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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Thank you for allowing your children to take part in our Odd Socks Day. We really enjoyed it, raising money for The Anti Bullying Alliance. This week we have focused on how we can make our community a kinder place and include others. The children have been trying to make the world better place with small steps, such as inviting everyone into games, paying a compliment, asking if someone is all right, smiling and just generally thinking about those little changes we can all make to make life much more pleasant. They are such a credit to you all - it's a message we all need to hear sometimes.

### **Please Be Careful Online**

One of the children has been subject to a 'blackmail' e-mail, probably as a scam, alleging they are on camera and their pictures were being taken and would be shared. This came through the use of a platform related to the SIMS game.

The blackmailer had managed to obtain a password. Obviously, the matter is in the hands of the police but please just check your child's password, online messages and change the password regularly to something with a variety of letters, numbers and symbols.

This parent was thankfully very vigilant, checks online communication and saw the e-mail before the child did. Please make sure you do the same.

### **Thank You**

Thank you for your attendance at the Remembrance Service, it was much appreciated. I hope you agree the children's work, led by Year 5, was really thoughtful and respectful, as it should be. Their behaviour in church was also excellent. I had a lovely e-mail from the church, saying how much they love having the children in so often.

I did have a number of parents and staff speak to me in the last few days, regarding the behaviour in church of one or two parents. It's really difficult to teach respect to our children and how to behave in a church, if there's bad language and you talk loudly during a service. A tiny, tiny minority, I must stress but if you are reading this and it was you, please at least think about the

effect on your children. It would be such a shame if you couldn't attend school events because of your own behaviour.

### **Police, Council and Housing Help**

We have our P.C.S.O, Helen Phifer and Central Ward Councillor Steve Robson in the Community Room this Monday 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am for a Drop In session. They are here for YOU, to answer any questions and give advice.

If you have any worries re policing, need advice or need to report a matter, Helen is there. Steve has a long background in supporting families and if you bring him some detail, may be able to support with matters such as housing and anything related to the area.

Our own Mrs Albery will also be around for much of that time if you have any family related issues you might need help with, advice or a listening ear. We try hard to help the 'whole child' live a 'life in all its fullness' at St George's and that means supporting you as well as the children.

### **Election Visitors**

Both of the main candidates announced have now visited school and been grilled by Years 4- 6, with the same questions. No child was identifiable in the photos taken. The standard of the questioning was very high and both candidates loved the school, if not the questions! I may offer the story to the Mail, in terms of celebrating our children participating in democracy, to show the questions; but of course with school and children not suggesting any preference.

### **Health, Safety and Premises**

- I was very touched that a parent asked for the equipment to remove dog mess this week. School governors are contacting Zest to try and arrange a clean up and I am going to ask Councillor Robson to source some more bins that are suitable for dog mess.
- A new sign will be going up regarding parking
- Mrs Albery will be starting a campaign to support more nutritious packed lunches

### **Attendance**

Reception	96%	Year 4	96%
Year 1	89%	Year 5	94%
Year 2	90%	Year 6	92%
Year 3	97%		

Again, I realise there is a 'bug going around' but some of these attendances are really concerning this week. We will offer any support with attendance we can, through Mrs Albery and will also work with the local authority and you as much as possible. But it is your child's statutory right to be in school, so any repeated issues will be followed up.