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SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

Your child's attendance in school is vital. It enables us to work with them to help them learn, grow and achieve the very best for themselves that they can. We know you want that too. At the moment there are a minority of children here whose attendance is giving cause for concern. I will be working with School Governors to make sure the Attendance Policy fits with the latest local and national guidelines. In order to support you and your children, Mrs Albery will be contacting individual families to discuss this issue where necessary.

To encourage the children and support good attendance, any child who manages 100% attendance between Monday, 31st October 2016 and Monday, 10th July 2017 will have an extra 'reward day out' in July 2017. I will also start to publish the weekly attendance figures for all classes from Reception to Year 6. The highest weekly class attendance from the previous week will receive an extra playtime.

I know you will work with us to support this; we very much appreciate your help.

Attendance so far this year:

Reception	92.17%	Year 3	97.75%
Year 1	97.3%	Year 4	96.3%
Year 2	96.63%	Year 5	96.36%
		Year 6	95.68%

Fantastic Footballers - Years 3 and 4 Tournament

Report from Mr Costa

St George's drew 0-0 with St Paul's but dominated the match then drew 2-2 with Askam who were a much bigger side. We managed to get through to the quarter finals only to be beaten with a late goal by Roose, which meant that we lost

2-1. The children were Curtis Liversidge, Zac Gutkowski, Kaden Brook, Kian Milton, Daniel Tyson, Lexie Cleece and Bethany Sim. They all played fantastically well, I was really impressed with how well the girls played in particular.



Parental Consultations

Just to remind parents that parental consultations will take place on Monday, 17th October between 2pm and 6pm in the Hall. Please contact the school office if you have not yet made an appointment. We look forward to seeing you.

Year 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their day out at Roanhead and then the Dock Museum on Thursday. As ever, the children were a real credit to St George's School.

Free football tickets

On Saturday, 29th October, there are free Barrow AFC tickets for any primary children available for the game against Eastleigh (1pm kick off), if accompanied by an adult. Further details to follow.

Year 6 - Application for a Secondary School Place

Thank you to everyone who has already completed their application (either in paper form or online) for a secondary school place for their child. **It is really important that the Form (or online application) is completed no later than 31st October. Your child will not be guaranteed a place in their first choice of school if the application is made late. For anyone who has not yet completed their Form, please could you do so then hand this to the school office no later than Friday, 21st October. School is not open during the week beginning 24th October because of half term. If you wish to apply online then this needs to be done no later than 31st October.**

If anyone needs a further copy of the SA3 Form, or any help completing the form, please contact the office. Thanks.

Clowns

You will no doubt have heard about this worrying 'Killer Clown' issue that has reared its ugly head in the run up to Halloween. I have discussed this with all children in a recent assembly both to reassure those who might be worried and to tell any of our older children, who might be thinking that these costumes are a good idea, to think again. I know you will support me in this. As a parent and grandparent, as well as a Head, if I see any youths or adults hanging around anywhere near children dressed like this I will be ringing the police - I would urge you to do the same. Thank you.

After-School Clubs

All current clubs will finish the week ending Friday, 21st October. A new timetable of after-school clubs will be given out after half term.

Toddler Group

As you may know, we are running a toddler group every Thursday during term time between 2pm and 3pm. **This will be available to children from birth until they begin nursery.** The group is free of charge and will be run from the Little Dragons and Nursery classrooms. The children (and parents) have lots of fun so please come along - you are very welcome.

New Reception Class - photos

All orders for the new Reception Class group photos must be in before Tuesday, 18th October as this is when the order will be sent off. Each photo is £3.00 each. If you wish to purchase a photo (or both) then please call at the school office. Thanks.



Healthy School



Swimming

The last swimming session for Years 1 and 5 will be on Monday, 17th October. They will not be swimming after half-term. We would be really grateful if you could bring your £2.00 in to cover the swimming sessions they have had. Thank you to everyone who has already paid their £2.00.

After half-term, Years 2, 3 and 6 will be swimming. The first swimming session will be on **Monday, 31st October**. This is the first Monday back after half-term. A separate letter has been sent out with more details. Thanks.

Fruit

Please note that there will be no fruit to buy at break time for the whole of next week. It will be available to purchase as normal after half-term.

Monthly Attendance

The class with the highest attendance in September was Class 3 with 97.89%. Well done.

Dates to Remember

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| Monday, 17 th October | - | Last swimming session for Years 1 and 5 |
| Monday, 17 th October | - | Parental Consultations - 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm |
| Tuesday, 18 th October | - | Cross Country running at Ulverston (selected children only) - letter sent out today |
| Tuesday, 18 th October | - | Big Bang workshop at Furness College - selected Year 5 and 6 children - letter already sent out |
| Wednesday, 19 th October | - | Nursery - outdoor learning trip to Abbey Woods - letter already sent out |
| Thursday, 20 th October | - | Year 6 - Viking workshop at Dock Museum - letter already sent out |
| Friday, 21 st October | - | School finishes for half-term at 2.15 (unless your child is in gymnastics club). |
| Monday, 31 st October | - | School re-opens for the new half term at 8.55 am. |
| Thursday, 3 rd November | - | Anthony Wright coming into school to take photographs - letter sent out. |

