



NEWSLETTER - Friday 30th April

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great start to the Pentecost term; a particular highlight being our celebration of St. George's day with Mass and our tradition of dressing up as knights, princesses, dragons and villagers! We all had so much fun! Another highlight was our initial meeting for the 2021 First Holy Communion programme candidates. It was amazing to see 50 children enrolling; we can't wait to celebrate with them later in the term. Also on that note, I would like to extend my congratulations to Mrs Kirsty Campbell who has been received into the Catholic Church recently, alongside her daughter Amelia. We are so very happy for you both!



I have another staffing update to share with you all. Mr Schofield will be returning to Thailand at the end of this academic year to be with his family and to teach PE in an international school. We thank him for all his hard work and dedication; he really will be missed! We have now completed the interview process for this role and I am pleased to appoint Mr Groves to the position of PE lead practitioner. He comes with many years of experience and I am sure that he will continue Mr Schofield's work of promoting excellence in PE across our wonderful school.

Lastly, I am delighted to welcome Mrs Briana Read to our teaching team. She was successfully appointed to the role of Year 3 class teacher at the end of last week. She will teach Class 7 on a Thursday and Friday from Monday 7th June onwards, with Mrs Webb continuing to teach the class Monday - Wednesday. She comes with many years of teaching experience and we are looking forwards to welcoming her to the team!

In other news, before we break up for the weekend, please do remember that Monday 3rd May 2021 is a Bank Holiday and so school will be closed. Enjoy the long weekend!

COVID 19 Updates

Finally, just a few key updates regarding COVID-19 measures in school:

- 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.
- Parents who are not medically exempt must wear a mask upon entering the school gates. There

have been 2 instances of parents refusing to wait to collect their children when they have forgotten to wear a mask. If parents cannot abide by our safety measures, we will have to issue a sit ban to those



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parents. This is something that I do not like doing, but I cannot tolerate the safety of others being put at risk or indeed my staff being treated in such a disrespectful manner.

- Finally, please do not be offended if we ask to see proof of medical exemption. We cannot remember all parents who are exempt each day.

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.

News

Classes for next year

We are now beginning the process of assigning pupils to their new classes for next year. We always put a lot of time and careful consideration into creating the class lists that are balanced in terms of gender, pupil needs and ability. We would now appreciate your contribution to this process by working with your child to complete the 'New Class transition Form' that will be made available to you via ParentMail today. On this form, you will be able to work with your child to choose three possible friends (from the same year group as your child) that they would like to be with next year. This is on the understanding that they will most likely not be placed with all three friends but will be placed with at least one of these children. There is also space for you to make us aware of anything else that you think we need to know. The deadline for submission of friendship groupings is Friday 14th May. With this in mind, please do remember that this is a consultation process and although we try to accommodate valid requests, the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team's decision on class lists is final.

Confirmation programme October 2021 for current Year 6 pupils

If you would like your Year 6 child (currently in Year 6) to be confirmed in November 2021, please complete the following the form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4TTn0FP30EK-xoGjIM1Ku4SZU71rZ_BGgPxxFrIXB11UQ1QwWUxTWEIzVEVKTIk4TjdWwF8MN1VGNS4u



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Please note that if they have either not yet made their First Holy Communion or been baptised, they will need to join this year's First Holy Communion programme. They may sign up for this here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4TTn0FP30EK-xoGjIM1Ku4SZU71rZ_BGgPxXFrIXB11UM0xPS0RGUEw1WIFLRkM0VkvIRVIaNzNMWi4u

Assessment and Testing Update

As you know, the government has cancelled all statutory testing for this academic year due to the pandemic. In light of this, our Trust has been working hard behind the scenes to devise a clear plan for the assessment of pupils across all year groups; including those at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This will help support the pupils' transition process into their new year groups/schools for the next academic year. As many pupils have been learning at home for a significant part of the Lent term, we have delayed this assessment process until the second half of the Pentecost term. This approach will maximise the amount of time available for pupils to learn the knowledge and skills planned for them this year, in different subjects, to prepare them well for the next stage of their education. All assessment decisions will be informed by using teacher judgement, using materials that are familiar to the children. We believe that this low-key approach will be fair, informative and supportive of our children's well-being.

City-Wide Transition Day plans - July 2021 (Updated)

The vast majority of schools across the city are rolling out 3 consecutive days of transition for Year 6 pupils going to secondary schools located within Derby City. We anticipate that they will attend their secondary schools across all three days, with the exception of Littleover Community School pupils as they are running transition days on the Tuesday and Wednesday only. Year 6 pupils attending Littleover Community School are expected to attend St George's on Thursday 8th July for a day of fun activities!

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 over the transition days. Information regarding this has now been sent out to families via email.

Toys - 'Pop it fidget toys'

There has recently been a new craze of toys appearing on TikTok called 'Pop it fidget toys'. In the first instance, these are toys and should not be bought into school. There are some reasons that these may be given to children to support anxieties and stimming within school due to Autism. These have been provided by the SENCO and are school property that are provided to support some children in their learning. Please may we ask that, unless previously agreed by the SENCO, no fidget toys are brought into school. Many thanks.

Standing Items

Being prepared whatever the 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 the 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



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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!

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

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 you would like an appointment.

Summer Uniform Update

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. Girls may also choose to wear grey school shorts with a white shirt, a royal blue, v-neck jumper, a royal blue tie, white socks and black closed toe school shoes. For boys, this consists of a royal blue, v-neck jumper, royal blue tie, a white shirt, grey trousers or shorts and black closed toe school 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.



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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.

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>

Dates for your Diary...

Monday 3rd May

May Bank Holiday

School Closed



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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 6 th September 2021: All Day	Return to school for the start of Advent term. FS2 - mornings only for the first week	All pupils

Term Dates for 2021/2022

Advent Term 1

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Staff Return on



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	Friday 3rd 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 23rd 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 25th 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 25th July (Monday 25 th July 2021 is an INSET)
INSET DAYS so far...	Friday 3 rd September 2021 Thursday 23 rd December Monday 25 th July 2022 3 further INSET days to be confirmed ASAP Bank holidays falling in term time Monday 2 nd May 2022



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