



12 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year of 2022 – 2023.

I hope this letter finds you and your families and friends all safe and well and I hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday.

The children have made a fantastic start to the new year and have settled quickly and happily into their new classrooms with their teachers.

Bank Holiday – Monday 19th September

As you know, Monday 19th September has been declared a Bank Holiday as a mark of respect for the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II. St George's will be closed on the Monday and will re-open as usual on Tuesday 20th September.

St George's and St Cuthbert's - Strengthening Schools' Partnership

I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to lead two schools across our Trust. This opportunity allows for new ways of working in partnership and the sharing of skills, expertise and workforce. As such, staff from both schools will be visiting each other's sites on a regular basis supporting with curriculum developments, teaching and learning and a whole host of other school-based initiatives. This is a really exciting time for both schools to further improve and develop for the good of all of the children.

Changing from Packed Lunches to School Meals and Vice Versa

The food and supplies needed to make school meals is ordered on a monthly basis. To help us ensure we are spending our school meals' budget effectively and not wasting food already ordered and paid for, could parents/carers please give school the required **one week notice** either via email, a letter into school or phone call before you opt for a change. Thank you.

Wraparound Care – Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are currently offering full wraparound provision from 7.45am until 6pm. Breakfast Club and After School Club Wraparound Provision is led by our fully-qualified school staff. The provision is run on a not-for-profit basis and prices are kept as low as possible to help support parents and carers who need this type of provision.

The provision is open to children from Reception to Year 6.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am until the beginning of the school day and costs £2.00 per child per day. Any child in receipt of a Free School Meal can access the Breakfast Club for free. Parents and carers need to complete a Registration Form to enable their child to access Breakfast Club. Once this form is completed, children can access this provision as and when parents and carers need it. There is no need to pre-book.

After School Club runs from 3.15pm until 6pm and costs £5.00 from 3.15pm until 4.30pm and £8.00 from 4.30pm until 6.00pm. Parents and carers need to complete a Booking Form. All After School Sessions will need to be booked and paid for in advance and no later than 9.00am on the day the provision is needed.

If you are interested in your child/children accessing either the Breakfast or After School Club provision, please contact the school office on 0191 2675677.

Smoking/Vaping

Could all members of our school community please refrain from smoking or vaping around the entrances and pathways into school for the health and safety of the children. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Please see the Dates for your Diary at the end of this newsletter to check for planned events this half term. These dates will be added to as soon as other events are confirmed in the school diary. I apologise in advance if this is short notice for some of the events but we really are trying to get the school up and running again. Please bear with us.

Please make every effort to attend your child's class open evening if you're able as there will be lots of useful information shared to help your child with their learning both at school and at home. A survey will be sent to parents/carers before the end of this week to help school plan for these evenings.

We are hoping to begin the celebration of class masses at St George's Church as soon as possible. We will be in touch with more information as soon as we have confirmed our proposed dates and times with Father Paul.

We are very much looking forward to the new academic year. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any concerns or wish to discuss any matter further. Working together in partnership is the only way we can achieve the very best outcomes for all of our children.

Could I take this opportunity to commend your wonderful children to you. Each and every one of them have made me feel so welcome at St George's and I'm already feeling quite at home here. I would also like to thank the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the holidays to prepare their classrooms and the school environment providing the children with a lovely, vibrant and engaging start to the new academic year. Huge thanks must go to Mr Hart who has worked throughout the summer holidays to improve the school grounds and indoor environment – he has done an amazing job.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bullerwell and the Staff of St George's



Dates for your Diary September - October 2022

Monday 12 th September	After school multi-sports club 3.15-4.15
Thursday 15 th September	After school football club 3.15-4.15
Friday 16 th September	PM Swimming at Elswick Pool (Y5/6) After school basketball club 3.15-4.15
Monday 19 th September	School Closed – Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II After school multi-sports club 3.15-4.15 CANCELLED
Thursday 22 nd September	After school football club 3.15-4.15
Friday 23 rd September	PM Swimming at Elswick Pool (Y5/6) After school basketball club 3.15-4.15
Monday 26 th September	After school multi-sports club 3.15-4.15
Thursday 29 th September	After school football club 3.15-4.15
Friday 30 th September	9.05 – 10.30 MacMillan Coffee Morning (families welcome) PM Swimming at Elswick Pool (Y5/6) After school basketball club 3.15-4.15
Monday 3 rd October	After school multi-sports club 3.15-4.15 Year 6 Parent/Carer Open Evening 3.15-4.00
Wednesday 5 th October	Reception Parent/Carer Open Evening 3.15-4.00
Thursday 6 th October	After school football club 3.15-4.15 Year 2 Parent/Carer Open Evening 3.15-4.00
Friday 7 th October	PM Swimming at Elswick Pool (Y5/6) After school basketball club 3.15-4.15
Monday 10 th October	After school multi-sports club 3.15-4.15 Year 4 Parent/Carer Open Evening 3.15-4.00
Wednesday 12 th October	Year 1 Parent/Carer Open Evening 3.15-4.00
Thursday 13 th October	After school football club 3.15-4.15 Year 3 Parent/Carer Open Evening 3.15-4.00
Friday 14 th October	PM Swimming at Elswick Pool (Y5/6) After school basketball club 3.15-4.15
Monday 17 th October	After school multi-sports club 3.15-4.15 Year 5 Parent/Carer Open Evening 3.15-4.00
Thursday 20 th October	After school football club 3.15-4.15 Spooky Fun Day
Friday 21 st October	2.20pm Reception/Year 6 Buddy Assembly (Reception/Year 6 families welcome)
Friday 21 st October	3.15pm School breaks up for October Half Term

Please note that we do our best to adhere to the dates set in the diary however the above may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.