



**ST GEORGE'S  
C of E SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

A lovely morning with a fabulous Easter Service. It was great to see such a good turnout and all the children's work. Thank you to them and also to governors and St George's Church congregation who served tea, coffee and hot cross buns beforehand.

### **RED and WHITE for ST GEORGE'S DAY**

We would like children to wear red and white to school to celebrate St George's Day this year and bring a pound donation to School Fund. **This takes place this Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> after the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend.**

### **PARENTAL FUND RAISING GROUP**

Mrs Albery and I had a very positive meeting with parents/carers on Tuesday morning regarding fund raising. Lots of good ideas came forward which we will be sharing next week once I have dates finalised. They are meeting before Family Learning next Friday and you are welcome to attend.

### **RECEPTION 2019 PLACES**

A letter has been sent out in Nursery and Little Dragons today, now we are sure every parent knows where their child has been allocated a place for September 2019. Anyone wishing to make an appointment to discuss this, or contact school, is very welcome to. School does not have any influence on the admissions process whatsoever, however we are happy to go over criteria for appeal or help with transition if required.

**THERE WILL BE NO COOKERY OR MATHS CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY.  
DANCE/DRAMA and WRAPAROUND WILL STILL TAKE PLACE. WE APOLOGISE  
FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.**

## ONLINE BEHAVIOUR WHEN 'GAMING'

I spent much of the start of the week dealing with parental concerns regarding how children are speaking to each other, out of school, while online 'gaming'.

This appears to centre around the Fortnite game, 'Parties' which children invite each other to online or simply while they are playing an online game and can speak with each other through a microphone as they do.

This was mostly confined to Years 4-6 but I have concerns regarding younger children.

There has not been any bullying but what there has been is a large amount of 'trash talking', putting down of the ability of others to play the game (especially Fortnite) some bad language and a general atmosphere where insulting and upsetting each other appears to be 'part of the game'. Other children having been excluded from a group, then have attempted to 'spam' others with endless requests.

None of this is 'school related' and we have no wish to police the internet, however, as I said to Year 6, **many of the older children are spending far too much emotional energy online with this sort of nonsense and ultimately this effects their overall happiness and well-being**, which does have an impact on their learning.

I am writing to you urging you to consider putting firmer controls and restrictions on this group gaming and messaging with your child. We will also, of course, continue to work on online safety with your children. We will happily help you with parental controls and advice- the NSPCC website has some great resources also.

Please work with us to ensure your child is happy and healthy out of school, on and offline. Thanks.