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September 2015 Newsletter

**Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a fantastic summer holiday.
We also give a warm welcome to all the new children starting at our school.
We hope you all enjoy learning at our school and that everyone settles in quickly.**

We will soon be sending out our monthly newsletter via text. The text will contain a web link which will take you direct to our website. This will save a huge amount of paper and therefore a lot of money! It is therefore important that you let us know if you change your mobile telephone number or e-mail address. All other information about trips, clubs, etc will also be sent via text/e-mail whenever possible.

Class newsletters will follow this week with details of individual class activities, homework, PE days, baking etc.

Paul Coulston

As many of you may already know, Paul very sadly died on 29th August from a long term illness. Paul was an inspirational teacher who was bright, committed, professional, loving with an amazing sense of humour. All staff and pupils who had the privilege to meet him truly adored him. It is a tragedy that he was taken so young. He will forever be remembered in our hearts and minds. To remember Paul we will be arranging a special assembly for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to be held at St George's Church - further details to follow.

School Times

Just a quick reminder that school starts at 8.55 am and finishes at 3.15 pm (except on Fridays when we finish at the earlier time of 2.15 pm). Could we politely request that all adults bringing children to school, leave the yard once the bell has rung. This will help getting children safely into school for a prompt start. Thank you.

Absence from school

Just a reminder that you must inform school by 9.15 am at the latest if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. A telephone call to the school office is very important as we need to account for all children, especially when many walk alone to school. A member of staff will be available to speak to from 8.30 am each morning. If you prefer you could also leave a message on the office answerphone.

Swimming

Swimming will begin on Monday, 14th September for Years 1, 4 and 6 at the Park Leisure Centre. Children will travel by bus and return shortly after lunch time, again by bus. Year 1 children will start their lessons in the small pool with supervision by school staff and trained Leisure Centre staff. Would you please provide your child with a swimming costume/trunks (not too long and baggy) and a towel in a bag (all named). Children should remove any jewellery before coming to school on Mondays and should tie back their hair if it is long. School will cover the cost of the swimming sessions but we do ask for £2.00 per child to cover the cost of insurance. This is a one off payment for the whole period the children take lessons, not each week. Please call at the school office with your payment. Many thanks.

Breakfast Club

As mentioned in the July Newsletter, we have had to make changes to who is now able to attend the breakfast club as too many children were attending. A separate letter will be sent out on Tuesday. Breakfast club will not start until Monday, 14th September at 8.30 am. Please do not bring your child any earlier as staff will be unable to supervise your child.

Infant school meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. This is funded by the Government and is available to all schools. The meals offered to the children are on a three weekly cycle. The menu will be available to view on our website (stgeorges.cumbria.sch.uk) as soon as we receive it or from the office. Children will be encouraged to eat the cooked meal on offer for that day. We do however realise that children take a little time to try something different. We do find that children are more likely to try new foods if their friends are tucking in next to them! If however your child refuses to eat the meal on offer that day, we will not let your child go hungry and we will offer an alternative. If your child has a medical condition that means he/she is unable to take the hot meal option then please let us know.

Junior school meals

If your child is entitled to a free school dinner, it is important that the correct form has been completed and sent off to the Free School Meals Service in Carlisle. If not, we will not be able to provide your child with a free school dinner. If you need a further copy of the form, please call at the office urgently. If the form is not sent off, you will unfortunately have to pay for your child's school dinner.

Pupil Premium

This is an amount given to school by the Government for each child who is eligible for a free school meal/uniform allowance and forms a big part of our school budget. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and is receiving a free school meal as mentioned above, you will still need to complete a form for a free school meal otherwise the school will not receive the pupil premium for that child. If you need a replacement form, please call at the office.

After-school clubs - 1st Half Term Autumn 2015

Please see below details of the new after-school clubs which will begin the week starting 14th September. Please remember that places are given on a first come, first served basis.

