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July 2016 Newsletter

London residential trip - Year 5

We hope that the children in Year 5 really enjoyed their stay in London. We managed to see and do lots of things including a trip on the London Eye, a 'Making of Harry Potter' studio tour, a visit to the world famous toy shop Hamleys, a cruise on the River Thames and a trip to London Aquarium! We are sure that the children will remember their trip for many years to come! We know the staff all really enjoyed it - even though they were quite exhausted when they got back! We were very proud of ALL the children for behaving so well.

Every year we give out awards to the children who stood out for lots of reasons! This year's winners are as follows:

'Most Involved' Award	- Anthony Grogan	'Tidy Room' Award	- Aidan Coltherd and Jack Phizacklea
'Most Thoughtful' Award	- Jack Phizacklea	'Best Eater' Award	- Jaydon Morgan
'Best Sleeper' Award	- Sophie Ellison	'Most Curious' Award	- Joe Corrance
'Chief Fact Sharer' Award	- Theo Powell	'Best Company' Award	- Thomas Liversidge
'Most Organised' Award	- Jamie Garratt Maddrick	'Chief Fact Finder' Award	- Chloe Capovila and Mitchell McKenzie

Water Park residential trip - Year 6

We understand that everyone really enjoyed their time at Water Park this year (including the staff)! Although the sun did not shine every day, we hear that the children still had an amazing time. We hope that the children have found new confidence and have learnt lots of new skills.

Class Trips

Letters have already been sent out with more details regarding the trips detailed below. If you need a further copy please call at the office or you can view them on our school website www.stgeorges.cumbria.sch.uk click on 'News and Events' then 'Letters to Parents'. Trips up to the end of this term are as follows:-

- Wednesday, 6th July - Year 3 - trip to Vindolanda (near Carlisle). **Please remember that children are to be at School no later than 7.30 am. We are planning to be back at around 5.30 pm.**
- Wednesday, 6th July - Little Dragons/Nursery - Fun Day at Park Leisure Centre.
- Thursday, 7th July - Year 1 - trip to Grizedale.
- Tuesday, 19th July - Year 4 - trip to Brockhole.

Transition (Move Up) Days

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we will be having our 'transition' days this year on Monday, 4th July (from 1.00 pm until 3.15 pm) and for the whole day on Tuesday, 5th July. This is when the children have the chance to try out their new class for September. We find that the children really enjoy these sessions as it gives them the chance to work with their new class teacher and also to get used to their new class surroundings. They will also be joined by children from other local schools who will be coming to St George's School in September (Reception Class and Year 3).

Children in Year 6 will be going to their chosen secondary school on both Monday, 4th and Tuesday, 5th July. You will by now have received letters direct from those schools giving further information. **Children going to St Bernard's School will have to make their own way there and back on Tuesday, 5th July.** Children attending other schools will also have to make their own way there and back on both days. We hope that the children enjoy meeting their new form teachers for September and maybe make some new friends!

After-school clubs

All after-school clubs for this term will finish the week ending Friday, 15th July. We will let you have details of the new after school clubs in September.

Year 4 - Class Display

Year 4 would like to invite you to a special event - 'A Review of our Year'. This will be on Wednesday, 6th July at 2.30 pm. This event will give parents and carers the chance to have a look at the fantastic art work the children have done during the year, listen to some fantastic songs the children will be performing and also to read some wonderful writing the children have produced. They have really worked hard so, if you can make it, Miss Bacon and all the children would be really happy!

Healthy Eating event

Reception Class will be walking to Tesco on Thursday, 7th July to take part in a healthy eating event. **The children must be at School for the earlier time of 8.45 am.** They will be back in time for dinner. School uniform must be worn and it may be a good idea to bring a coat.

PTA - Coffee morning

St George's School PTA will be holding a coffee morning on Friday, 8th July in the school hall. The event will start at 9.00 am. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and lots of cakes/biscuits will be available for you to buy at very reasonable prices! Donations of cakes and biscuits would be very much appreciated. Everyone is very welcome to come along including parents, carers, relatives and friends.

Street Party

Just a reminder that we will be holding a 'street party' on Wednesday, 13th July to celebrate Mrs Kent's time at St George's School. The party will start at 1.30 pm in the school yard. There will be lots of exciting activities taking place and there will be a street entertainer! As mentioned in the letter already sent out, your child can come to School on the day dressed in their favourite outfit (including fancy dress) - the brighter the better! We would be really grateful for your help in providing the party food. Due to health and safety rules we can only accept sealed packets of food bought from a shop - we are not allowed homemade food (sorry, not our rules). Please remember to check that the best before date is 13th July or after. Please could you hand the food to any member of staff in Nursery. Tickets for the party will be sent home once the slip attached to the recent letter has been handed to the school office. If you need a further copy of the letter then please call at the office or you can view it on our school website www.stgeorges.cumbria.sch.uk Thank you so much for your help with this.

Also a reminder that we will be presenting Mrs Kent with a gift at an assembly on 15th July. If you wish to contribute towards the gift then please could you bring your donation to the school office (in a sealed envelope marked 'gift - Mrs Kent') - just make sure Mrs Kent isn't around!

Nursery - 'Graduation'

Just a reminder that we have organised a very special 'graduation' ceremony for the Nursery children on Wednesday, 20th July 2016. This is so we can celebrate their many successes whilst at Nursery and their move to 'big school' in September! The event will start at 2.00 pm and will finish at around 3.00 pm and will take place in the School hall. You will know by now which costume your child is dressing up as (a pirate, a princess or a prince). Please could you bring your costume into School before the event. Please let Mrs Smith know if you do not have a suitable costume. For all children who normally attend morning Nursery, they will have to come back to School for 1.30 pm so that they can prepare for the ceremony. Parents, carers and relatives of all Nursery children are invited to watch this special event. Don't forget your tissues!

