



NEWSLETTER - Friday 2nd July

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you in the midst of a really exciting few weeks in the life of our school. We have had a fun packed 'Healthy fortnight' beginning with an inspirational visit from a freestyle footballer – a real inspiration! Over the past fortnight, the children have taken part in workshops on healthy eating, free style football skills, cricket workshops, dance classes, archery, multi skills sessions and of course Sports Day itself. The children showed great enthusiasm and good sportsmanship throughout. At the time of writing, the event has just concluded moments ago and so I will be sending out details of the winning house and pictures/video from the event early next week via email.

Over the past week, alongside our other 24 Trust schools, we have been considering the importance of how we are 'Stronger Together' and that we should embrace and celebrate our differences. This week, children across the school learned about the Hindu faith, completed lessons on how wonderfully diverse our world is and had an extended singing session. Why a singing session? Because that is what we do best and it brings us together, even when we have to be physically apart due to COVID. The children produced some amazing artwork to support this theme and it really brought us together as a school. Soon, Mrs Young and I will have pleasure of taking a group of Year 5 pupils to visit Derby Theatre to take part in a 'Stronger Together' themed morning led by the Trust. I'm sure it will be a fantastic experience!

We now look forwards to Transition week next week and STEM week on the w/c 12th July. 'STEM' stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The aim for the week is to broaden our children's horizons and to inspire them when thinking about their future career choices. Our theme for this week is 'Conservation of the Environment'. We have a really exciting line up of STEM themed learning opportunities, including; Maths treasure hunts and escape rooms; live lessons about Polar bears and Penguins; Mini-beast nature walks; WWF live lessons on conservation; Robotics workshops; visits from Severn Trent to teach us about water conservation; Reduce, reuse and recycle workshops and a 'Sublime Science' show. A huge thank you to Mrs Archer and Mr Annable for organising such an exciting and valuable week.

Turning our thoughts now to transition week (w/c 5th July), today, you will have received **a letter detailing which class your child/ren will be in next year.** The staffing for next year will be as follows:

Classes for 2021-2022

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant/s
1	Mrs Bennett	Mr Ormond, Mrs Handford, Mrs Wright
2	Miss Johnson	
3	Miss Woodings	Mrs Stringer
4	Mrs Sanders-Day	Mrs Scott
5	Mr Annable	Mrs Groves
6	Miss Walker	Miss Januszewski
7	Mrs Webb/Mrs Read	Miss Davis
8	Mrs Hume	Miss Baines
9	Mr Holmes	Miss Goodwin
10	Miss Jukka	Mr Coupland
11	Mrs O'Brien	Mrs Fell
12	Miss Lewis	Miss Adams



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As always, classes have been created by making sure that there is an even spread of gender, ability and needs. This is to ensure that all classes are as balanced as possible. Whether your child is in a mixed or single year group, they will be challenged in line with their ability and the curriculum requirements for their year group. In addition to this, we have also asked both parents and children to tell us who they would like to be with next year in addition to anything you would like us to be aware of. We have tried our best to accommodate these requests and ensure that the children are with at least 1 friend in their new class. We are delighted to say that we have achieved this for all pupils this year. With all of this in mind, we must stress that the Senior Leadership Team's decision on class lists is final.

This year, for the first time, children in current F2-Y5 will have 5 days in their new classes, beginning on Monday 5th July and running until the end of Friday 9th July. The reasons for this are several. Firstly, from a COVID risk mitigation point of view, this would mean that should a positive case be identified, only 1 bubble would need to close. It reduces risk for both staff and pupils who will not need to cross bubbles at any point. Lastly, we feel that due to the upheaval of the past two academic years, children would benefit from a longer transition period so that they can begin the new school year with confidence.

We therefore ask that families familiarise themselves with the collection and drop off arrangements for their new classes below. These will need to be adhered to from Monday morning (5th July) onwards until the end of transition week (Friday 9th July). Children will therefore begin the week in their new classes and should be dropped off and collected from their new class' drop off and collection points. Things will revert back to the original collection and drop off points from Monday 12th July onwards until the end of term.

Bubble	Classes	Arrival Time Window	Drop off Point	Collection Time	Collection Point
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.
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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	Please enter through the single gate onto the KS1 playground wait in the designated area demarcated by the class number on the floor.
	11			3.20pm for Classes 10 and 11	
	12				

Current Year 6 have received a separate communication from Miss Lewis regarding their arrangements for Transition week. Derby City Council have now required Secondary schools to move Year 6 transition events either online or to delay them until the Summer holidays or the start of the Autumn term. With this in mind, all Year 6's will now remain at St. George's for the week. We have lots of lovely activities planned for them!

Dates for the Advent (Autumn) term have now been updated on the calendar below. Please bear in mind that class assemblies are for the classes that your children will be moving into during the next academic



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year and will be subject to COVID restrictions regarding parental attendance. We will still be sending you video versions across though, as long as all parents within the class consent to this.

