



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge welcome to you all, especially new members of the St. George's family! I hope you had a great summer vacation!

The staff have been very busy over the holidays preparing for this term and I personally am excited to be acting head teacher. I know that there may be challenges ahead, but rest assured I will work my very hardest for all pupils, staff and parents. Since starting work here twelve years ago, I have met many of you and your children already and I look forward to a positive, productive term as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Kind regards,

Melanie Machell

Good news: At great expense to the school, the school path has been resurfaced with a finer grade chip, so should be much easier to walk on. We are now awaiting a new front gate and external painting!

Useful reminders and important information about the new term ahead.

Safety to and from school: Last year we received several concerns raised by parents and passers-by about extremely unsafe behaviour on Church Street as our pupils travelled to and from school. In fact, one or two pupils were seen running across the road in front of on-coming cars. I am certain you will agree that any one of our pupils being injured, or worse, due to failing to follow simple road safety rules is the last thing that any of us wants. Ultimately, parents are responsible for the safety of their children so please supervise younger children closely and reinforce the importance of road safety to all ages.

Drinks: We encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day. Please ensure that your child's drink bottle is washed regularly and clearly labelled.

Staff team:

Acting head teacher/SENCo/Safeguarding lead: Mrs Machell

Acting deputy/Deputy safeguarding lead: Mrs Chantrey

Year 6: Mrs Tyers & Ms Read

Year 5: Mrs Chantrey/Miss Thompson & Mrs Ellwood

Year 4: Mr Woodward & Mrs Spiers, Mrs Worth, Ms Locke

Year 3: Mrs Brand/Miss Thompson & Ms Holmes

Year 2: Miss Nash & Mrs Brand, Mrs Oakey, Mrs Clarke

Year 1: Mr Bentley & Miss Brannan

Year R: Ms Lush & Mrs Grist

Positive Play Leader: Mrs L Brannan

Dinner Supervisors: Mrs Brannan, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Clarke, Mrs MacInerney, Mrs Galer, Mrs Kavanagh, Miss Brannan

School clerk: Mrs Dytham

Contacting staff: Please know that we value your support and involvement in your child's education - it is a vital, integral role in each pupil's success. We encourage you to contact us, when the need arises, via the office in the first instance.

Class Dojo: Class Dojo connects teachers with pupils and parents and is a great way of sharing and celebrating success. We will continue to use this system for this purpose and for reminders about homework, special dates etc. Please be aware that messages are not always picked up on Dojo during the day, as teachers are teaching, so teachers should only be contacted via the office - leaving a message about who is collecting your child may not be seen!

Important dates:

Fri 26th October: INSET

29th Oct – 4th Nov: Half term

Mon 5th November: INSET

21st December: Break up for Christmas

24th Dec – 6th Jan 2019: Christmas holiday

Mon 7th January 2019: INSET

Homework

Parents/carers have a range of views on homework: some do not agree with school setting homework at all, some feel that we do not set enough. I plan to review our homework policy so if you could spare a few moments, please complete the attached questionnaire.

HOMEWORK QUESTIONNAIRE:

Which year(s) is your child in? (Please select more than one if required.)

- Year R
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

How important do you think homework is to your child's learning?

- Very important
- Important
- Some importance
- Not important

Do you think the amount of homework given by school each week is...

- Too much
- About right
- Not enough

My child finds the level of homework...

- Too hard
- About right
- Too easy

Are you able to support your child at home with their homework?

- Yes
- Sometimes
- No

Overall, do you support homework being given out? Please write your comments in the box below.

Thank you!