relationships and Sex Education Lesson - 'Making babies - Part 2'. You can find all lesson materials on the 'Life to the Full' parent portal in the Y5 and Year 6 section. Please select unit 1, Module 4, Lesson 2. We ask that parents review the materials in advance and let the class teacher know via the class email system if you have any questions or concerns:

Web address: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

Username: st-george-de23

Password: notes-23

Being Prepared for any Weather!

The weather at the moment is incredibly changeable! On hot, sunny days, I'd be grateful if you could send your child in with sun cream and a sunhat. Please do apply sun cream before the start of the school day and then children will be given the opportunity to reapply lotion before they go out to lunch. They should bring in their sun cream in a labelled bottle with their name on. To ensure everyone remains well hydrated in the hot weather, I would also be really grateful if you could continue to send your child in with a plastic bottle of water or weak squash. This is so that they can have a drink whenever they need during break, lunchtime and PE lessons. Due to covid, we are unable to allow children to drink from classroom water fountains. Children are most welcome to keep their jumpers and cardigans in their school bags. Should the weather grow cooler, they will then have the option of wearing their jumper/cardigan as appropriate. Finally, it's always wise to send children in with a rain coat, regardless of the temperature, in case we have a sudden downpour!



St George's Catholic Voluntary Academy
Uplands Avenue, Littleover, Derby, DE231GG
admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk
Company Number 7937154



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



NEWSLETTER - Monday 19th April 2021

"Grow in Faith, Have Faith in Growing"

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

Key Stage 2 Musical Instruments - Insurance

Our KS2 pupils who are learning to play woodwind or string instruments will soon be able to take home their instruments so they can practise at home. Before instruments go home, parents will need to sign to say that the instruments will be looked after while they are at home; all the instruments will be insured by school with a £25 excess paid by parents should an instrument need to be repaired after it has been mishandled. When your KS2 child brings home the permission form, please sign and return as quickly as possible so your child can begin or continue to practise their musical instrument

SATs Tests for KS1 and KS2 (Years 2 and 6)

In line with the government announcement, due to the pandemic, SATs for Years 2 and 6 will not be taking place this year but will be replaced by teacher assessment. We shall send the relevant year groups more information on this soon.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will go out on Friday 9th July. On Wednesday 14th July from 3.30pm, appointments will be available for you to come and discuss your child's report with their class teacher. This is not like the TLCs and is really **only if you need to discuss something specific within the report**. Please speak to your child's class teacher if would like an appointment.

Uniform

As it is now Summer term, children should be wearing our summer uniform. For girls, this consists of a blue and white checked dress (not jump suits or culottes), a royal blue cardigan, white socks and black shoes. For boys, this consists of a royal blue, v-neck jumper, royal blue tie, a white shirt, grey trousers or shorts and black shoes.

Please do ensure that all items of uniform are labelled. This is especially important for jumpers and cardigans as children will be taking these off a fair bit in the hot summer weather! Uniform can be purchased from 'Uniform Direct' on Babbington Lane. Uniform can also be obtained via their website at www.uniform-direct.com. Uniform is no longer sold in school.

Change of Address/Phone Number/Email

If your address, phone number or email address has changed recently, please ensure that you inform the school office via admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk. This will help us to stay in touch with you.

Remote Learning

Remote Learning will continue to be in place should households/pupils need to isolate due to their own symptoms or the symptoms of other household members or in case of bubble closure. We only expect this work to be completed if pupils are well. This work is available on MS Teams in the usual way and more guidance can be found on individual class pages. There will always be two weeks' worth of work available at any one time. We will not be able to provide live lessons where individual pupils are isolating as the class teachers will be teaching their classes. However, where a bubble has closed and the staff are well, live lessons will begin.

City-Wide Transition Day plans - July 2021

All schools across the city are rolling out 3 consecutive days of transition for Year 6 pupils going to secondary schools located within Derby City. At the present time, we are awaiting confirmation from all City secondary schools that this will take place in person. Children in all year groups will spend 3 days in their new classes on the following dates: Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th of July. This should help children to feel more settled and ready for the start of the new academic year. We will also be welcoming our new FS2 pupils into school on these days. More information will be sent out to families closer to the time.

Absence Reporting

Please make sure you leave a message informing us of a pupil's absence by 9am. If you cannot be contacted by phone, this may lead to a home visit. This is in line with the latest Safeguarding guidance after a recent serious case review in Hackney. If there is no reply during a home visit, we then have a duty to inform the police. We require a daily phone call before 9am for the duration of the absence. We currently have several pupils with compromised immune systems. For this reason, we do need to know immediately should your child suffer from the following illnesses - chicken pox, shingles, flu, measles, sickness and diarrhoea, scarlet fever or 'slapped cheek'. When calling to report your child as absent, the reason for absence must be as specific as possible - e.g. eye infection rather than sick or unwell

St Ralph Sherwin Hardship Fund

The St Ralph Sherwin Trust, a family of 25 Catholic academies, acknowledges the difficulties faced by many of the families we serve, particularly in light of the adverse effects of the Coronavirus on the community. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce the launch of the Trust Hardship Fund.



