

# SEE THE GRAPEVINE

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Lets hang onto our hats its going to be a busy end to the term.... Its been a wretched few months hasn't it? And we've all done amazingly well; I hope that we've all taken some coffee and contemplation time to reflect, and congratulate ourselves for what we've achieved, rather than berate ourselves for what we feel we haven't achieved. The pace of change has been a little like me running a marathon—start off quickly, then settle into a steady, calm, slow pace, before an unexpected sprint finish.... We're about to enter the unexpected sprint finish before we break for summer!

We have received guidance from the government about a full return from September; Im meeting with SLMT on Wednesday to assimilate the guidance, whence I will share it all with you on next week's newsletter. The essence remains the same however, just in larger bubbles. We will make a gradual approach to the changes, obviously with all kids back though. We will still be having the flexible starts and finishes, we will still be taking the temperature of the kids as they enter school (the guidance actually says there's no point in doing this.... But there's equally no harm in doing so.) Similarly the guidance says the kids should wear full school uniform from September as there is no need for clean clothes every day; again, im going to personalise the guidance, and ask for clean clothes every day—even if this involves deviating from the uniform. So, we will be fine.... We'll be great in fact. And it will be blinking lovely to see all the kids again.... We have missed them so much, and that's a promise. There will be other plans as well. For example I plan on having a play day in school over summer for those kids who haven't been in since March.... But that will just be with me, and I have to work out the logistics of it yet..... Just give me this week to plan, and I'll share my thoughts next Monday morning, then we have the normal Facebook live on Monday, and Zoom Q/A on Friday, both of which will continue after summer. (You'll notice I've discreetly binned off the Wednesday Facebook live!)

In these final 2 weeks of term, alas, we are unable to offer a seesaw service. We just do not have the capacity. Staff are working full time. Apologies. I will refer you to the Oak, or bitesize. One thing that sprang to mind this morning as I was chatting to a parent was the possibility of kids doing the same work, to perhaps facilitate a bit of chat amongst themselves which seems a great idea. So if your keen on this kids join in....

## Year 5

### Maths

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-6/subjects/maths>

Do the missing angles and length unit. You'll find this hard, it's in the year 6 area, but give it a go.

### English

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-5/subjects/english>

Do the balanced argument unit

### History.

A cracking unit on History, medieval monarchs.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-5/subjects/foundation>

### I've spoken to Mr Norris, and for year 4, he suggests.

Area and Perimeter for Maths. <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-4/subjects/maths>

For English, im going to take you to a year 5 unit on Biographies.... <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-5/subjects/english>

And for foundation subjects Im going to send you over to Bitesize for a unit on earthquakes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zj89t39>

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**Miss Berry has help me with Year 3** Fractions for Maths. <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-3/subjects/maths>

For English, im going to take you to a unit on Persuasion, it's a year 4 unit, but you will be fine.... <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-4/subjects/english>  
And for foundation subjects you've missed a unit on the Faith of Islam, so here it is! Again, it's from the year 4 section, but it's fine!  
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-4/subjects/foundation>

**And for year 2, if you're interested in this approach,**

In English, you've missed a unit on Instructions.... <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-2/subjects/english>

In Maths, if you're keen, can you complete a unit on face, shape and patterns, <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-2/subjects/maths>

And if you want an afternoon subject and topic, look at this cracker in Science, on Plants <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-3/subjects/foundation> (It's from the year 3 lessons, but give it a go!)

So, if you wish to now, you can all do the same work.... In the absence of seesaw, you can share your work on facebook if you wanted to for others to enjoy, and comment on—a bit like we did on Pobble!

Remember though, the above are only ideas, and if it's working for you, then it's working for me.

In other news, we have some bijou plans for our gorgeous Year 6 kids, who are leaving us this year. Alas, a performance isn't possible... but I still owe them a Pizza!

**So our plan is on Thursday 16th July:**

We will present the hoodies and gifts to year 6 in school during the day. The day will begin with an assembly for the Year 6 Leavers. They will receive some lovely mementos of their time at St. George's and share their choreography. Unfortunately, we ask that parents watch the assembly from home as to afford the Year 6 children more space and opportunity to share the hall on this day with their peers. After the assembly and lunch, the children will have an afternoon of party games, dancing and music culminating in Dominos Pizza. We ask that you pick up your child at 6pm after tea, from their bubble on the MUGA

On Friday, in keeping with tradition, the children will be invited into school from 8.15am whence they will be blessed by Reverend Mike and eat Bacon and Sausage butties. Whilst we know that it will be a disappointment that parents will not join us for these two days, we know you will understand our decisions are all made with the children's interests at heart, and keep following on Facebook, where everything will be posted. And, should you wish, it's actually very easy to download the videos from Facebook.

**SIMS Parent Lite. And a technology check list—Useful for all parents, including our new reception children! Start on the front foot!**

Attached are all the details for Parent Lite—an on line sharing APP, from SIMS, our pupil management system. SIMS (school information management system) is where we store all the details for the families—telephone numbers/ addresses/ NOK/ educational status/ allergies etc. We ask you once a year to fill in paper data collection forms so we can update the system. All the information we store is crucial, and to some extent, I think, exempt from the GDPR rules. It is crucial that this information is up-to-date as we use your email addresses for newsletters, telephone numbers to speak to you, food allergies as we embark upon food tasting, mobile numbers for texting etc.... The app allows you to check yours, and your families details, and to modify them. The modifications are not automatically saved—they come to school and we audit the changes before saving them.

Please do it over the weekend, can you check your details are up to date using the app, and spend 5 minutes coffee time looking at it, reading about it, and checking the details.

If you have not downloaded the app we will send you a final invite today. [Please follow the instructions by clicking here.](#)

If you have already registered then you need do nothing, apart from check your details are up to date. I appreciate that this is a little cumbersome at 1st, but we lose nothing in removing the paper sheets, and we both gain in using the app.

**As part of your data check, can you please check that we have a correct email address. Texting you is no longer free for school, accordingly you will be receiving fewer texts, and more emails!**

As always, any questions, see ADMIN.

**In other technology. Do you:**

**Follow us on Facebook?** It is a tremendous way to share information, and, when approached positively, and with courtesy, and with just basic common sense, actually is incredibly useful indeed. If you don't follow us on Facebook, please join us at St Georges Primary Chorley. Membership is actually automatic once you have answered the membership questions.

If you want to, have you registered for milk via cool milk? This is also something new starters can be doing now—[all the information you need is at the end of this link.](#)

For diary dates synchronise to the school website calendar—instructions are on the website for this.

Download the school news app (e4 education) from the app store. Enter the school's postcode, save the school, and then you get notifications aplomb as we update the website.

We use 2 uniform suppliers, one of which is online. [Details found here.](#)

**Year 2 School Meals**

As Year 2 children move into the juniors they will no longer be entitled to a universal free school meal. We will assume that your child still requires a school meal at a cost of **£2.30** per day unless you inform us by Friday 17th July that they will be having a packed lunch.

**Rest of school—school meal information.**

From September we will be popping up the cost of school meals inline with LCC guidelines upto **£2.40 per day, £12.00** per week. You don't need to do anything, Scopay will be update accordingly.

In better financial news we are not increasing the prices for any wrap around care for next year!

**Breakfast Club, Late Stay and Voluntary Trip Payments**

As is usual, regrettably, yet hopefully understandable, parents will not be allowed access to Breakfast Club or Late Stay if accounts are not cleared by the end of term.

Could you please check your accounts on Scopay and check that any debits are paid off.