



## St George's Lower School June/July 2017 Newsletter

### Clubs

Clubs and Aftercare resume on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

You can still book places in many of our clubs, so please speak to Ann or Trish on Reception if your child is interested in attending.

A letter detailing the clubs for the Autumn Term will be sent out shortly.

### Swimming

Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will continue to access swimming classes this half term. Swimming lessons commence on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, running until Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

### Congratulations to our budding poets!

St George's Lower School participated in a recent Young Writers competition, and we are very excited to announce that some of our children have had their poems chosen to be published:

KS1 - Coral Hemsoll, Zane Wilkins, Fatma Almohannadi, Pranav Uday and Esha Bhatnagar

KS2 - Jonah Drennan, George Revell, Callum West, Ewan Chen, Owais Iqbal, Suhaani Tutt, Joel Nyamukondiwa, Lucca Modin and Aayush Bhatnagar

Congratulations one and all!

Our KS1 pupils' poems will appear in 'Poetry Safari' - Little Treasures, published on 31st July; our KS2 pupils' poems will appear in 'Once Upon a Dream' - Birmingham Voices published on 30th June. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book please contact Young Writers on 01733 890066.

### Well done Reception Class

Reception recently visited the Botanical Gardens as part of their topic 'The World Around Me'. We were delighted to be written to following the visit, as the Education manager felt he should share some very positive feedback with regards to the pupils: 'their behaviour and attitude were impeccable as they remained engaged throughout. Furthermore, they were all extremely polite and courteous to members of the public, garden's staff and other school children as they undertook activities around the site.'

The Gardens staff were so impressed with our pupils that they have sent a return ticket for every member of the class! Miss Tandy and Mrs McSharry intend to return this half term for a celebratory Teddy Bear's Picnic – details to follow.

Well done Reception Class, we are all very proud of you!

### Clive Marks

Our uniform supplier will be available exclusively to the parents of St George's in some extra sessions opening times. You can access a late night slot (until 8pm) at the Kings Heath branch on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, and both Kings Heath and the Bearwood branch will be open from 10am – 4pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Clive Marks will be sending us some discount vouchers to share with you in the next week or two, so remember to check your children's bags.

### **Council House Visit**

Our KS2 – 5 School Councillors visited the Birmingham Council House on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. They met with the Lord Mayor Carl Rice and our local councillor Matt Bennett. Following a tour of the Council House, the pupils were able to ask Carl and Matt about the job of the council, and why it is so important; comparing the local council with St George's School Council, and the role of a local councillor with those of our school councillors. Both Carl and Matt were very impressed with the questions they were asked, and the way in which the children conducted themselves whilst representing the school. You can see some photos of the visit on our school Facebook page.

We regularly update our Facebook page with photos of the many trips and visitors we benefit from. Don't forget to have a look and give us a 'like'!

### **Lower School Performance**

Last half term we hosted some fantastic class assemblies. Well done to Year 2 who delivered a wonderful 'talents' themed class assembly, and Year 1 who entertained us with a retelling of the Farmer Duck story!

This half term we can look forward to the Reception Class assembly at 9am on Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Year 6 Leavers Assembly at **9.00am** on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Progress Awards and End of Term Service**

Our termly Progress Awards will be held at 2pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The whole school end of term service at St George's Church will be held at 11am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. You are all welcome to attend both events.

### **Parking**

We will be working with Premier Parking Logistics to address the issue of people parking without permission in both the Upper and Lower School car parks. If you are visiting Lower School you must remember to record your car registration number when you sign in. Cars parked without the school knowing will be ticketed, and a fine of £100 applied. We have not reached the decision lightly to take these measures, but you are all aware of the constrictions of the car parks. The school will not make any money out of this arrangement, and simply seeks to put an end to unknown persons using our facilities for all day parking. For safeguarding reasons alone, we should not have unidentified cars parked at the front of the school. We thank you for your support in this issue.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

Thank you to everyone who sent in their Sainsbury's vouchers. In total we received 2514, enabling us to purchase some new playground equipment for the children.

### **Pupils' achievements outside of the school setting**

The school likes to celebrate the external achievements of its pupils. Please could you let us know if your child has achieved certification, an award or won a competition in any extra-curricular area outside of the school setting. The children can bring in their awards, certificates, medals etc to share with the school during Wednesday's Good Work assemblies.

### **Rights Respecting Schools Workshops**

Thank you to those parents or family members who attended the Key Stage 2 workshop before the half term break. It was lovely to engage with those who attended, and hopefully you are more familiar with what we are trying to achieve as a Rights Respecting School.

The Key Stage 1 workshop will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. We do hope you can join us.

### **Safeguarding**

In the light of recent events, some of you have voiced concerns with regards to pupil safety if a major incident were to occur. We would like to assure you that the school has a Lockdown Policy as well as emergency evacuation procedures and contingencies in place should the need arise.

### **Dates For Diary – June 2017**

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	SEN Coffee Morning starts at 9.00am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Trip to Think Tank Museum
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Day 10.00am – 12.30pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	A group of Year 3/4 Athletics Competition at Ninestiles School
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	A group of Year 5/6 KEHS Ruddock Performing Arts Centre
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Key Stage 1 Rights Respecting School Workshop starts at 2.00pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Scholastic Book Fayre
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly starts at 9.00am
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 5/6 MAC cinema
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Rev Julian to visit Year 1 11.15am – 12.15pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Scholastic Book Fayre Collected
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – Afternoon
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Trip to Barber Institute

### **Dates For Diary – July 2017**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 in Secondary School all day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet your Teacher Afternoon
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Clive Marks in School with Discount for new uniform
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Trip to Pizza Express
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly starts at 9.00am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	School Fayre 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Trip
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Academic Awards starts at 2.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Church Service, school finishes at 12.00 noon