



Newsletter No: 13

19th April 2024

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break.

Next week each school are holding their parents' evenings. Teachers will discuss where your child is against age related expectations; the progress they are making and their attendance with. A formal written report will be sent out towards the end of the school year. If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up there is still time to fit you in.

The summer term is always a busy one due to the statutory assessments which take place for some children. We are busy planning out our usual events such as health and well-being week, sports days etc. These dates will be shared with you shortly.

I just wanted to say thank you for your patience and support this week regarding the parking at school. We realise this has caused huge frustrations and anxieties for all of us. Unfortunately, staff are now no longer permitted to park on the memorial hall car park, and we are currently working on all staff being able to park safely as there is not enough room in the staff car park. Hopefully we will have this solved next week. The children will be taking part in a few extra fire drills over the coming weeks too due to our change in evacuation procedures.

Regards
Mrs Arrowsmith

Next week...

Monday ~ Parent Teacher Consultations

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Thursday ~ Prêt-a-Portrait ~ Class Photographs and Year 6 Leavers.

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Parent Teacher Consultations

Please remember it is our Parent Teacher Consultations on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd April 2024. The time slot sheets have been on display on the front playground this week for you to 'sign up' to meet with your child's teacher. If you have not yet signed up and would like an appointment, the sheets will be out on the playground again Monday morning.

Each appointment time allows 10 minutes. It is important that times are adhered to.

On arrival for your consultation please make your way to the school hall, where there will be seats for waiting. Each of the teachers will have their own 'area' of the hall to meet with you.

Year 6 SAT Breakfast Booster Sessions at St Germans

Year 6 SATs Breakfast Booster sessions continue every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.10am until 8.45pm and will be held every week until SATs. Mrs Brown looks forward to seeing you all there!



School Appearance

As a school we really value setting high expectations in everything we do. We are very proud of how all of the children conduct themselves and the pride they take. We would like to remind everyone of the correct uniform to be worn at school by children:

- Royal Blue School Sweatshirt / Cardigan/Fleece
- White Shirt/Blouse/Polo Shirt
- Grey Trousers/Skirt
- Sensible Shoes (NO trainers or platform heels)
- Hairbands & Earrings small studs and simple. NO BIG BOWS OR HAIRBANDS PLEASE
- Long hair to be tied back to reduce the risk of headlice spreading.
- School PE kit for PE – No football shirts or branded sportswear please.



Thank you for your help in this matter.

High School Transition Sessions

Information will soon be out for the Year 6 High School Transition sessions. Please ensure you let the school office know if you intend to take your child to any of the sessions, as this will ensure they receive the right attendance mark.

Thank you

End of Term Assembly

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for our End of Term Assembly on Friday 22nd March it was lovely to see so many of you.

Well done to the following children for their awards;

EYFS & Key Stage1 Special Recognition Award ~ Chloe

Key Stage 2 Special Recognition Award ~ Imogen

KS1 Lunchtime Award ~ Samuel

KS2 Lunchtime Award ~ Amelia

Breakfast Club Award ~ Edward

Afterschool Care Award ~ Thomas B

Commitment to Learning ~ Hope, Lilah, Archie A, Emilia, Isabella, Sophia, Lexi-Leigh



Prêt-a-portrait – Class Photographs

Prêt-a-Portrait will be visiting our school on Thursday 25th April where they will be taking class pictures along with Year 6 Leavers one. If your child is in Caterpillars but does not normally come in on a Thursday, they are more than welcome to pop in just to join their class for the photograph and then leave but please let the school office know if you are planning to do this. A viewing card explaining how you can view, and order pictures will come home following Prêt-a-Portrait's visit. If for any reason your viewing card doesn't make it to you, please contact the school office as they will have all the information you need.

Year 1 and Year 2 Dance Festival

The Year 1 and 2 children will be taking part in a Dance Festival at the Corn Exchange on Wednesday 21st June (morning performance). If you wish to come and watch, please use the link below to buy tickets and don't forget to select **morning performance**.

Children who are under the age of 2 are allowed to sit on their parents' laps but older children will need their own seat.

Mrs Shillings will be in contact with you regarding costumes and other information nearer the time.

<https://www.kingslynncornexchange.co.uk/theatre/whats-on/event/wnssp-dancefestival-june-2024/>



Issues with ParentPay and ParentApps

If you are having any issues with ParentPay or ParentApps please ensure you let the school office know as we may be able to help you or point you in the right direction to get your issue sorted. Thank you

Information in Book Bags

Please can we ask that **Book Bags are checked daily** as information/letters and leaflets are sent home frequently, these can often require parental consent by an **allocated deadline**.

Please ensure your child has a book bag of some kind to bring to school each day, this can be a bag of their choice or a school book bag. Children will then be able to safely manage all their reading /communication books and any letters to parents to and from school. Thank you

Tri-Golf Event

Letters have gone home this week to selected Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 children for the upcoming Tri-Gold event on Monday 29th April.



