



GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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VALUE OF THE MONTH – PATIENCE

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is a pleasure to offer my best wishes to your family at the start of this school year. We are already four weeks in to what is always a very busy term. It has been lovely to see the children settle back into school, all looking so smart and keen to make a positive start in their new classes this year. I have thoroughly appreciated the warm welcome I have received from them and it has been rewarding to spend time together in assemblies and around classes in these first few weeks. It will take me some time to get to know everybody but it is a goal I am steadily working towards.

Welcome Back!



It has been good also to have the opportunity to greet many of you as parents at either end of the school day. I know that the outcome of our work in school and the happiness and progress of your children is helped greatly by a successful partnership between parents and staff. We welcome your involvement in school life and will always provide time to listen to good news or share concerns in the interest of your children.

There will be many opportunities over this term to engage with school; through our Friday open sessions, at autumn parent consultations and through upcoming performances. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events. In the meantime, please follow out twitter feeds and school website which we will use, with our texting service, to keep you up to date.

Mr A Brasington
Headteacher / Prifathro

COASTAL SCHOOL

Coastal school is proving very popular with the children in George Street. Year 3 and Year 2 have sessions planned this term and by the end of next summer all year groups will have experienced at least two coastal school sessions.

As part of the coastal school program, we have been learning about plastic pollution in our seas. Witnessing the extent of the problem first hand during our visits to Ogmores has made a big impact on the children. They are keen to get involved in removing litter from the beach during our sessions. They have taken this learning back to their classrooms and each class has created a 'Plastic Pledge.'



ECO club got involved with the 'Great British Beach Clean' and collected a bag full of plastic that would otherwise have ended up in our oceans – Da iawn! I am really pleased to lead such a passionate group of Eco warriors.

Thank you to the many parents that supported our Nursery coastal school sessions before the summer break. Everybody was so enthusiastic with the activities and we had fantastic feedback. I hope it gave you some knowledge, ideas and insight that the beach could be used as a fun learning resource as well as for sunbathing!

TWITTER INFO FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS

| Year Group/Staff Member | Twitter Handle |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Nursery | @SnowdropGSPri |
| Reception | @ReceptionGSPri |
| Year 1 | @GSPriYear1 |
| Year 2 | @GSPriYear2 |
| Year 3 | @GSPriYear3 |
| Year 4 | @GSPriYear4 |
| Year 5 | @GSPriYear5 |
| Year 6 | @GSPriYear6 |
| Mrs Fisher | @MrsFisherGS |
| Mrs PW | @GeorgeStSport |
| Mrs Morgan | @MrsMorganGSPri |
| Mrs Nicholls | @LibraryGSPri |
| Mrs Manley | @MrsManleyGSPri |
| George Street Primary | @Georgestreetpri |



FOUNDATION PHASE



We have introduced a new, exciting snack menu for all Foundation Phase children. They are being encouraged to try a range of different healthy foods each day including yoghurt, fruit, vegetables, dips, cheese and crackers. The children are really enjoying trying something new.

We depend upon each child making their contribution. Please send **£1.25 per week** with all children from Nursery to Y2 in order for us to continue to provide this standard at snack time. Some parents may find it easier to pay for several weeks at a time - **£5 for 4 weeks** etc. We are very happy to accept payment in this way if you prefer. In view of these changes, it is also very important to make staff aware of any known allergies or intolerances. Thank you.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

A reminder that if your child is due to start Nursery with us next September your application form, together with your child's birth certificate and proof of your address must be in by no later than **FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2018**. Thank you.



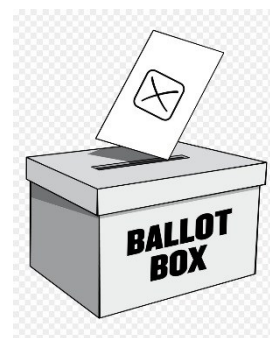
YEAR 3 PROJECT

As part of their school project, Year 3 pupils in classes Coch and Gwyn will be making chutney for Christmas. The cost will be £2.50 per jar and pre-orders can be sent in to Mrs Fielding or Miss Bodger. The children are looking forward to being creative in the kitchen areas and preparing a handmade treat for the festive season. Please show our young entrepreneurs your support.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION DAY

We will be holding our annual school council elections this Friday, 28th September. There will be a private ballot which will provide an opportunity for all children in Years 2-6 to visit the polling station and vote for their chosen candidate.