Finally, towards the end of this month, many of our children will be making their First Holy Communion. We can't wait to celebrate this with them in school during the Mass of SS Peter and Paul on Monday 5th July – please do join us online! It is our prayer that by receiving the Blessed Sacrament, it will bring them closer to Jesus and that this will give them strength, joy and peace. Amen.

Kind regards,

Mrs Snowdon-Poole

COVID 19 Updates/Reminders

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

- **At drop off and collection times especially, please do not allow your children to mix with children outside their own phase bubble (unless they are siblings) as this undoes the hard work of keeping the bubbles separate 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.
- If you have forgotten your mask, we will bring your children to the grassed area near the FS2 double gate as soon as the playground is empty of pupils and parents. This is to avoid bubbles crossing over. This will be around 3.25pm, when the playground is empty.
- Please do not be offended if we ask to see proof of medical exemption. We cannot remember all parents who are exempt each day.
- **Please do not leave children unattended at the start or end of school day. They should be with you at all times to avoid bubbles crossing over. We have noticed that some pupils are being dropped off early to wait alone. We will be calling these families to kindly request that this does not happen in future for safeguarding reasons. Please remain with your child/ren until the gates open.**
- **Please continue to wear your masks on the playground and do not remove them when inside our gates. Many thanks.**

If you ever have concerns about the communication between your child and someone they have never met and only know online you should report this to CEOP here: www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-report/

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'Wear it Wild' Day – Friday 16th July – In Support of World Wide Fund for Nature

Our theme for STEM week is conservation and habitats and we have various workshops from the WWF. We will be finishing the week on the Friday (16th) by dressing up as an animal day to support this work by WWF. Children are invited to donate a £1 to support the WWF's conservation efforts.



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Year 6 Production and Leavers' Liturgy

Our Year 6 pupils have been working hard learning songs and choreography for our up and coming production of 'Star Wars' – A musical that combines Star Wars, tennis and some really dodgy puns! It is very funny indeed. We have also gone through the nerve-wracking task of auditioning and we must say how proud we were of all of the children who put themselves forward for audition. It's a mighty step and a huge leap of faith for some, but they were all incredible! Year 6 parents, you should have already received your letter about helping out towards costuming. We are aiming to record the show during the week commencing the 12th July, in a bid to then release the production the following (and final) week. You will receive more information about that nearer the time.

Our Leaver's Liturgy and awards evening on Wednesday 21st July would normally be open to parents, but unfortunately, we will not be in a position to invite parents in. Instead, we will live stream both the liturgy and the awards ceremony. We will send the link for that when everything is finalised. We intend to have a party for the children on that same evening too. Please drop children off at 5.30pm and collect them again at 7.30pm

Year 6 Fun Week moved to w/c 19th July 2021

To avoid a clash with the activities planned as part of 'STEM week', we have decided that Year 6 will be having their 'Fun Week' on the week commencing 19th July 2021 – they'll be finishing the year on a high that way! They have excelled themselves this year in very challenging circumstances and they truly deserve a week of fun times!

FS2 Graduation

This year we will be celebrating the children in FS2's achievements by taking part in our annual Graduation Act of Worship. A link will be sent out to parents on Wednesday 14th July for you to enjoy with your extended family. After the Act of Worship, the children will go down onto the school field to take part in a picnic lunch. The picnic lunch will be provided for the children from the school kitchen, however if you would prefer to send in a packed lunch from home, then you are most welcome to do so.

Standing Items

Breakfast Club and After School Club Booking for the Next Academic Year

Booking will open at 10am on Friday 23rd July and you will be able to book for the first half of the Autumn/Advent term. Some key things to note are as follows: Breakfast and Afterschool club **must** be booked and paid for online. Bookings will close 3 days prior to your chosen session, so please leave plenty of time to book. Similarly, bookings can only be credited back to accounts with three days' notice of cancellation. Due to staffing, afterschool club will not be available on Friday 23rd July 2021 (the last day of term).

St. Benedict's Summer School Offer

Summer School

St Benedict's will be offering every child 1 full week of summer school in August where they will be able to attend with the other pupils in their form group for a full week (Mon-Fri) to access some catch up work alongside lots of additional transition activities to help them settle into school. This will be coordinated by



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their Head of Year Mrs Molumby and Assistant Headteacher Angela King.

7S 7A 7I 7N 7T form groups will be offered week beginning Monday 9th August

7B 7E 7D 7C 7O form groups will be offered week beginning Monday 16th August

This event has been planned for pupils to be in their allocated form groups and they will not be able to change the dates offered to families. All pupils have been allocated a form group and this has been communicated with home. They have also had the opportunity to meet their form tutor online at the recent information sharing event.

All updated information is added to their dedicated Year 7 2021 page on the school website so should you need to find out anything else to support your child in their transition please do make use of this area.

<http://saintben.derby.sch.uk/content/year-7-2021/>

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 email your child's class teacher if would like an appointment.

