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VALUE OF THE MONTH - SELF-ESTEEM

Well what a busy half term we have had at George Street Primary School. Our values over the past two months have been friendship and self-esteem. The children certainly are confident with both these values and it is evident to all who visit George Street what friendly, confident pupils we have. I hope that everyone has a half term break full of fun. Our pupil parliament have been hard at work writing about events over the half term so will leave it to them to let you know what exciting things have been happening!

Have a wonderful break.

Mrs K Davies
Acting Headteacher

Pupil Leadership Team

We are the Pupil Leadership Team and we set a good example to the children in our school. We meet with teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss lots of important things.

This half term we have been up to all sorts of adventures! These include showing important visitors around our magnificent school. These were Head Teachers and Deputy Head Teachers from other schools in Chepstow, Abergavenny and Newport. Also, on this special day before we showed the visitors around, we had breakfast with them and did a presentation about aspects of our school.

We also invited a special visitor Lynne Neagle MP to show off our wonderful school and she was impressed!

This half term we have also warmly welcomed and presented to Welsh Assembly representatives and the EAS leader of foundation phase. These ladies were interested in the things we do in our school and enjoyed looking at our independent learning areas from nursery to year 6. We felt very honoured and proud to share our school with them and presenting helped us to build our confidence. What an achievement!

By Dylan, Emily & Maddie

School Council

We are the school council and we are proud of what we do! We are here to help others, listen to children's voices and hold events all over the school. This year we have held an election to welcome our new school council recruits for 2017. All children were asked if they would like to stand for election and were then asked to write a speech and deliver it to their class. All of the votes were made secretly and the winners were announced in assembly. This year we are welcoming suggestion boxes for each class, so if any children have any ideas for the school council we can discuss them in our meetings. Don't forget to keep an eye out for notices around the school for our next fundraising event of Children in Need in November!

By Amelia and Mia

Active Journey Champions and JRSO'S

We are Active journey champions and junior road safety officers and in this team we help to make sure that people are walking, cycling and scooting to school. This term we met up with our leader Hamish who gave us lots of information about being safe on the roads when we are travelling. On the 27th October the whole school took part in a competition to see who can dress the brightest. Hamish came in for a special assembly and awarded the winner with a water bottle, slapband, and a fluorescent jacket. We are proud JRSO's and we loved the activities we have done this half term to keep George Street children safe!
By Alita, Mia & Lewis

Digital Leaders

The Digital Leaders are here to promote the use of computers and how to be safe. We have had a school competition to design an e safety mascot. We have had some fantastic entries and would like to thank everybody for entering. The results of the competition are; 1st place Laili - Caerdydd, 2nd place Maddison - Harlech, 3rd place Beatrice - Caerphilly. This term the Digital Leaders went on a trip to the Celtic Manor for a digital day. We took part in an e safety work shop and 'magpied' ideas to bring back to our school. For example; planning lessons and teaching other teachers and pupils, about the meaning of digital footprint. When we were there we learnt a lot and soon year 6 will be using their knowledge to teach other classes what we learned.
By Amelia, Holly & Zak

Eco Committee

This term we have been doing lots of work to achieve our Platinum Award; to achieve our platinum award we have been trying to increase the amount of recycling. Each class will be having a recycling bin to reduce the amount of paper being wasted. We think it is very important to have assemblies about eco and its beliefs, so we are planning an assembly for after half term to educate everyone so when children grow up they can make the right decisions to save our planet. It is important when you throw out batteries to recycle them properly, so one of our new representatives has kindly made a recycling battery box and donated it to the school. So if you have any spare batteries at home please remember to bring them into school, the box can be found by the school office!
By Wayne & Harri

Leaders of Learning

We are the leaders of learning and are here to ensure learning is fun and exciting for all children who attend George Street Primary School. This term we have interviewed children about their independent learning activities, the learning pit, and children's choices about their learning topics. We have also completed a learning walk which looks at the environment of the school and whether it stimulates the children to learn. We enjoy our responsibilities as leaders of learning and look forward to making future decisions to help the children of our school on their learning journey.
By Charleigh & Neo

Sports Ambassadors

In George Street School we enter a lot of sporting events as well as having our regular PE lessons and after school clubs. As sports ambassadors we work very hard to help all of the children get sporty! This week we have played our second tournament of the term and won both! This tournament was called the Newport County Kids Cup. We have got through to the next stage, which is going to be in Swindon! We are very excited and proud of all of our players. We are proud to promote all of the sports our children enjoy doing. We had a cross country competition and all of our children were amazing! We had a 1st in the boys and a 2nd in the girls and everyone took part and had lots of fun!

