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### **GOOD OFSTED REPORT**

We are really delighted with the recent OFSTED report, which you can view on our website [http://stgeorges.cumbria.sch.uk/ofsted\\_dfe.html](http://stgeorges.cumbria.sch.uk/ofsted_dfe.html). We know we are a good school and it was pleasing to have it confirmed. I think everyone, children, staff and families, should be very proud.

The report rightly highlights the support given to families and good parental involvement. Most of all, it praises the children's thoughtfulness, effort, good behaviour and positive attitude to learning. Also, it shows everyone understands the effort made here to make learning interesting, with lots of opportunities offered.

School was already implementing the improvements suggested and school will never stop trying to improve. We will continue to work, night and day, to give your children the very best, an education that offers 'life in all its fullness'.

### **STARS**

It was lovely to see the children from Reception in the Evening Mail, having visited Roanhead to look for 'stars' as part of their learning. This week, as usual, they have visited St George's Nursing Home and buddied with the residents. The children and staff will be raising money to support the dementia garden that is planned, a lovely idea.

Year 2 were out and about competing in a multi sport event at Hoops and conducted themselves very well, making a real effort. Clubs began again and I was especially struck by the enthusiasm of the Rocks and Fossils Club, many of whom had brought their own examples in to show.

Somehow in the excitement of Christmas we also seem to have missed mentioning the gymnasts. We have a team in the County final for the fourth Year running and are looking to defend our Key Steps Two Cumbrian Title. Good luck to all the teams as training steps up a gear.

### **YOUNG VOICES**

The tickets have arrived for parents who have ordered them from school. You may collect them from the office if you wish. Can everyone ensure they have filled in consent forms etc so we are ready to go on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### Key Dates This Term (More details to follow)

Date	Event	Details	Notes
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices	Manchester Arena.	Please read info provided
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Parents' Morning	8.50-10.45am Throughout school from Reception Class to Year 6	This will have a Reading and Maths focus, the children.  A creche will be available
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Parental Consultations	2pm-5.30pm in Sports Hall	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service Hot Cross Buns, drinks and table top sale	10am in St George's Church followed by event in Church hall afterwards	All welcome to both the service and the table top sale, which is raising money for our school library

### Attendance

<b>Reception</b>	89%	Year 4	93%
Year 1	92%	Year 5	94%
Year 2	92%	Year 6	94%
Year 3	95%		

Especially as the 'Christmas bugs' have lessened, these attendances are a huge concern. School will always support you as best we can with your child's attendance and as the OFSTED inspection states do offer extra help to families.

We also have many positive rewards for good attendance, days out, 100% badges, raffles and class certificates.

**However, it is also our duty to the children to ensure if they can be in school, they are in school.** We will not hesitate to refer matters to the local authority if necessary, which could result in prosecution and fines.

No-one is suggesting if your child is genuinely too ill to come to school that they need to. However, especially in some of the younger classes, learning is being affected. I would also question whether there really is nearly 2% more illness on a Friday than other days! We all want a great education for your children, **so please help us, to help them do the best they can.**

### Cross Street Sheltered Housing

Please ensure if you park your car to pick up your children, you don't block off any access to the sheltered housing. This is very concerning and upsetting for residents so please park responsibly. Thank you.