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Hot Chocolate Saturday

Well it was great wasn't it! It was brilliant to see so many of you out and about enjoying your Saturday. There was a real sense of community and togetherness... which I think is quite an achievement considering! And to top it off we raised a massive £430 which will go towards new books for the kids when they return, thank you!

Disco, Disco, Disco!

Another success of the last week was the live stream disco on Thursday! The photos of you all dancing away in your living rooms were amazing to see.. They shone a little light in this dark time! So... we're doing it again! Tony will be live on 4th February between 7pm and 8.15pm, streaming on facebook! Get dressed up again, get your dancing shoes on and join us once again for a dance!

St George's Marathon

Get training. We're doing a run. On 7th February I want you all out for your hourly exercise! How far can you all run. Let's see how many marathons we can run. So, on Sunday 7th February, we're all in, we're all out - in our own time, at our own location, and our own space getting out for a run. Although we'll remain in isolation we'll be doing something together - something to text about, maybe even something to laugh about - something as part of a community. I for one am looking forward to it. It's something to do, something to look forward to and it gives us hope of things to come. And without hope, life's pretty dreary. So come on... let's get off the sofa, and get out... let's see how far we can get!

Any ipads or computers going spare?

We have already been so lucky to have received some donations of ipads, tablets and computers which have been distributed to families in school to support home learning. Thank you very, very much indeed to those who have already donated. If you have any spare technology knocking about that could help some of our kids learn from home please do drop it off with us.

If additional hardware at home would alleviate the stress levels contact us on help@ and we'll see what we can do!

help@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk (An email for parents if you need, err, help..... money/food/computers/behaviour etc)

worrybuster@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk (An email for kids to email in if they're are worried about anything)

Use of school provision

At the moment, school, or rather day stay, is open to key worker children and vulnerable children only. Yes, of course, please use the provision if you need it, but only if you need it. It is essential that we keep in mind the government's message of stay at home, protect the nhs and save lives. Please only send your child into school when there is no alternative. We are here as a last resort for those families who genuinely need it. Numbers are creeping up and this is something that we want to avoid to reduce the size of the vector of transmission amongst the children, the staff and indeed the community. Thank you.



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Zoom timetable freshen up

As the novelty of zoom learning may be beginning to wear off, we thought it was time to zhuzh and freshen up the timetable a little to keep the kids engaged and enthusiastic... Therefore, from Monday 8th February your zoom lessons will look slightly different. There will be no changes to the number of zoom lessons or the times of the zooms—these will all stay the same. What will change is that one of the Maths and English sessions across the week will be replaced with a foundation subject (History, Geography, Art, Music etc). Therefore, your child will receive 4 maths zooms lessons, 4 English zoom lessons and 2 foundation zoom lessons per week. Guided reading zooms will also continue as normal. Teachers will be in touch via SeeSaw to inform you which sessions will change in your child's class.

Residential refunds

Sadly, very sadly in fact, we are unsure what is happening with our residential of Bibby's farm and PGL. Therefore, we feel it only right that you receive a refund of any monies you have put towards these trips. We are looking into how to refund you via Scopay and you will receive a refund in the account from which you paid for the trip initially within the next couple of weeks. It is highly unlikely the refund will be with you this week but if it has not arrived within 3 weeks, please contact Sharon in the office.

Education Sunday

Education Sunday will take place this Sunday (6th February). If you would normally go to Church on Sunday then we will see you there. If you would not normally go to Church could we please invite you to take a look at our Education Sunday video which will be posted at 10am on Sunday 6th February to the school facebook page, the school website and the Church youtube page. If you are a member of Ethos group you should have received an e-mail from Mrs Harrison. Any problems at all please contact Mrs Harrison by replying to that e-mail.

Just one final thought...

Remember to speak to yourself as you would speak to others—kindly. We are often much harsher on ourselves than we would be on anyone else. The next time your inner voice is getting a bit negative just think 'What would I say to a friend in this position?' and change what you say to yourself to reflect that.

As always, take care, look after yourselves and look after each other.

The St George's Team x

Staff COVID testing

The lateral flow tests have arrived in school. From Monday 1st February, all our staff are testing themselves twice a week which offers reassurance and will work as a bit of a safety net for catching any cases quickly if any of our staff are asymptomatic. If a member of staff tests positive with the lateral flow test, they must then book in for a PCR COVID test to confirm the positive result. However, even though results of a lateral flow test must be verified with a PCR test, we must still treat them as a positive COVID case in school. Therefore we may need to close a bubble if a member of staff tests positive with the lateral flow test. Naturally, if the follow up PCR test comes back negative we may be able to reopen the bubble earlier.



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."



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Be the best**

Open events held on the first Tuesday of each month

Tuesday 2nd February 2021

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Tuesday 6th April 2021

Tuesday 4th May 2021

Tuesday 1st June 2021

All events 7-8pm

Contact r.horne@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk for details