



St George's Lower School, May 2018 Newsletter

Read-a-thon

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Read-a-thon; we have received our final fundraising total – a fantastic £562! As you know, the money raised will enable the charity Read for Good to buy much needed books for children in hospital. Well done to everyone for supporting another worthwhile cause.

Science Fayre

This year's Science Fayre was another great success with the majority of children from Years 1 – 6 participating; the children wowed their audience, peers and staff with some amazing projects and spoke with confidence about their scientific investigations. Thank you to all the parents who helped with projects and resources; we were delighted so many of you took the time to join us.

Congratulations to our budding poets!

St George's Lower School participated in a recent Young Writers competition, and we are very excited to announce that some of our children have had their poems chosen to be published:

The pupils from Key Stage 1 who had their poem selected for the for the Little Riddlers Poetry Competition are - Nashe Chiduku, Henry Potter, Pranav Uday, Rahana Kuttuva and Guravani Rai

The pupils from Key Stage 2 who had their poem selected for the for the Rhymecraft Poetry Competition are -

Taran Bains, Amelia Lee, Lucca Modin, Anya Djega, Hugo Villiers Cundy, Lina Da Silva, Aayush Bhatnagar, Coral Hemsoll, Alaina Ali, Sienna Pala, Ashwin Falkus and Poppy Lee

Congratulations one and all, we are very proud of you!

Royal Wedding

Lower School will be celebrating the upcoming nuptials with its very own 'street party' on Friday 18th May. The children and staff will have a buffet lunch together in the playground (weather permitting) followed by an afternoon of fun activities. For a donation of £1 the children may dress in red, white and blue, or wear their favourite party clothes. The money raised will go towards purchasing new books for the library.

Book Sale

On Wednesday 16th May Mrs Dore will be running a lunchtime book sale. She will be selling a variety of second hand children's books at a hugely discounted rate of five books for 10p! The money raised will also go towards purchasing new books for the library.

Year 6 Poetry Recital

Pupils from Year 6 will be reciting the poems they have written about war and peace to military veterans and members of the public on Friday 4th May in the Royal British Legion Pop In Centre, New Street, Birmingham; they will also have the opportunity to meet the veterans and both discuss and reflect on the impact of war past and present. The recital will start promptly at 10am. Please let Mrs Dodd know if you are able to attend; we hope to see you there!

Reception Class Trip to Ash End Farm

Reception had a great day at Ash End Farm on Monday. They got to feed and hold lots of animals including kids, lambs and chicks and they all collected an egg from the hens to take back home! Miss Tandy and Mrs McSharry report that the children engaged brilliantly with all the activities and their behaviour was a credit to us all.



Year 3's Trip to Stratford Upon Avon

Year 3 went to Stratford-Upon-Avon for a guided river tour. This was to reinforce their learning on the subject and to see the geographical features they have learnt about in a real life context.

They also had a wonderful time visiting the RSC theatre where they took part in an interactive art workshop. The children added to a wall in the theatre where people have written and drawn their hopes for the future of the world.



Topic Webs

You should have received a copy of your child's class topic web for this term; spare copies can be found on our website under the Information header or can be obtained from the class teacher.

Nessy

Mrs Burrows has asked for gentle reminder for you to encourage your child to use our online phonics and spelling programme at home. If you have forgotten or mislaid your child's log-in details please email Mrs Nash:

NashW@sgse.co.uk

E-Safety Workshop

We rescheduled our e-safety workshop due to lack of parental take up; however we are really keen to support you in understanding both the benefits and dangers of your child's online presence. Mrs Shaw and Mrs Sadiq really hope you can join them on 28th June at 2.30pm. 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; in the interim you will find attached a useful age appropriate guide for internet safety. The simple tips have been developed by [Internet Matters](#) and are a useful starting point in supporting you to keep your children safe online.

Absence requests

Term time absence requests should be put in writing for the attention of Mrs Sadiq, who is our certified Attendance Officer. The training she has received relates to current legislation and guidance; she will assess all requests and also discuss them with Mrs Shaw. Mrs Sadiq will inform you as to whether your request can be authorised, and in the event of an absence not being authorised, will discuss any attendance issues with you.

Dates For Diary – May 2018

Tuesday 1 st May	Year 3 trip to Stratford
Wednesday 2 nd May	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 4 th May	Year 6 trip to British Legion
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8 th May	Year 5 trip to Birmingham Museum
Wednesday 9 th May	Year 6 residential trip to Conover
Thursday 10 th May	KS1 Cricket all stars assembly
Friday 11 th May	Year 6 return from residential trip @ 2.30pm
Tuesday 15 th May	School Photographs
Wednesday 16 th May	Book sale in EAL classroom
Friday 18 th May	Royal Wedding celebrations/street party
Monday 21 st May	Year 5/6 Cricket competition
Tuesday 22 nd May	Year 2 trip to Nature Centre
Wednesday 23 rd May	Year 5 trip to St Josephs Care Home
Thursday 24 th May	Year 1 trip to Birmingham City Centre
Friday 25 th May	Year 5 assembly @ 9.00am
Friday 25 th May	Half Term starts

Dates For Diary – June 2018

Monday 4 th June	Term resumes
Tuesday 5 th June	Year 1 trip to Warley Woods
Wednesday 6 th June	Tennis competition Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 11 th June	Athletics completion Yrs 3 and 4
Wednesday 13 th June	Year 5 residential trip Aztec Upon Warren
Friday 15 th June	Year 3 Class assembly @ 9.00am
Monday 18 th June	Year 1 workshop (Warburtons)
Monday 18 th June	Cricket match Yrs, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 20 th June	Reception class assembly @ 9.00am
Wednesday 20 th June	Year 5 trip to Edgbaston Priory to watch Tennis

Dates for Diary – June 2018

Monday 25th June

Years 5 and 6 Netball match

Thursday 28th June

E-Safety workshop for Parents

Friday 29th June

Sports Day

Dates for Diary – July 2018

Tuesday 3rd July

Whole school trip to Conkers

Monday 9th July

Parents Evening

Tuesday 10th July

Academic Awards

Wednesday 11th July

School closes @ 12.00 noon for Summer