



**St George's**  
School Edgbaston

## St George's Lower School, March/April 2018 Newsletter

### Happy Easter!

The staff and pupils of St George's would like to wish you a very happy Easter break. Please note: School closes for the Easter break at 12pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March; there will be no clubs or Aftercare running on this date. School resumes on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018; Morning Care, after school clubs and Aftercare will also commence on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### Clubs

You should have received information relating to the after school clubs on offer next term. There is still time to book spaces in many of the clubs; for any further information please contact Trisha Mortiboys via the Lower School office.

### Swimming

The first session will commence on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of April; the classes attending this term are Years 4, 5 and 6.

### Open Day

We had to cancel our Spring Open Day due to the inclement weather; our rescheduled event takes place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10am – 12.30pm. Open Events provide an opportunity for prospective families to look at both our Upper and Lower School settings, and gain an insight into the curriculum and provision we offer. Should you be considering the Upper School for your child's secondary provision, or Lower School for any younger siblings, please do come along.

### Birmingham School Games Primary Football Champions:

St George's School took part in the prestigious Birmingham School Games Primary Winter Level 3 football finals. With the Winners and Runners Up of each Birmingham Area being invited to participate, the competition had many skilful players. St George's team played six matches in a league format; winning four and drawing in two matches. Mr Perrin, who accompanied the pupils, reports that throughout the competition the pupils worked together brilliantly when defending; limiting other schools chances to score and also launched attacks on goal through skilful dribbling and quick passing. At the end of the competition, it was announced that St George's School were Birmingham School Games Football Champions and the pupils brought the trophy back to School! A big well done to our goalkeepers Dennis and Harry who made lots of fantastic saves; Elina and Sophie who defended brilliantly; Sammi, Aaron and Mikey who didn't stop running throughout the competition in midfield and sharp shooter Shaan!

### Summer Uniform

Pupils from Year 1 – Year 6 may wear the summer uniform when we return from the Easter break. Summer uniform can be worn during the Summer Term and for the first half of the Winter Term (i.e. up to the Half Term holiday in October). You will find a copy of the Uniform List on our website under the March header in 'Letters and Newsletters'.

### Uniform changes

We have been working with our uniform supplier, the staff and School Council to agree a new St George's uniform. From next term you will be able to see our 'new look' on mannequins in our entrance foyer. We will update you with the details and lists of items as soon as possible after the Easter break.

### Progress Awards

Our termly awards ceremony takes place tomorrow at 9am. This is a very popular event as we usually get a visit from the Easter Bunny (or a distant relation!) to kick start the annual Easter egg hunt. We do hope you can join us.

### **Pupils Leaving**

We are always sad to say goodbye when pupils have to leave us due to a change in family circumstances. On entry to the school, parents are informed that they must give a full term's notice in writing in order to avoid additional charges. Whilst all staff in the school are keen to support you with any academic or pastoral concerns you may have, they cannot intervene on your behalf on issues related to finance. Should you have any financial queries you should communicate with Nasar Razaq in our finance office: [RazaqN@sgse.co.uk](mailto:RazaqN@sgse.co.uk) Those of you who wish to discuss any financial issues with the Trustees, can contact them through Maureen Fahy: [admin@sgse.co.uk](mailto:admin@sgse.co.uk)

### **Gifted and Talented Workshops**

In addition to our attendance at KEHS's Gifted and Talented workshops, we have developed links with our Upper School to provide our 'more able' pupils with both an opportunity to develop their strengths and talents, but also to experience a flavour of secondary school life. So far we have attended workshops in Art, STEM and photography, with Drama and English workshops calendared into the Summer Term.

We have also accessed two wonderful opportunities through the Birmingham Schools Programme at Bournville BookFest; twelve of our more able readers attended a Birmingham Schools Poetry Celebration with the renowned poet and author Michael Rosen on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018; we also sent twelve of our more able artists to a workshop with the published illustrator Nick Sharrett on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. All pupils who attended had a memorable experience and their enthusiasm and engagement during the workshops was a credit to parents and the school.

### **Collection at the End of the School Day and Clubs**

We would like to remind parents that we expect prompt collection at the end of the school day, 3.30pm. Uncollected children will be sent to our Aftercare facility if spaces are available and parents will be charged. This also applies to collection from after school clubs, when parents are expected to collect their children at 4.30pm. Again, uncollected children will be sent to Aftercare if places are available and charges will be applied. Please note – there are occasions when the Aftercare facility is fully booked; should this be the case and we have to arrange additional supervision, our late collection charges will apply.

### **Holiday Club:**

Mr Notice will be running his first holiday club at St George's from the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Leanne Anderson, Sarah Tomes and Louise McSharry will be supporting at the club. Lots of the Lower School pupils have signed up to attend, but there are still places available should any of your children need occupying in the weeks ahead! The club is open to children from outside the setting, so please spread the word amongst friends and relatives. More information about the club and booking forms can be found via his website:

<http://www.edgekidscamp.com/>

### **Read-a-thon:**

Thank you to all pupils who participated in our Read-a-thon. The challenge has now finished and the children should be encouraging sponsors to use the online payment link [readforgood.org/](http://readforgood.org/). We have raised over £200 so far, which will be used by the charity Read for Good to buy much needed books for children in hospital. A special well done goes to Kyle (Reception), Zakeriya (Y1), Tadana (Y3), Callum (Y4), Suhanni (Y5) and Joel (Y6) who have raised the most money so far.

### **Science Fayre**

To encourage children's engagement in Science and to stimulate their inquisitiveness around the subject, we are going to hold a series science fairs to share our learning with one another. Lower School will be running its annual Science Fayre week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> April please check dates and times in the Dates for Diaries. The science fayres will provide the opportunity for your child to display a project they have worked on at home, sharing their knowledge and understanding with their peers, other parents and family members in the hall from 2.30pm onwards. Please note: this will be set as home-work over the Easter holidays instead of, not in addition to, what is normally distributed. Reading, spellings, times tables and number bonds work is still encouraged for the benefit of your child. You should have received a letter providing more detail for these events, and copies can be found on our website. We hope that all children will participate in the event and would very much.

## Dates For Diary – April 2018

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	'Make A Wish' Assembly
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 4 trip to Hanbury Hall
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 to Hatton Country Park
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Science Fair for Years 3 & 4 @ 2.30pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Science Fair for Years 1 & 2 @ 2.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Science Fair for Years 5 & 6 @ 2.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 trip to Martineau Gardens

## Dates For Diary – May 2018

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3 trip to Stratford
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 trip to Birmingham Museum
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Class Assembly
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	SRE Workshops for Years 5 & 6
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 Cricket All Stars Assembly Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	SRE Workshops for Years 5 & 6
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Assessment Week
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Cricket Competition
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 2 trip to Nature Centre
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Competition
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 trip to Birmingham City Centre
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Class Assembly

