



St George's School Edgbaston

Newsletter

September 2016

Welcome Back!

It was wonderful to welcome both old and new pupils into St. George's this morning. The children have begun the new Academic Year looking very smart in their new school uniform. It costs you as parents a lot of money to make them look good, so please make sure your child's clothes are labelled in some way. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Please remember that pupils can wear their Summer Uniform until we break up for Half Term on Wednesday 19th October. Winter uniform must be worn thereafter until the start of the Summer Term. Uniform lists are on the website, but can also be obtained from Lower School reception.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff to our team:

Miss Jenny Tandy – Reception Class Teacher

Ms Sian Casey – SEND support and SPACE

Miss Helen Bradley - Year 5 Teaching Assistant

They are all very excited about starting work in Lower School, and look forward to getting to know you and

Contact Details

If you have made any changes to your contact details over the summer (such as home or email addresses, phone numbers etc), please could you inform Lower school Reception.

School Bags

To avoid confusion, and to help your child independently identify their bags, please could you add a key ring or something that will help your child locate their belongings quickly.

Water Bottles

We like to encourage pupils to drink water regularly throughout the day. Please ensure any water bottles brought into school are clearly labelled with your child's name. Pupils can refill their bottles throughout the day, but for hygiene reasons, should bring them home each evening to be washed.

Punctuality

School starts at 8.40am. We allow ten minutes for Registration, and Lesson 1 starts promptly at 8.50am. Please be aware that being ten minutes late per day equates to nearly an hour's lost learning every week, which in turn mounts up to missing more than a week's education over an academic year!

Swimming

Swimming resumes on Thursday 15th September for Years 2, 3, 4 and 6. Children can wear goggles, but they are not a requirement.

Pump Bags

Can you please ensure all children have their labelled P.E. Kit in school. Children should not sit out in P.E. lessons - they are entitled to 2 hours physical exercise per week.

Roald Dahl Day

Lower School will be participating in Roald Dahl Day on Tuesday 13th September. The children and staff will be dressing up as their favourite Roald Dahl characters. We ask that the children bring a donation of £1 for the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's charity, which provides specialist nurses and family support to seriously ill children in the UK. As well as some fun in class activities related to Dahl's books, we will be holding a special assembly where there will be a prize for the best costume!

Afterschool Clubs

After School Clubs resume on Monday 12th September. Please ensure you pick your child up promptly at the end of each Club. If you are late your child will be taken to Aftercare; this will incur an additional cost of £7. All clubs finish at 4.30pm.

You are not too late to book places, so please speak to Ann or Trish on Reception if your child is interested in attending, or you would like to know more about the clubs.

Parking Reminder

You will notice that our disabled parking bays are now at the front of the school in what was our 'drop off zone'. We would ask you to respect the needs of all our community and not park in these spaces unless you are a Blue Badge holder.

There are now two more spaces allocated to the Parents and Visitors parking. As stated previously, we are aware of the confines of our car park, and would ask you not to take any parking frustrations out on staff, as you will be politely asked to move your vehicles should they be causing inconvenience to others.

Dates For Diary

September

Tues 13th	—	Roald Dahl Party - All Day
Weds 14th	—	CAT's Protection League visiting Year 2
Fri 16th	—	Year 4 trip to Avoncroft Museum
Mon 26th	—	Year 6 trip to ThinkTank Museum
Tuesday 27th	—	Year 1 trip to Black Country
Weds 28th	—	Year 3 trip—Rocks Around workshop at ThinkTank Museum
Thurs 29th	—	Parent's Evening

October

Weds 5th	—	Phonics Workshop: Reception/KS1
Fri 14th	—	Maths Workshop: KS2
Tues 18th	—	Year 5 Birmingham Museum Greek workshop 10.30 –12.30
Weds 19th	—	Harvest Assembly

Aftercare Closure

We have mandatory Safeguarding Training at the end of the school day on Wednesday 21st September. As all staff are required to attend this training, we will not be able to offer clubs or Aftercare for that evening. We would ask that you collect your children promptly at 3.30pm.

Parking Pass

As you know, Upper School's day now finishes at 3.35pm. Some of you have voiced concerns that this will impact upon the Lower School car park. Our caretakers will be manning the car park during this period of transition. In order to support them in identifying Lower School parents we have created a parking pass for each family – please check your child's bag as they have been distributed to the pupils to pass on to you . We would ask that you have these to hand or display them on your dashboard when using our car park.

Spanish

Mrs Webb and Mrs Novak from our Upper School MFL department will be delivering our Spanish lessons this year. They have already taught some lessons in Lower School, and are very excited to be working with your children this year.

Medication in School

Should your child require medication in school e.g. Epipens or Inhalers, please ensure that this medication is in date, clearly labelled and delivered to school as soon as possible. Mrs Jones will be checking all medication next week.

You will soon receive our annual Pupil Health Questionnaire, but should you need to inform us of any changes to your child's health or medication in the interim, Mrs Jones can be contacted via email: nurse@sgse.co.uk