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### **Young Voices 2017**

What a great success yesterday was! The children were absolutely fantastic at the Manchester Arena, performing with nearly 8000 others to an audience of thousands of parents and supporters. They really rose to the occasion. I have visited with other schools and I can confidently say that this choir was the best I have been associated with. That is entirely due to the hard work of the children and Mrs Thompson - they were a real credit to the school and to you. We will definitely be going again next year.

Some housekeeping points which arose from the day: Can parents/carers please remember to have the correct contact details with school and also be there to collect their children, or make arrangements with friends or fellow parents to have them collected, as staff and children arrive back around midnight very tired. Also, while I completely understand the wish to share how fantastic the concert was on social media, please remember that a number of the choir have parents who have expressed a wish for images of their children not to be shared - school will be sharing images from the concert on the website.

All in all though, a fabulous day, with lots of comments from the general public and other schools on how polite and well mannered (as well as talented!) St George's were. I'm sure you are as proud of them as we are.

### **KS1 Gymnastics - District Finals!**

As you may have seen in the Evening Mail, another brilliant achievement came from our gymnastics team in Years 1 and 2 who qualified for the Furness District Finals, coming a close second in the Barrow competition. Again, great credit goes to the wonderful team and Miss Cutcliffe and Miss Holmes - we are very lucky to have such committed and talented coaches on the staff. Well done to all - it's the turn of Years 3 and 4 gymnasts next week so good luck to them!

### **Traffic - Your School Needs You!**

We have had a very kind offer from one or two parents to support child safety by volunteering to manage the traffic outside school for the safety of your children. This can work - but it needs at least five parents to make it happen, so that the burden doesn't fall on one or two. I will leave a blank rota in the office and if we get enough names we will have a meeting and start after half term.

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE.**

## Inset Day

On the subject of half term, which is the week after next, don't forget school doesn't come back until Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February from the week off because of staff training.

## Yearning for Learning!

You will see some of your children leaving school with medals around their neck today. These are for those children this half term who have consistently shown the most effort and desire to get the very best out of school here at St George's. If everyone aspires to match their commitment, we can all achieve incredible things here together. Next Friday they will also receive a reward.

## Attendance (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February)

Reception	93%	Year 3	98%
Year 1	96%	Year 4	94.5%
Year 2	94.5%	Year 5	95%
		Year 6	97%

Thank you for working with us to keep our average attendance up! Letters were sent out this week to individual parents reminding them of their responsibilities regarding attendance, which are to keep attendance over 95%. Sadly, from talking to other Head Teachers in Barrow this week, I know there have been fines for unauthorised absences and even prosecution this year. I'm sure no one wants this to happen at St George's so keep up the good work.

## Staff News

We would like to welcome our newest member of staff, Leanne Pelter, who is the new midday supervisor here at St George's School.

## Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Comments/Actions
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Key Steps 2 & 3 Gym Competition	at Furness Academy (afternoon)
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 - visit to Wray Castle	Letter already sent out
Wed, 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 to Tarn Hows	Letter sent out today
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>School re-opens on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>STAFF TRAINING DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON THIS DAY.</b>
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens after the half term	At 8.50 am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Race	2 children from each Year Group to Dalton St Mary's School for a Pancake Race - 1.30pm.
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March	NSPCC Assembly NSPCC workshop (Years 5 and 6)	In school
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day	We will be dressing up as our favourite characters - more details to follow.
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming starts again	Years 4, 5 and Reception.

