



**St George's**  
School Edgbaston

## St George's Lower School February 2018 Newsletter

### **Safer Internet Day – February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018:**

St George's will be participating in this event next week. We will send home some useful information leaflets about how to ensure your child's safe use of technology, and all classes will be completing a range of activities and a workshop to support this essential safeguarding education.

### **Safer Internet Workshop for Parents:**

As part of our commitment to our partnership with parents, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Sadiq will be hosting a safer internet workshop at 2.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. This will be a parent only event as some of the content and the discussions that will follow may not be suitable for children. We want this to be a session where parents and school can share their concerns in an open forum, supporting each other to ensure that the internet is a resource for enriching children's lives rather than opening them up to potential threat. We hope to see as many of you attend as possible. A letter with more details will follow.

### **Football:**

Well done to Sammi, Aaron, Shaan, Dennis, Mikey, Harry Sealey, Elina and Sophie who took part in a recent Birmingham Schools football tournament at the Aston Villa Academy. Mr Finn accompanied them and was delighted to report that all children played brilliantly and took the team through to the finals. We came second out of all the schools who took part, with Shaan being awarded 'player of the tournament' for his excellent leadership skills, communication and sportsmanship – he also scored nine goals throughout the day! A special mention also needs to go to Dennis who saved two penalties to put the team into the final. The team is now through to the 2018 Turkish Airlines Birmingham School Games Primary Winter Festival. We all wish them the best of luck for February 14<sup>th</sup> when they will play in the Level 3 Primary Finals and hopefully bring us home a cup!

### **Athletics:**

Sophie, Elina, Gyaan, George, Tom, Shaan, Harry Sealy, Ved, Taran, Dennis and Ahua recently attended the Birmingham Inter-Schools Athletics Competition. Mr Perrin accompanied them and reports that they all performed brilliantly, showing determination and skill in seven different events which involved running, jumping and throwing. With every performance counting towards team scores, St George's finished 6th out of 20 schools which is a fantastic achievement. All pupils demonstrated great teamwork, helping and supporting each other in every athletics event. Another special mention goes to Shaan who finished 3rd individually out of over 200 pupils!

### **Fruit Snacks:**

We have a growing number of children who are bringing in 'healthy fruit snacks' as a replacement for fruit. These are not a healthy option, and are not permitted in school. Should any still make their way into school, they will be taken off the children and returned to you at the end of the school day. These snacks contain high amounts of sugar and are of no nutritional value. Thank you to Ms Gittins for sharing an extremely useful link to an on-line blog that will expand this in more detail for you:

<https://www.diabetes.co.uk/blog/2015/06/seventeen-healthy-fruit-snacks-with-more-sugar-than-haribo/>

If you want your child to have snack it must be real fruit; you may send in your own or purchase fruit through the school for a small fee. Please speak to our admin team if you want further information.

### **Literacy Planet:**

We have recently invested in Literacy Planet, an interactive online program that supports the development of English key skills. Your child will receive their personal log-in over the next few weeks, and will be able to access this resource both at home and school. Mrs Henning will write to you soon explaining the resource in more detail.

**Young Voices:**

Mrs McNeil recently took our Key Stage 2 choir to perform in the Young Voices concert held at Genting Arena. Young voices is one of the largest school choir concerts in the world, and St George's along with school's all across Birmingham had been rehearsing a multitude of songs since September in preparation for the big event.

Mrs Mc Neil reports that St George's Choir were standing proudly at the front of the arena as they belted out songs which included a fun filled body jiving Pop Medley, Funky Stevie Wonder classics, a Lion King arrangement of Hakuna Matata and many more that had toes tapping, hands clapping and showed smiles all around!

A big well done to everyone involved and a huge thank you to everyone for their support through rehearsal time and the performance itself!