By Beatrice, Kobi and Leah

OPEN SESSIONS

Year 1 and 2 are delighted with the number of parents attending weekly open sessions! It has been lovely to see the turnout and thank them for their support.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents/carers that if their child is absent from school they **must** contact us on 01495 756436 and press option 1 to leave a message with the reason for absence by 10.00 am. Thank you.

COLLECTION OF YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF THE DAY

We appreciate that sometimes events happen and someone different may have to collect your child. Please could you ensure that you let staff know in the morning or in, **emergencies/exceptional circumstances**, please ring the office. We would prefer an adult to collect your child/children but cannot stop a younger person collecting a child if you have expressly given verbal/written permission.



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Good news! Parents Evening just got a whole lot easier because you can now book your appointments online.

We will send a link to your mobile phone or email address which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient for you. Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside all of the teachers that you can book in with.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book. This will even give you the option to add any notes that you might want the teacher to see before the meeting.
5. After you have entered any notes, please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
6. At any time before the Parents Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.

Make sure you book your parents evening ASAP to ensure you get the best time for you.

Please provide your up to date contact information below for our records.

Email Address 1: _____

Email Address 2: _____

Mobile Number: _____

2017 - 2018 DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

30 Oct - 3 Nov Half Term

NOVEMBER

Fri, 10 Nov Mufti Day for St Anne's Hospice
 Mon, 13 Nov Brecon Royal Welsh Museum - year 6
 Tues, 14 Nov Parent Consultations: 3.30 - 6.00 pm - **No afterschool clubs**
 Weds, 15 Nov Parent consultations: 3.30 - 6.00 pm
 Wed, 22 Nov Slimbridge Wildlife Centre, Stroud - Year 3

DECEMBER

Mon, 11 Dec Mother Christmas at Big Pit Blaenavon - Tulip 11.00 - 1.00 pm
 Tues, 12 Dec Mother Christmas at Big Pit Blaenavon - Sunflower - 11.00 - 1.00 pm
 Tues, 12 Dec Mother Christmas at Big Pit Blaenavon - Poppy - 1.00 - 3.00 pm
Wed, 13 Dec **Christmas Dinner**
 Thurs, 14 Dec Cinderella Pantomime at Congress Theatre - Daffodil & Daisy
 Thurs, 14 Dec Mother Christmas at Big Pit Blaenavon - Bluebell - 12.30 - 2.30 pm
 Fri, 15 Dec Cinderella Pantomime at Congress Theatre - Y3 to Y6
Wed, 19 Dec **Santa is visiting school**
Fri, 22 Dec **TRAINING DAY**

JANUARY 2018

Mon, 8 Jan School open
 Wed, 24 Jan Caerleon Museum - Year 3

JUL

Fri, 20 Jul LAST DAY OF TERM
Mon, 23 Jul **TRAINING DAY**
Tues, 24 Jul **TRAINING DAY**

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2017 -2018

TERM	<u>TERM BEGINS</u>	<u>HALF TERM STARTS</u>	<u>HALF TERM ENDS</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
AUTUMN		<u>Monday</u> 30 October 2017	<u>Friday</u> 3 November 2017	<u>Friday</u> 22 December 2017
SPRING	<u>Monday</u> 8 January 2018	<u>Monday</u> 19 February 2018	<u>Friday</u> 23 February 2018	<u>Thursday</u> 29 March 2018
SUMMER	<u>Monday</u> 16 April 2018	<u>Monday</u> 28 May 2018	<u>Friday</u> 1 June 2018	<u>Tuesday</u> 24 July 2018

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - MONDAY, 7 MAY 2018

SCHOOL TERM DATES - 2018 - 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

TERM	<u>TERM BEGINS</u>	<u>HALF TERM STARTS</u>	<u>HALF TERM ENDS</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
Autumn	Mon 3 rd Sept 2018	Mon 29 th Oct 2018	Fri 2 nd Nov 2018	Fri 21 st Dec 2018
Spring	Mon 7 th Jan 2019	Mon 25 th Feb 2019	Fri 29 th Feb 2019	Fri 12 th Apr 2019
Summer	Mon 29 th Apr 2019	Mon 27 th May 2019	Fri 31 st May 2019	Mon 22 nd July 2019

MAY DAY - MONDAY 6TH MAY 2019

MRS K DAVIES- ACTING HEADTEACHER