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Great Support

Thank you so much for your support of our school community this term. It makes a huge difference. For those who expressed an interest in Parents Councils I will be in touch next term to set up a meeting. It has been a very successful term. I hope you are able to attend the events tomorrow and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter!

Staff Absences

We have had a very difficult academic year so far with staff absence. None of it has been 'work related' and I would like to pay tribute to the way the staff here have stepped up, to make sure your children still receive the very best.

I would like to make you aware of two major absences, one ongoing and one about to happen. You will have noticed Mrs Craig, our Assistant Head, has not been with us this term. This is because she is on compassionate leave, supporting her husband Mark who is extremely ill.

Indeed, during Easter on Sunday the 15th April Vickerstown footballers are holding an all day fundraiser in support of the family, which many staff will be attending. Most of the event takes place from the afternoon onwards at Vickerstown Cricket Club, if anyone would like to go along. Our thoughts at St George's have never been far from the family at this very difficult time.

Mrs Stringer, our Deputy Head, has been waiting for a considerable time for an operation on her hip and has just been informed by the NHS that this procedure will take place in April. This means that she will be absent for approximately 6 weeks after the holiday, which takes in the KS1 SATS. We are sure the operation will be a great success. In terms of what happens in school, I will be putting extra experienced support staff into Year 2, to assist the teacher. I will be confirming the person in the next few days and they will have a brief amount of time with Mrs Stringer to organise and plan in the holidays. One bright spot is hopefully the part time return of Miss Newbury who also knows the Year 2 children well.



U- Dance

Well done to our fabulous U-Dancers who performed brilliantly at the Forum last night. All of the team work very hard in their club and thanks must go to Miss Holmes who supports them. They were a credit to the school!

Good Luck Gymnasts!

Tomorrow our gymnasts head for Penrith to compete in the Cumbria finals for the 2nd year running! We are extremely proud of the team and I am sure it will be a great success. Whatever, the result, our Key Steps One team and indeed all our gymnasts have made us all proud.

Coffee Morning, Exhibition, Easter Service, Assembly - Tomorrow!

PLEASE JOIN US

Parents are welcome to attend a number of events tomorrow - please look and see where you can attend.

9am - Coffee and Exhibition of children's Easter Work in the Church Hall.

9.30-10am - St George's Easter Service- Children will enter through the main church door and will be sitting in the centre pews - parents please sit in the side pews or at the back. There are prizes for children who have engaged best with their Easter Work and Year 5 are conducting the service. Each child receives a small Easter present at the end of the service.

2.40pm - Celebration Assembly - The playground gate will be open at 2.30pm for parents. We will be awarding Yearning for Learning medals, a special award for one of our Year 6 pupils, our usual weekly certificates and the result of the 100% Easter Term attendance raffle, where the parents/carers of individual children will receive a first prize of £100 worth of Identity Vouchers.

Uniform

On the subject of uniform, I will be contacting parents to come in with the correct uniform for their children if they don't have it on after the holiday. I would like to remind parents, particularly of younger children of the following requirements:

- Black or grey **school trousers** (not tracksuit bottoms, jeans or canvas)
- Black shoes or all-black trainers (not black/white trainers, striped trainers etc)

St George's Day - Monday 23rd April

Please return the reply slip from the letter that was sent out yesterday if you would like to join your children for lunch. It should be a fantastic celebration of England's Patron saint.