



At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know that they are special to God. Our family is built upon a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our community gives our children the freedom to flourish and succeed.

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Newsletter - Friday 23rd July 2021

A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

It has been an extraordinary year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during the last academic year. The purple community spirit has never been more apparent. We look forward to a return to normal in September. We are still awaiting guidance from the DfE regarding the new academic year but we will inform you as soon as we know of any changes that may affect the running of the school. As we come to the end of the academic year we would like to thank all the pupils and staff who are moving to new schools for their hard work and commitment; Mrs Marks, Mrs Chambers, Ms Newnham, Mrs Whitmee, Ms Parrott and Mrs Davies and we thank them for all their dedication, resilience, adaptability and care they have shown our children. They will always be in our thoughts and prayers and we know that they will keep in contact. We wish them all the very best in their new ventures and pathways. We are very pleased to announce that joining our team from September are Mrs Lidbetter who will be the TA for Class 4MW, Mrs Mitchell will be our Nurture Provision Assistant and Mrs Bennett is joining our Midday Supervisor team and supporting the Year 3 team too. It was so lovely to welcome parents back in to our school this week as well. We had a wonderful Year 6 Leavers' service on Tuesday led by Father Jonathan from St Nicks Church and the Year 6s shared their fond memories of their times at St George's. We are so proud of every single one of them and know that they will continue to flourish and succeed in secondary school. They have met the challenges of the last couple of years head on and shown plenty of resilience, courage, and adaptability. All the very best to them.

We were also able to hold a Rock Steady Concert yesterday, which was absolutely fabulous. The bands played with such confidence, musicality, and stage presence. We were all so impressed with the progress that they have made and the singing was fantastic. All bands were worthy of a Britain's Got Talent audition!

A big thank you to the Friends whose 'Not the Summer Fair' fundraising efforts were brilliant. The effort everyone put into it was incredible and the emphasis on making it an uplifting experience for the children shone through. The playground stalls event raised £1,150, 1,232 rules were broken raising £616, the raffle £833 and the disco £1,285 which is a fantastic total of £3, 341.93. We are sure you will agree that is an outstanding amount of money for a virtual season. Thank you so much to the generosity of all parents, guardians, staff and pupils. The money will go towards the amazing book program and the refurbishment of the EYFS area.

Thank you to the AAC for their support, guidance and enthusiasm this year too. **Please find attached the AAC newsletter too.**

A huge thank you from all the staff for the wonderful gifts, cards and kind words that have been received over the last few days. We are overwhelmed with the generosity that you have shown us and we feel very loved. It is our absolute pleasure to serve our community and wish you all a wonderful summer. The St George's Team

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Thurs 26th Aug - INSET (NO CHILDREN)

Fri 27th Aug - INSET (NO CHILDREN)

Mon 30th Aug - BANK HOLIDAY

Tues 31st Aug - Children back to school

See our website for our new intake open morning dates.

Arrangements for the Autumn term

Pick up and drop off will thankfully be going back to normal in the Autumn term. We will resend information relating to this again before the start of term. However, we will be having a soft start from 8.45am for all year groups (gates will open at 8.40am). Parents can either drop off at the gates or at the classroom doors (EYFS-Y3: Tylney Road entrance); Y4-Y6 drop off at the Pembroke Road entrance or walk the children up to the bottom/middle playground. Pick up for Y4-Y6 will be middle or bottom playground, where the teachers will dismiss them. Pick up for EYFS-Y3 will be from the classroom door. Members of staff will be available at both entrances to support our children/parents.

Virtual Summer School

A reminder that the Aquinas Summer School will be running a two-week Virtual Summer School over the holidays, available for all of our primary-aged pupils! (Thank you, Mr Snow, for all the work you have done with this!) Teachers across the trust have also been working hard behind the scenes planning and recording exciting and engaging lessons that will be uploaded from 26th July. You might see some familiar faces. **We attach the letter sent earlier this week again, for your convenience.**

Enrichment opportunities

Summer Reading Challenge: Last week marked the start of the Summer Reading Challenge, which will be running both online and in our local libraries. This year the Reading Agency have teamed up with WFF for a Wild World Heroes theme, to inspire children to engage with environmental issues. Bromley Library have created a video to promote the event, which can be found at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11ihTwdfrqRtAMZQ1rOiWSeKfWUJxmTZI> The challenge is a fantastic way to encourage our children to continue reading over the Summer holidays and supports a successful transition to the return to school. We would love for all of our young readers to get involved! More information can be found here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/reading-club>

Holiday Activities and Food programme: The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is running for the first time in Bromley, providing free enrichment and nutritional meals this summer for our Free School Meals (FSM) eligible children at a variety of locations across the local area.

Please see the link for more details

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/643/young_peoples_organised_activities/1539/holiday_activities_and_food_programme

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