St George's Catholic Voluntary Academy
Uplands Avenue, Littleover, Derby, DE231GG
admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk
Company Number 7937154



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



NEWSLETTER - Monday 19th April 2021

"Grow in Faith, Have Faith in Growing"

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

The Hardship Fund is a source of financial help available to all registered full-time students of our academies and intended to help students who are experiencing difficulty through hardship in paying for:

- Curriculum trips, visits, and residential courses
- Uniform, shoes, or sports kit
- Other materials or equipment required for academic studies
- Attendance at seminars, interviews, or work experience placements
- Emergency travel expenses

There is also potential for relieving hardship during recognised Academy holidays by providing access to one free school meal each day for those students.

Students may be eligible to apply for grants from the Hardship Fund if:

- Their household income is less than £25,000 per year
- Their parents are currently claiming other means-tested benefits, including Income Support, Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit/Income-Based Employment and Support Allowance/Universal Credit...provided the student is not entitled to Free School Meals
- At the sole discretion of the Headteacher - any student who does not fall under the categories above but considers themselves to be in a state of financial hardship

Further details regarding the Fund, and how to apply, are detailed in the Hardship Fund policy which can be accessed here on our school website:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/stgeorgescva/UploadedDocument/86f114fc6d764ed7876ef5dfe3693736/hardship-policy.pdf>



St George's Catholic Voluntary Academy
Uplands Avenue, Littleover, Derby, DE231GG
admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk
Company Number 7937154



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust



NEWSLETTER - Monday 19th April 2021

"Grow in Faith, Have Faith in Growing"

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

Dates for your Diary...		
Monday 19th April	All pupils return for the start of the Pentecost term	All pupils
Thursday 22 nd April: 8:50am	Class 6 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 6 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 23 rd April: 9am	St George's Day Mass	A link to the Mass will be sent out on Thursday 22 nd April so that you can join up online. Pupils to dress as dragons, knights, princes, princesses or villagers. No donation required.
Thursday 29 th April: 8:50am	Class 5 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 5 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Thursday 6 th May: 8:50am	Class 7 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 7 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 20 th May: 8:50am	Class 8 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 8 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 27 th May: 8:50am	Year 5 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Year 5 pupils in Classes 10 and 11 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	Pentecost Half term	School Closed
Tuesday 8 th June: 3:30pm	New FS2 Parents Information Event	Parents of new FS2 pupils for September 2021 starts.
Thursday 10 th June: 8:50am	Class 9 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 9 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 17 th June: 8:50am	Class 4 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 4 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 24 th June: 8:50am	Class 3 Assembly	Subject to consent, parents of Class 3 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Tuesday 29 th June: 9am	Mass for SS Peter and Paul	A link to the Mass will be sent out on Monday 28 th June so that you can join us online
Thursday 1 st July: 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 2 nd July: EYFS and KS1 at 9.30am and KS2 at 1.30pm	Sports Day	Subject to government guidance, more information to follow.
Tuesday 6 th July, Wednesday 7 th and Thursday 8 th : All day	Transition Days	Subject to government guidance, all pupils will spend most of this time in their new classes/schools.
Friday 9 th July: End of Day	Reports go out to parents	All parents and carers
Wednesday 14 th July: 3:30pm -5pm	Reports Consultation Evening	Appointments to be made should you wish to speak to your child's class teacher about something specific on the report.
Wednesday 21 st July: 5pm-7.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party and Liturgy	Y6 pupils from 5.30-6.30pm We will confirm if parents are able to attend closer to the time, subject to government guidance.
Friday 23 rd July: 9am	End of Year Mass	A link to the Mass will be sent out on Thursday 22 nd July so that you can join us online
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 - mornings only for the first week	All pupils



NEWSLETTER - Monday 19th April 2021

"Grow in Faith, Have Faith in Growing"

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

Term Dates for 2021/2022

Advent Term 1	<u>Staff Return on</u> Friday 3 rd September for INSET <u>Pupils return on</u> Monday 6 th September - Friday 22 nd October
<i>Advent Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October</i>
Advent Term 2	Monday 1 st November - Thursday 23 rd December
<i>Christmas Holidays</i>	<i>Friday 24th December - Friday 7th January 2021</i>
Lent Term 1	Monday 10 th January - Friday 18 th February
<i>Lent Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February</i>
Lent Term 2	Monday 28 th February - Friday 8 th April
<i>Easter Holidays</i>	<i>Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April</i>
Pentecost Term 1	Monday 25 th April - Friday 27 th May (Monday 2 nd May Closed - Bank holiday)
<i>Pentecost Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June</i>
Pentecost Term 2	Monday 6 th June - Monday 25 th July (Monday 25 th July 2021 is an INSET)
INSET DAYS so far...	Friday 3 rd September 2021 Thursday 23 rd December 2021 Monday 25 th July 2022 3 further INSET days to be confirmed ASAP Bank holidays falling in term time Monday 2 nd May 2022