**Sports Relief:**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we are supporting Sports Relief by hosting a non-uniform day. We ask that children come to school in their sports gear, or dressed as a famous sporting champion. Throughout week commencing the 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be hosting an inter-house football competition as well as a number of other sporting activities. We will hold the final of our House Football Competition on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, as well as a fun filled afternoon of sporting activities arranged by the School Council. Should you wish your child to partake in these events, please send them in with a minimum of £1 donation. All proceeds will go to Sports Relief.

**World Book Day:**

Reminder to all parents we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We would like to encourage all of the children to come dressed as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the best dressed in each year group.

To help us celebrate World Book Day Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a workshop with a visiting author, A. M. Crisan. She is coming into school to share her books with the children and do some related activities. There will be a chance on the day for the children to purchase the book and have it signed by the author. More details about this event are to follow.

**Read-a-thon:**

Next half term we will be taking part in a 'Read-a-thon' to raise money for the 'Read for Good' charity which raises money to purchase books for children in hospital. We will hand out sponsorship cards after the half term holiday and the children have a month to read as many books as possible. Please encourage your children to participate, so that their reading can in turn help children in need.

**Inspection:**

As you will be aware we were visited by ISI (our inspectorate) last week; this was a regulatory compliance inspection. The inspectors were very impressed with the children's behaviour and manners. Thank you to everyone who responded to the questionnaires; your positive comments and support were very much appreciated! The report will be published in approximately four weeks and will be available on our website.

**Open Day:**

St George's are hosting their Spring Open day on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10am – 12.30am. Open Day provides an opportunity for prospective families to look at our both our Upper and Lower School setting and gain an insight into the curriculum and provision we offer. Please do join us if you are considering Lower School for siblings, or the Upper School for secondary placement.

**Lost Property:**

We still have quite a stock of unlabelled clothing. Any items left unclaimed by the 15<sup>th</sup> February will be donated to charity or washed and added to our second hand uniform supply.

**Parking:**

We are very aware of the confines of our car park, and the majority of people who use our facilities are extremely considerate. However we do regularly find that our parents who need to access the disabled parking bays are prevented from doing so by other cars being parked in these bays. We would ask you to respect the needs of all our community and not park in these spaces unless you are a Blue Badge holder. We would also ask you not to take any parking frustrations out on staff, as you will be politely asked to move your vehicles should they be causing inconvenience to others.

**Contact details:**

If you have made any changes to your contact details over the last few months (such as home or email addresses, phone numbers etc), please could you inform Lower school Reception. We will be contacting some of you over the next few days as we need you to provide us with an emergency contact. Your emergency contact must be someone other than you or your partner.

**Collection from School:**

If your child is going home with another parent, please let their class teacher or the staff on the reception desk know; children cannot be released if we have not been informed – no matter how well we know the other family!

If you need collect to send someone else to collect your child, you must set up a password with the school; again, your child cannot be released without this.

Both these measures are in place to safeguard your children.

**Dates For Diary – February 2018**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Physics Road Show KEHS
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 and 6 E-Safety Workshop
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 visit to ThinkTank Museum
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception and Year 1 E-Safety Workshop
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2, 3 and 4 E-Safety Workshop
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 and 6 Refresher Workshop
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception visit to Sea Life Centre
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Scholastic Book Fayre in school all week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 and 6 Football Match (Home)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 – 6 Inclusive Football Festival
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School Reopens

## **Dates For Diary – March 2018**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day Author in school for KS1
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day Celebrations
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Open Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ladywood Fire Station Visit to Year 4
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 visit to ThinkTank Museum
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Internet Safety Workshop @ 2.30pm (No Children)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 visit to Warwick Castle
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Poetry Recital at Kings Heath British Legion
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter-house Football Competition all week
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents Evening
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sports Relief Day and Final House Football Competition
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 visit to King Edwards School
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 visit to Imperial War and Lowry Museums
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Academic Awards
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Egg Hunt
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes at 12.00 noon for Easter

School Reopens Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

