



St. George's Catholic Primary
Newsletter
3rd November 2023

DATES

NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 8th** – Y3 school trip
- Friday 17th** – School photos (am)
- Wednesday 29th** – Flu spray for all children

DECEMBER

- Thursday 7th** – Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 12th** – KS1 Play at 9.30
- Tuesday 12th** – KS2 singing at the U3A at 10.00
- Wednesday 13th** – KS1 Play at 9.30
- Thursday 14th** – EYFS Play at 9.30
- Friday 15th** – EYFS Play at 9.30
- Friday 15th** – KS2 Tableau at 2.00 in Church
- Monday 18th** – Father Christmas is in town!
- Tuesday 19th** – Rocksteady Concert (am)
- Tuesday 19th** – Christmas Film Afternoon
- Wednesday 20th** – Santa Dash & Hot Chocolate (pm)
- Thursday 21st** – Christmas Party Day
- Friday 22nd** – **School closes at 1.00pm**

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week's Collective Worship has been focused on BELONGING...belonging to our families, our St George's family, our communities, and to God's family.

We've thought of all the ways in which we belong and what characteristics we have that represent our belonging to those families.

Next week, we'll be holding a whole school assembly for Remembrance, in readiness for **Remembrance Day** on Saturday 11th November.

NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Next week, we'll be sending home a link to our new Attendance Policy & Procedure. It is a detailed policy that has been produced via Sefton Local Authority, in line with the newest guidance from the DfE and Ofsted. This policy has been agreed and adopted by the Governing Body

This policy is very detailed so we'll also be sending home some important bullet points that will make clear some of the procedures and expectations in place. I would advise all parents to take the time to read through the policy so you are fully aware of the systems in place.

Attendance throughout the country is at one of the lowest points in time; it has never fully recovered since the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, there is a huge drive **NATIONALLY** to improve school attendance. Our new policy reflects this.

Without good attendance, children will struggle – the DfE published data states...

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9.5 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Halloween Discos

Well it seems so long ago but all the children had a great time in the school's Halloween Discos on the last day of half term. Huge thanks to all the staff for sorting out the slots and the music...there was certainly a lot of dancing which was great to see. I'm sure some of our children (and parents) had a great time in the PTA disco that evening too!



PARENT APPOINTMENTS

Huge thanks to all parents for attending the parent appointments before half term. All the teachers were delighted with the turnout and the positive conversations had. As always, if you have any queries or anything you need clarifying, at any point in time, please just see your child's class teacher at the end of the day, or make an appointment through the office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder that Dance Club, both Art Clubs and Singing Club all start next week. Also, the last Football Club session takes place next week, which was missed from last half term.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Obviously, dates can now be found on the front page of the newsletter. New dates will be added as and when they arise so please do check them each week. All the 'Christmas' dates are listed there and specific details will be on the newsletters in the weeks to come.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.**

Overall, since 4th September, our WHOLE SCHOOL attendance is only 95%

