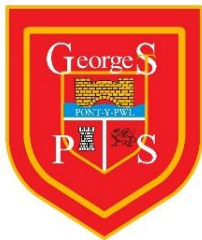


Headteacher/Prifathro
Mr A Brasington
Tel 01495 756436
Fax 01495 767723



www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk
office.georgestreetprimary@torfaen.gov.uk
Twitter@georgestreetpri

YSGOL GYNRADD A MEITHRIN STRYD SIORS GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Wednesday 19 May 2021

Dear parents/carers

It may have been a dismal weather month so far but it hasn't dampened our spirits in George Street. Children have been thoroughly enjoying their time in school and staff have been busy making each day an engaging and rewarding experience for pupils. We are moving towards the end of our first full half term since before Christmas and it is hugely satisfying to see how well the school has pulled together and what good progress children have made in a relatively short time. There is a clear feeling of energy and optimism here that we are moving in the right direction together and that this is working in the children's favour. Let's hope that before half term the sun will find its way to joining in too!



TORFAEN PLAY WELL-BEING & PLAY CAMP

As during previous holidays over the last year, George Street will be hosting a well-being and play camp run by Torfaen Play during the Whistun half term break. The camp provides activities that are run by play workers on the school site and buildings between 10.00-3.00 on Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd June. There is no charge for this provision and we are able to offer 10 spaces to children who have not accessed the camp during any of the previous school holidays.

If you would like your child(ren) to attend then please contact the school office on the number above to register your interest by **3.00 this Friday, 21st May**. The available spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and we will confirm arrangements for children who gain a place by contacting you early next week.

Please note that children will need to attend for all three days and will need to bring a packed lunch and be dressed appropriately to take part in outdoor as well as indoor activities.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

I am pleased to confirm that next half term we will have in place revised arrangements that will enable the school to run as normal on Wednesdays so that there will no longer be an early collection on these days.

I appreciate that the temporary arrangements that have run this half term have been awkward for many families to manage. We are grateful for the cooperation you have shown as parents/carers and grandparents in supporting us to operate safely since our whole school return.

While low rates of infection and increasing vaccinations provide a little scope for us to work more flexibly, I wish to reassure all parents/carers that ensuring the safety of children and staff remains our top priority.

TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

As we move towards the final half term of this school year we are working on plans to enable all pupils to make a successful transition to the next step in their learning.

Together we live learn and value

I am happy to advise parents/carers of those pupils who will be joining West Monmouth School this September that a transition visit for Year 6 pupils in George Street has been arranged for the morning of Friday 18th June. This will provide an opportunity for pupils to visit the school in person and to familiarise themselves with the environment, meet with staff and learn about school life in Year 7. Pupils will be accompanied by members of our Year 6 staff team and will be the only primary school visiting on this day.

At the start of next half term we will confirm with all parents the 'move-up' activity that will take place in school to support children in readiness for starting in their new classes in September. Under the current circumstances this will differ from our usual approach but we will make sure that all pupils have the opportunity to spend time in their new classroom and to meet with their new teachers and teaching assistants in person so that they can look forward with confidence to the beginning of the next school year.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

I am sure that many of you will have noticed at points the presence of civil enforcement officers (CEOs – formerly parking wardens) at the beginning or end of the school day. These officers are part of a team that visits schools across the borough to check that cars are parked in a safe and legal manner. As part of their role they will issue penalty charge notices (PCN) when parking rules are broken, for instance when cars are stopped on the zig zag markings (instant fine) or double parked in the road.



The decision to issue a PCN for an offence is made by the CEOs who are trained in the rules and have the legal authority to enforce them.

School staff have no enforcement role and are not involved in or responsible for these decisions.

Where parents/carers receive a PCN and wish to appeal the decision you will have to contact the Council to dispute the fine. School staff have no say in these decisions and do not advocate on behalf of either party.

INSET: FRIDAY 21ST MAY

A reminder that school is closed to pupils this Friday for staff training.



NURSERY & RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

Please note that we have very few spaces left in our Nursery and Reception classes for September. If you, or anyone you know is planning for a child to start in George Street in September please contact the Council's school admissions team to register for a place.

You can find out about applying for a place by visiting the Torfaen website at <https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/School-Admissions/SchoolAdmissions-Nursery/School-Admissions-Nursery-Schools.aspx> or ringing Kath Worwood (Senior Admission and Transfer Officer) on 01495 766915.

Kind regards,

A. Brasington

Mr A Brasington