



## GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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# Newsletter/Newyddion 2018 - 2019 Issue No. 1

## 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 Ogmore 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.



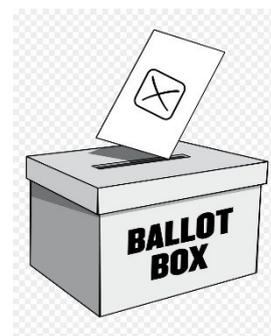
## YEAR 3 PROJECT

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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NO CLUBS</b>			
Thursday	Story time	Mrs C Williams	Rec - Y2	Nursery
Thursday	Film Club	Miss H Thomas	Rec - Y6	Upstairs wet area

KS2				
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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NO CLUBS</b>			
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**

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 Ogmere by Sea - Y2
<b>FRI, 22 FEB</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b>
<b>FRI, 3 MAY</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b>
<b>MON, 22 JUL</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b>

<b>TERM</b>	<b>TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>HALF TERM STARTS</b>	<b>HALF TERM ENDS</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>
Autumn	Wed 5th Sept 2018	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2018	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018
Spring	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019
Summer	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019

**MAY DAY - MONDAY 6 MAY 2019**