

# October 2022

## NEWSLETTER



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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to wish you all a warm welcome back after the half term break. Apologies for the lateness of the newsletter, but the beginning of term is always a busy time.

The children have settled well and are enjoying their new topic 'My Place, My Time', which will focus on Geography and History as subject drivers. Please ensure that you refer to your child's Parent Planner from the class teacher, with ideas for you to support your child's learning.

We are having a real focus on 'pride in appearance and presentation' and with this in mind, please support us with making sure that your child arrives in school daily in their full school uniform.

Physical Education (P.E.) is a priority area on our School Development Plan for 2022-2023. The whole school long term plan had been refined and we have used some of our Sport's Premium Grant funding for new playground markings, new resources and coaches to deliver high quality PE across the school. It is essential that all pupils wear suitable PE clothing and that named PE kits are at school for lessons. Children will be taught a range of skills in Dance, Gymnastic, Games and other physical activities and therefore appropriate clothing is required in school for these lessons. PE kits can be kept in school and will be sent home at the end of the half term.

Reading remains a huge priority area for us at St George's. We will always aim to improve our Reading offer at school. Reading is such an important subject area and a tool that aids all areas of the curriculum. Please read with your child at least three times a week and write a few notes in your child's home school link book. These books will be checked at least once a week by an adult and children reading at home will be able to move along a reading challenge in their class. If you have any worries or need any support or advice regarding reading with your child at home, do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or a member of the senior Leadership Team.

Good attendance and punctuality remains paramount at St George's and we have a working party of Attendance Officers across the Trust analysing attendance data and updating our new policies and procedures for monitoring attendance across the school. We will be liaising with the Education Welfare Team in the Local Authority and introducing Attendance Support Plans for children with falling and poor attendance. Good attendance impacts positively on a child's emotional and social wellbeing as well as their academic progress. Please support us with improving our attendance at St George's.

In the next few weeks, we are really excited about inviting current parents and new parents into our wonderful school. We are holding an open evening on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and have planned some exciting workshops to show case our school environment, our school facilities and our engaging and inspiring curriculum offer at St George's. Please look out for the lovely flyers that your child will be bringing home and the new school banners that will be advertising our school around Kidderminster. We will also advertise this on the school website and Facebook Page- keep a look out! If you know any parents/carers with children of school age who would like to visit our school, please contact them and inform them about this up and coming event.

It is never too early to mention Christmas and, with it fast approaching, we have included some important dates in this newsletter. Please ensure that you put these important dates in your diary in regard to Christmas Productions, Carol Services and the school Christmas Fayre.

Kind regards

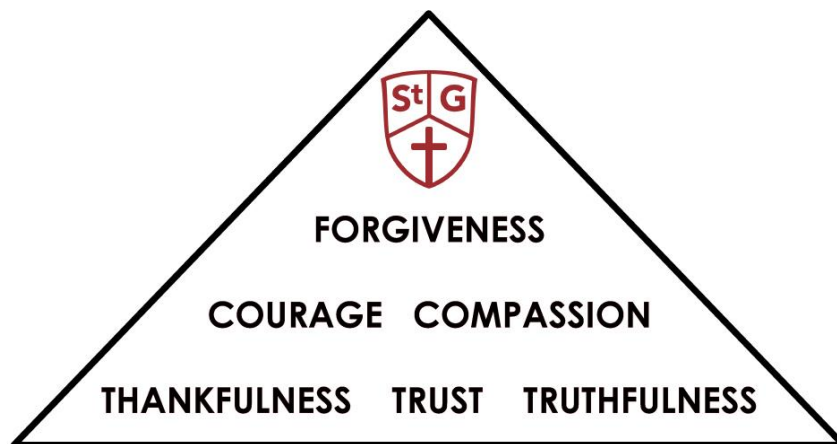
Mrs Clare Snape  
Headteacher



# St George's C of E School Vision

**NURTURE      LEARN      SUCCEED**

**With God's guidance, we nurture our St George's Family to have a passion for learning and give them the strength to face challenges, so that they succeed and flourish in life's journey.**



"I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength." Philipians 4:13

Jesus came to bring life in all its fullness. He nurtures all who needs strengthening, helps us learn how to love one another, gives us courage to succeed in life's purpose.

# **IMPORTANT DATES and REMINDERS**

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSAL**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – MORNING REC/KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY 9.15AM**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – EVENING REC/KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY 5.30PM (6PM START)**

**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – SCHOOL CHOIR AT THE SHRUBBERY CARE HOME**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – YEAR 1 TRIP TO THE BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS FAYRE 3.15PM**

**TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY**

**THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CAROL CONCERT AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 8.45AM**



## School Term Dates November 2022 to July 2023

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURES ON</b>	<b>SCHOOL TED DAYS</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023
<b>SPRING HALF TERM</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>EASTER</b>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>MAY DAY</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>END OF SUMMER TERM</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	N/A