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:



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

Dates for your Diary...

Date Change Monday 5 th July: 9am	Mass for SS Peter and Paul	A link to the Mass will be sent out early on Monday 5 th July so that you can join us online
Monday 5 th July – Friday 9 th July	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 26 th July 2021 – Thursday 2 nd September (Friday 3 rd 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
Friday 10 th September: 9am	Beginning of Year Mass	A link to the Mass will be sent out on Thursday 9 th September so that you can join us online
Thursday 16 th September: 8:50am	Class 12 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 12 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 17 th September: All Day	Jeans for Genes Day	Non uniform day with children wearing an item of denim in exchange for the donation of £1 to the 'Jeans for Genes' charity.
Wednesday 22 nd September: 6pm	Virtual 'Meet and Greet the Teacher' Event	Live links for this event will be sent out on Monday 20 th September.



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Thursday 23 rd September: 8:50am	Class 11 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 11 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Wednesday 29 th September: AM	School Photograph Day	All pupils. Letter to follow in the Autumn/Advent term
Thursday 30 th September: 8:50am	Class 9 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 9 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Friday 1 st October: 4-5pm and 5-6pm	Prospective Parents Open Day for entry into Foundation Stage 2021	Parents who are considering sending their child to St. George's in September 2021. At present this will be a virtual event but this may change with further government guidance.
Thursday 7 th October: 8:50am	Class 10 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 10 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 21 st October: 8:50am	Class 8 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 8 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October	Advent Half Term	School closed for all pupils
Monday 3 rd November: 8am	Termly Learning Conference Booking Goes Live!	All parents will be able to log onto 'School Cloud' to book their child/ren's parents' evening slot. A letter detailing the booking process will go out just before the Autumn half term.
Thursday 6 th November: 8:50am	Class 6 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 6 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Monday 8 th November: EYFS and KS1 3:30-6pm and KS2 3.30-7.30pm	Termly Learning Conferences	Virtual parents' evening appointments.
Wednesday 10 th November: EYFS and KS1 3:30-5.30pm and KS2 3.30-6pm	Termly Learning Conferences	Virtual parents' evening appointments.
Thursday 11 th November: 8:50am	Class 5 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 5 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.



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Thursday 18th November: 8:50am	Class 7 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 7 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 25th November: 8:50am	Class 1 and 2 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 1 and 2 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Wednesday 1 st December: 9am	Advent Liturgy	Years 2-Year 6 will lead this liturgy. In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 2 nd December: 8:50am	Class 3 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 3 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
Thursday 6th December: 8:50am	Class 4 Assembly	In the event that there is no further relaxation of COVID guidelines, subject to consent, parents of Class 4 pupils will be emailed a link to watch the assembly online.
<p><u>Christmas Events: Dates to save subject to government guidance</u></p> <p>Tuesday 14th December: All Day</p> <p>Wednesday 15th December: 6pm</p> <p>Friday 17th December: 9-11am</p> <p>Friday 17th December: 2.15pm</p> <p>Monday 20th December: 2.15pm</p> <p>Tuesday 21st December: 2:15pm</p>	<p>Whole School Trip to the Pantomime</p> <p>Carol Service at St George's Church</p> <p>FS2 Christmas Crafts Morning</p> <p>FS2 Christmas Sing-along</p> <p>Key Stage 1 Nativity</p> <p>Key Stage 1 Nativity</p>	<p>Dates to save for the Christmas events, subject to government guidance. These will either take place face to face or virtually depending on current restrictions.</p>
<p>Last Day of Term Events – Wednesday 22nd December</p> <p>Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>End of Term Mass</p> <p>Christmas Dinner Day</p> <p>Carols around the tree</p>	<p>All children to wear their Christmas jumpers with jeans in exchange for a £1 donation for our Parish</p> <p>Mass at 9am</p> <p>Carols around the tree at 2pm</p>	<p>Christmas Dinner – More information will follow in November regarding ordering a lunch for your child if they are ordinarily sandwiches.</p> <p>It is highly likely that Mass and Carols around the tree will be virtual events, but you never know! We will keep you updated.</p>
Thursday 23 rd December: All day	INSET	School closed for all pupils
Friday 24 th December – Friday 7th January 2021	Christmas Holidays	School closed for all pupils



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Term Dates for 2021/2022

Advent Term 1	<p><u>Staff Return on</u> Friday 3rd September for INSET</p> <p><u>Pupils return on</u> Monday 6th September - Friday 22nd October</p>
<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...	<p>Friday 3rd September 2021</p> <p>Friday 3rd December 2021</p> <p>Thursday 23rd December</p> <p>Monday 25th July 2022</p> <p>2 further INSET days to be confirmed ASAP</p> <p>Bank holidays falling in term time</p> <p>Monday 2nd May 2022</p> <p>Friday 27th May 2022 to be taken in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee bank holiday falling in half term</p>



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