Year 6 - Leaver's Assembly

Just a reminder that we will be holding a special assembly for our Year 6 children on Thursday, 21st July at 10.00 am. All parents, carers and relatives of the children in Year 6 are warmly invited to this very special, and emotional, event. We know that the Year 6 children are very much looking forward to seeing as many familiar faces as possible. We hope you can make it - please don't forget your tissues, you will need them!!!!

Swimming

Swimming will continue for Years 3 and 5 in July as follows:-

Monday, 4th July and Monday, 11th July (fun time swim with floats).

We hope that the children have enjoyed their swimming sessions this year. We will let you know in September who will be swimming first and the dates.

Free Swimming Sessions

We have been asked by Swimtime North Lancashire to pass on details of some free trial better/stronger swimming sessions for children and adults and some learn to swim sessions for adults which are taking place at DW Sports in Barrow on Saturday mornings. See below an extract from their e-mail:

"Can your child swim? Would you like your child to be a better/stronger swimmer? Would you like to learn to swim as an adult? Swimtime North Lancashire are offering free trial lessons available at DW Sports, Barrow on Saturday mornings. Please contact Jo or David on 01524 899319 or email northlancs@swimtime.org or why not visit our Facebook page 'Swimtime North Lancashire' for more information".

If you are interested in these swimming sessions, please contact the number above.

St George's School PTA trips/meet ups

A letter has already been sent out regarding different meet ups and trips taking place during July and August.

Please note that the family disco is now to take place on Friday, 28th October 2016. Further information will be given nearer the time.

- **Wednesday, 27th July** - meet up at Abbey café at 10.00 am. Please bring a picnic, sun cream, etc if the weather is warm. We will have a walk around Abbots Wood and then allow time for the children to play in the Amphitheatre.
- **Wednesday, 3rd August** - Meet up at Biggar Bank at 10.00 am. Again, please bring a picnic, sun cream, etc. We will be sandcastle building and rock pool dipping. Children will also have time to have fun on the playground.
- **Wednesday, 10th August** - Trip to Grizedale Forest. Set off from School at 10.00 am and will leave Grizedale at 4.00 pm. If you have not yet returned your slip and money, please can you do so as soon as possible as places cannot be saved without payment. There is a café there but you may prefer to bring a packed lunch. The cost is £1.50 per person. There are still seats available.
- **Wednesday, 17th August** - Trip to Happy Mount Park, Morecambe. Set off from School at 10.00 am and return from Morecambe at 4.00 pm. There is a café at the Park but you may prefer to bring your own lunch. The cost is £1.50 per person. There are still seats available.

Please remember to bring your slips and payment to the office as soon as possible. Thanks. If anyone needs another copy of the letter, please call at the office.

Parent/carer helpers

All the staff at St George's School would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the parents, carers and relatives who have volunteered to help with trips this year, donated cakes and biscuits for coffee mornings and supported the many Charities we have chosen to help. All donations of money, no matter how small, are truly appreciated. Thank you!

Dinner Money

Please could all dinner money still owing be paid no later than Friday, 15th July. Thank you.

Lost Property

Has anyone lost a bracelet in the last six months? We are holding one in our safe so if you think it could be yours, please call at the office. Thanks.

Attendance

We are very pleased to announce that the class with the highest attendance in June was Year 5 with 97.09%. Well done!

Dates to Remember

Please note that we will finish for the summer holidays on Thursday, 21st July at the earlier time of 1.15 pm.

Monday, 4 th July	-	Whole school 'move up' afternoon (1.00 pm onwards)
Tuesday, 5 th July	-	School 'move up' day
Wednesday, 6 th July	-	Little Dragons/Nursery - Fun Day at Park Leisure Centre - (details already sent)
Wednesday, 6 th July	-	Year 3 - trip to Vindolanda (near Carlisle) - (details already sent)
Wednesday, 6 th July	-	Year 4 - 'A Review of our Year' - 2.30 pm (details already sent)
Thursday, 7 th July	-	Year 1 - trip to Grizedale - (details already sent)
Friday, 8 th July	-	St George's School PTA - coffee morning (from 9.00 am)
Monday, 11 th July	-	Last swimming session for Years 3 and 5
Monday, 11 th July	-	Pupil Reports to be sent home
Wednesday, 13 th July	-	Street Party (details already sent)
Tuesday, 19 th July	-	Year 4 - trip to Brockhole - (details already sent)
Wednesday, 20 th July	-	Nursery 'Graduation Ceremony' - (details already sent)
Thursday, 21 st July	-	Year 6 - Leaver's Assembly (parents/carers/relatives invited) - (details already sent)
Thursday, 21st July	-	END OF SCHOOL YEAR! - <u>FINISH AT 1.15 pm</u>
Wednesday, 27 th July	-	PTA - meeting at the Abbey café at 10.00 am.
Wednesday, 3 rd August	-	PTA - meeting at Biggar Bank
Wednesday, 10 th August	-	PTA - trip to Grizedale - 10.00 am until 4.00 pm (approx)
Wednesday, 17 th August	-	PTA - trip to Happy Mount Park, Morecambe - 10.00 am until 4.00 pm (approx)
Monday, 5th September	-	School re-opens at 8.55 am



We would like to wish all children, parents and carers a happy and safe summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, 5th September at 8.55 am bright and ready for a new term!

Mrs E Kent and staff