



St George's
School Edgbaston

St George's Lower School End of Summer Term Newsletter

Goodbye Year 6:

Year 6 delivered an outstanding Leavers Assembly last Friday and today we say our final, fond goodbye. On behalf of the Trustees, staff and pupils at St George's, I would like to wish them the very best of luck as they move onto this next phase of their school careers. They have been a credit to both Lower School and their parents, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow into the confident, caring and well-rounded individuals they have each become. Keep in touch!

Goodbye and good luck:

We also have to say goodbye to three members of Lower School staff. Miss Olivia Barrett and Ms Sian Casey are leaving us to start their teacher training; Miss Naomi Allen is off to Belfast to pursue a Master's degree in Social Science Research. Their work at St George's has inspired them to take this next step in their careers. We would like to thank all three members of staff for their hard work and commitment to our school during their time with us, and wish them the very best for the future.

Welcome to:

We are delighted to welcome three new members to the Lower School team: Miss Sahdia Ahmed, Miss Anila Rashid and Miss Manpreet Kaur have all taken posts as teaching assistants in Lower School. They look forward to meeting you and your children in September.

Uniform for first half term:

Pupils from Year 1 – Year 6 may continue to wear the summer uniform for the first half of the Winter Term i.e. from the start of the new term, until we break up in October. Children who wear polo shirts should not wear a tie. We expect all children to wear winter uniform on their return from the October Half Term holiday, up until to the end of the Spring Term when we break up for Easter. You will find a copy of the Uniform List on our website.

Rooms changes:

As of September all of Key Stage 1 will be located on the lower ground floor. Reception and Year 1 have moved into the old Nursery rooms, and Year 2 will move into the current Reception classroom. As well as the continuity this will bring, it will provide all three classes with a wonderful outdoor learning zone.

This however means that our wrap around care is on the move again!

As of September, Aftercare will be held in the current Y1 classroom (first room at the bottom of the stairs, lower ground floor). We will add a member of staff to the Reception desk until 6pm each evening to ensure you have access to the building.

KS1 Morning Care will be held in the new Aftercare room and on the Reception/Y1 playground. KS2 morning Care will be based in the current Y3 classroom (ground floor) and big playground. All children should still enter the building via the main reception.

Sports day:

Well done to Diamond House who were the winning team at our recent Sports Day. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members in attendance; staff and parents had a marvellous time and thoroughly enjoyed watching the pupils participating well and giving their best in all the activities.

Our annual Best Sportsman award went to Thorbjørn Modin (KS1) and Owais Iqbal (KS2); the Best Sportswoman award went to Lina Da Silva (KS1) and Ria Sohota (KS2). These awards are not just an acknowledgement of sporting prowess, but also recognition of the 'sportsperson's' attitude to winning and not winning, as well as encouraging their team and competitors.

A special mention also goes to Shaan Nagra who broke the school's under 9s javelin record with a score of 13.10m and Lina Da Silva who broke the under 7s long jump record of 2.82m!

Birmingham Schools Quad Kids Athletics Competition:

Year 3 and Year 4 children visited Fox Hollies Leisure Centre to take part in the Birmingham Schools Quad Kids Athletics competition.

Each child participated in 5 different events, which included throwing, jumping and running. All pupils supported each other extremely well in every event, and it was a pleasure to watch them compete. The highlight of the day was the boys' team winning the relay in a very exciting finish!

St George's finished in 4th place out of 12 Schools, with points added for both girls and boys events. A special mention goes to Antonio Gonzalez, Shaan Nagra and Billy Moxon who finished in the top 10 boys, during the Morning Section.

More sports news!

Well done to Billy Moxon who recently played for Warwickshire in the Aegon Cup. He and his team gained second place, which is a fantastic achievement. We also need to wish Billy the best of luck as he will be playing for Warwickshire in the County Cup this summer.

Young Writers Competition:

We reported last month that several of St George's pupils had successful entries in the Young Writers Competition. We had not been informed at the time, but can now share that Lucca Modin (Year 5) came 1st. This is a fantastic achievement as she beat all other entries in the United Kingdom. Well done Lucca – we are all very proud of you!

Young Enterprise House Competition:

Thank you for all the support you have given the children for their most recent fundraising efforts.

The Houses have now voted for how they would like to spend the money to improve the environment and resources in Lower School; thus enabling all pupils to benefit from the hard work they have all put into the House events over the last few weeks. The totals raised were:

Diamond: £171.85

Emerald: £122

Ruby: £151.42

Sapphire: £233.05

Totalling £678.32! Well done everyone.

Winning House:

Congratulations to Diamond house as they have come first in the overall House Competition for the year with 2200 House Points! Well done Sapphire who came a close second with 2090 points, Ruby who scored 1720 points and Ruby with 1600 points.

Fundraising Total for This Year:

We have had another successful year of fundraising and supporting charities. This year we have raised £2203.58 for our chosen charities and the school; we have donated food the Fireside Centre through our Harvest Festival; and donated a 'mountain' of shoes to support education programmes through the UNICEF Shoe Share initiative. Thank you for the generosity and kindness you show to those in need.

Scholastic Books:

As a result of the number of books you have purchased over this year from Scholastic the school was awarded £600 to spend on books. Mrs Henning our Literacy Coordinator has been busy ordering books for class book corners as well as books to support next year's topics. Thank you for your continued support.

Holiday Homework:

We will not be sending out homework for the Summer Holiday. We expect you and your children to have a well-earned rest and some quality family time together! Should you wish to keep your little ones 'ticking over', we would encourage you to make use of their Bug Club and Mathletics accounts. We would like the children to continue to read regularly over the holiday, which they can do on Bug Club, or by visiting their local library. Our libraries are full of wonderful books that cater for all reading levels. Let them choose books that you can read to them, and please help them to choose books they can access independently or read to you. It would be wonderful if you could support your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. We also have our Holiday Activity Pack on our website which was put together by Lower School staff – all the games are ones you can easily do anywhere with your children; they reinforce mental maths, phonics and reading skills, and don't require paper and pens! This can be found under the July header in Letters and Newsletters. We would also encourage all children to keep practising quick fire recall of their times tables and number bonds.

Key Dates for September:

7th – School reopens to pupils and Aftercare commences

11th - Clubs start

14th - Swimming starts

28th – Parents Evening

Please note – staff are planning lots of engaging activities for their topics next term. Some dates may be added that are not on this Newsletter, which we will inform you of when school re-opens. These are not dates you will need to attend school for, but ones which we would like to make you aware of.

Swimming:

As of September 14th we will be using the University of Birmingham pool for our weekly swimming lessons. We will let you know which classes will swim in Term 1 on our return in September.

The staff of St George's Lower School would like to wish you all a wonderful summer, and look forward to seeing you and your children in the new Academic Year.

Mrs Jenny Shaw, Head of Lower School