TO START WEEK BEG 14/09/15 - 23/10/15 (6 weeks)

Day/ Time	Club	Venue	Staff taking the club	Year Group
Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	TAG RUGBY	MUGA	MR COSTA	3,4,5,6 MAX 20
Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm	FUN DANCE	SPORTSHALL	MISS HOLMES	R,1,2,3,4,5,6
Wednesday 3.15-4.00pm	MATHS CLUB	Y6 CLASSROOM	MRS STRINGER MISS NEWBURY	Y6 INVITATION ONLY
Wednesday 3.15-4.00pm	GYMNASTICS	SPORTSHALL	MISS CUTCLIFFE MISS HOLMES MRS WOOD MRS CRAIG	1,2,3,4
Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	Multi-skills Sports Club	SPORTSHALL	MRS CHAPMAN	R,1,2
Thursday 3.15-4.00pm	INVITE ONLY FOOTBALL	MUGA	MR COSTA	INVITE ONLY 4,5,6

Staffing changes this year

We are delighted to announce that Leanne Warbrick married Matthew Harrison in August. Congratulations Leanne and Matthew!

Macmillan Coffee morning

We are holding a coffee morning on Friday, 25th September to raise valuable money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We held this event last year and it was a great success. The event will be held in our sports hall and will start at 9.00 am and finish at 11.45 am. You are invited to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a cake or two! There will also be a small raffle taking place and tickets will be 20p each.

Donations of cakes, biscuits, raffle prizes, etc would be much appreciated. Please see Mrs Albery or Mrs Smith in Nursery with your donations. Everyone is very welcome so please tell your friends and family to come along on the day to support this amazing charity.

Naming of uniform

It is quite common at the start of a new school year for items of clothing to go missing. It is therefore really important that all items of uniform are clearly named. This includes coats, swimming costumes/trunks, PE kit, caps and hats. There is no need to go to the trouble of stitching/ironing labels into clothes, just a black pen on the sizing label will be fine. It will be so much easier to re-unite the clothing to the correct child if all items are named. Thank you.

Water bottles and PE bags

Each new child coming to school will be provided with a school PE bag which they can keep for their use whilst at St George's School. If your child loses their bag, a replacement can be purchased for £2.50.

Each child will be given a new water bottle for their use at the beginning of each school year. These are provided free of charge. However if a replacement is needed, this will cost £1.00.

Nursery/dinner money

It is important that fees for the above are paid promptly each week. We regret that if fees are not paid on a regular basis we will not be able to provide nursery care or school dinners.

Hairstyles and Jewellery

Please note that children should not come to school with dyed hair, hairstyles with shaved patterns or gelled hair. Please also note that children with pierced ears must only wear plain stud type ear-rings which must be removed on PE days. Unfortunately staff cannot remove jewellery due to health and safety restrictions. Thank you.

Fruit

We are, as in previous years, supplying free fruit **in the morning** to all children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can buy fruit if they wish for 20p (per item). Fruit will also be available to buy (20p per item) **in the afternoon** for children in Years 1 and 2. The sale of fruit will begin on Monday, 7th September.

Road safety

Children in Years 1 and 2 will be given a talk about road safety on Tuesday, 15th September.

New Early Years Unit for 2 Year Old Children

In October our school will be ready to take 2 year old children. These children will be placed in our Early Years Unit. In the first instance, we are taking a maximum of 8 children. The sessions will be Monday to Friday, mornings only (8.55 am - 12.00 noon). If you are interested in placing your 2 year old child with us, please call at the office for an application form.

Duddon Canoe Club

The above club have organised a race event at Barrow Docks on Sunday, 13th September from 11.30 am until 3.45 pm. If any children in **Year 6 only** are interested in this event, please let Mrs Chapman know.

Finally, if you have any concerns, staff are on the yard each morning to answer any quick queries. If you wish to have a longer talk to discuss any issues, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Mrs E Kent & Staff

After school activities slip

My child would like to attend after school club.

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Name of child class

My child can walk home after the after school club(s) (please tick)

My child will be collected by