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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of a new school year at St George’s. Your children are a real credit to you; beautifully presented, polite, excited to be back and impeccably behaved. We can’t get over how much they have all grown over the summer!

The classes were busy getting on with the business of the day by 9.10 – some classes were so quiet I actually thought they’d gone out!

Just a few points at the start of the year to make sure this half term passes smoothly.

***BUILDING WORKS***

* As you can see, the drainage/playground refurbishment has started but still has some time to go before it’s complete. This does cause parents some issues in getting children into school through the junior double gate, which is currently out of use.
* The drainage and resurfacing have been completed outside Nursery, Reception and Year 1, including a wide path around the Reception doors (at last)!
* The drains are currently being installed on the playgrounds at the front of the school
* The whole playground still needs to be resurfaced which could take us into the 3rd week of term (Week commencing 18th September). We’ll keep you updated.
* The small playground (access to Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2) will need to have drains and resurfacing completed, likely to be done in the week of 18th September. Again, we’ll keep you updated.

***Please continue to use the Baptist Church gates and the Nursery gate to enter and exit the school grounds. We will keep you informed of any changes but for now, the junior gate entrance (Dennett Close) and double gates (Old Hall Road) are out of use.***

* We also have new electric lighting (energy efficient) to be installed in all the junior classes, the school hall and kitchen. This will hopefully take place during the October half term but we’ll have more specific details later on this week.

***COMMUNICATION***

* PLEASE ensure you have the **School Spider App and you have registered**. Just open the website and scroll down to the bottom and click ‘Parent Login’. Once you have created an account you will be able to receive all notifications regarding your child’s class and anything whole-school related. Any problems, please speak to Mrs. Jones.

The vast majority of our communication will go through the app so it is vital that you have registered. Teachers will use it to inform you of PE days, changes to the week, special events, homework, etc.

As a school we issue class and whole school communication through the app, and the weekly Newsletters. The Newsletters can also be found on the school website.

***SCHOOL HOT DINNERS***

* School Hot Dinner menus can be viewed and printed off the school website (**Parent School Dinners**). We start the year on WEEK 1 so you can see the choice your child has. It’s a good idea to have a look through the menu with your child so they know what they can have and that you know there is something they can have! The hot dinners are amazing – we are exceptionally lucky to have such a great cook and staff in our kitchen!

***PAY ONLINE AND BOOKING BREAKFAST / AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS***

* Please remember that the vast majority of school payments will go through the School Spider App. You can book and pay for both Breakfast Club and After School Club up to 10 minutes before the session. Hot dinners need to be paid in advance.
* Please don’t worry if your child is off ill. Any moneys on your child’s account will roll-over if they are absent.

Huge thanks to everyone for such an amazing start to the term!

A newsletter will go out via the School Spider App on Friday.

Many thanks.



Mr P. Chapman

Headteacher