Our newly elected school council members will introduce themselves in our next newsletter. Please note, Year 3 will vote separately because of their coastal school visit on Friday.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2018 – 2019

| FOUNDATION PHASE | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Day | Club | Staff | Age Range | Location |
| Monday | FP Cookery * | Mrs L Davies | Rec - Y2 | Y1 Classroom |
| Monday | Lego | Mrs G Lloyd | Rec - Y2 | Bluebell Classroom |
| Monday | Multi Sports | Miss C Woods | Rec - Y2 | Hall |
| Tuesday | Music | Mrs N Davies | Rec- Y2 | Sunflower Classroom |
| Tuesday | Art & Craft | Miss K Bishop | Rec -Y2 | Y2 classroom |
| WEDNESDAY | NO CLUBS | | | |
| Thursday | Story time | Mrs C Williams | Rec - Y2 | Nursery |
| Thursday | Film Club | Miss H Thomas | Rec - Y6 | Upstairs wet area |

| KS2 | | | | |
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| Day | Club | Staff | Age Range | Location |
| Monday | KS2 Cookery * | Miss G Jones | Y3 - Y6 | Upstairs wet area |
| Monday | Netball | Miss E Main | Y5 - Y6 | Yard |
| Tuesday | STEM | Mr B Eastman | Y5 - Y6 | Y6 Classroom |
| Tuesday | Recorder | Mrs M Fielding | Y3 - Y6 | Gwyn Classroom |
| Tuesday | Running | Miss T Bowden | Y5 - Y6 | Y6 Classroom |
| Tuesday | Culture Club | Mr N Taylor & Mrs L Fisher | Y3 - Y6 | Y6 Wet area |
| WEDNESDAY | NO CLUBS | | | |
| Thursday | Author Club | Mr J Keir | Y3 - Y6 | Daisy Classroom |
| Thursday | Film Club | Miss H Thomas | Rec - Y6 | Upstairs wet area |
| Thursday | Minecraft** | Mrs L Bradbury | Y3 - Y5 | Y-Fenni Classroom |
| Thursday | DCF | Miss S Bodger | Y3 - Y6 | Coch Classroom |
| Thursday | Football | Mrs M Preston-Watkins | Y5 - Y6*** | Outside |
| Friday | Rugby | Mr C Bowen | Y5 - Y6 | Hall/Outside |
| Friday | Radio Station | Mrs K Morgan | Y5 - Y6 | I Lounge |
| *Cookery £1 per session ** Minecraft online booking & payment £3.99 *** Football Spring: Y3/4 | | | | |

CLOTHING GRANTS FOR RECEPTION AND Y6 PUPILS

The WG have introduced a new grant to assist families on low incomes for the purchase of:

- School uniform including coats and shoes;
- School sports kit including footwear;
- Uniform for enrichment activities, including but not limited to, scouts; guides; cadets; martial arts; sports; performing arts or dance;

- Equipment e.g. school bags and stationery;
- Specialist equipment where new curriculum activities begin such as design and technology;
- Equipment for out of school hour's trips such as outdoor learning e.g. waterproofs.
- Some other purchases including in relation to enrichment activities, specialist equipment and equipment for out of hours trips.

The funding is available to pupils who are eligible for free school meals or are looked after entering:

- reception in September 2018;
- Year 7 in September 2018

Funding is provided at £125 for each eligible pupil. Payments will be issued based on automated eligibility checks and these checks will be carried out on a regular basis. The payment will normally be made into your bank account, we may need to contact you to obtain this information. If you become eligible during the financial year or have any further queries, please contact the Benefits Team on **01495 742291 or 742377.**



NEWPORT COUNTY EFL KIDS CUP

Good luck to our footballers who will be representing the school on Thursday this week in the Torfaen leg of the Newport County EFL Kids Cup competition at Cwmbran Stadium. Matches will start at 10.00 and run in group stages throughout the day. If you have the opportunity you are very welcome to come and support the team.

SCHOOL TERM DATES: 2018 - 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

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| Thurs, 27 Sept | Football Tournament at Cwmbran Stadium |
| Fri, 28 Sept | Coastal Visit to Rest Bay, Porthcawl - Y3 |
| Tue, 2 Oct | Tempest Photography - Individual photos |
| Wed, 3 Oct | Tempest Photography - Sibling photos (family photos 8.30 am) |
| Fri, 12 Oct | Coastal Visit to Ogmore by Sea - Y2 |
| FRI, 22 FEB | TRAINING DAY |
| FRI, 3 MAY | TRAINING DAY |
| MON, 22 JUL | TRAINING DAY |

| TERM | TERM BEGINS | HALF TERM STARTS | HALF TERM ENDS | TERM ENDS |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Autumn | Wed 5th 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 6 MAY 2019