If your child has bought a letter home, please ensure you log onto your ParentPay account to give permission and make a £2.50 donation towards the transport for this event. Thank you.

Year 6 Crucial Crew Event

A letter has been given to all Year 6 children today for the Crucial Crew Event held at King's Lynn Fire Station on Friday 3rd May 2024.

The aim of this trip is to provide the children with knowledge of safety both within the home environment and outside.

Some of the organisations that will be speaking to your children will be; Norfolk Fire and Rescue, St Johns Ambulance, H.M.Coastguard and UK Power Networks.

Please ensure you log onto your ParentPay account to give permission and make payment towards the transport for this event.

Thank you.

Mini Gear

We have a small number of children representing us at the Mini Gear on Sunday 5th May. We would like to thank them for taking part and raising funds for St Germans Academy via collecting sponsorship. If you are in King's Lynn on that day please give a big cheer to Mr Dowers, Harry, Leo T, Henry A, Lewis, Edward, Phoebe, Isabella, Lexi-Leigh & Max as they run past on their loop around the town!

Monday 6th May

Please remember the school is closed on Monday 6th May as this is a bank holiday.

KS2 Fruit Tuck shop

We are restarting the KS2 Fruit Tuck shop next week for children in Ladybirds and Dragonflies classes. Children are able to purchase a piece of fruit or other healthy snack to eat during morning break. Items will be priced about 20p-25p each, please can children bring in the correct change.

Fireflies, Butterflies and Caterpillars children still receive free fruit from the School Fruit and Veg Scheme.



School Lunches

Please remember our school lunches are now £2.40 a day or £12.00 a week payable via ParentPay.

Universal Free School Lunches are for Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. If you feel you are entitled to Free School Meals, please apply online on the following website www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo If you are unable to apply online please contact the school office for assistance. All applications are confidential.



Outstanding Monies



Please could all outstanding monies be paid as soon as possible via ParentPay. Please remember to pay when booking your child in for lunch afterschool childcare or breakfast club. If you are having trouble paying your bill, please contact the school office or Toni Clarkstone our PSA. Thank you.

Thank you!

Thank you to the Friends of the School for providing the Easter Bunnies for our whole school Easter Egg Hunt last term. The children had a great time searching all over the school finding the Easter egg cards in exchange for a chocolate or free from Easter treat!



Year 6 Leavers London Trip

Information about the Year 6 Leavers London trip came out before the Easter Holidays and is all set up on ParentPay for parents to give permission and start making payments for this trip. If you need another copy of the trip letter, please contact the school office. A second letter with further information will be out nearer the time. Any questions about this trip please contact the school office.

Celebration Board

Please remember to let us know if you've done something worth celebrating so that we can put it up on our board in the Reception Area.





Welcome to our half termly SEND Shout out! A section of the newsletter addressing important and helpful information relating to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

This week we are talking about **how to refer for support if you are worried about your child.**



If you are concerned that your child might need additional support at school, the first point of call is to talk to your child's class teacher. They will discuss what support could be put in place in the classroom and what this may look like. The class teacher may seek support from the SENCo as to how to support your child and a meeting may be held to talk through options.

If you have concerns about any needs or behaviours that your child is experiencing at home and you wish for more advice there are several options available;

- A phone call to arrange an appoint with your GP
- Visit the SENDIASS website – there is lots of information on several different areas of support.
- If you child already has a support plan in school (and possibly an EHCP) and you wish for them to be assessed for a possible diagnosis, you can also contact you GP to be referred through the NDS pathway or access the Right to Choose Pathway [Click here](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or SENCo for more information.



St Germans Preschool

It is never too early to place your child's details on the list indicating you wish them to attend St Germans Pre-school. Please contact the school office to have your child added to the list, we can then arrange to have a pack sent home and a phone call booked in the diary in good time for them to start.

Thank you.

Term Time Holidays

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of families requesting holiday forms. Although we understand why you may choose to do this, we cannot authorise holidays except in exceptional circumstances which are explained on the holiday form. It is important that we have detailed information from you to ensure we can judge whether a situation is classed as 'exceptional'. We would encourage families to speak with us before booking a holiday. Recent research shows primary school children with no absences are three times as likely to achieve an excellent score in maths and reading than peers who missed 10 per cent of lessons.

April

- Thurs 25th ~ Pret A Portrait ~ Class Photographs.
Mon 29th ~ WNSSP Tri-golf Festival for selected Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 children.

May

- Wed 1st ~ Nursing Team to see Reception Children and Year 6.
Fri 3rd ~ Crucial Crew Event for Year 6.
Sun 5th ~ Mini Gear Run
Mon 6th ~ Bank Holiday – School Closed.
Tues 7th ~ WNSSP Y5 / 6 Girls Tag Rugby Event – Letter out next week.
W/C 13th ~ Year 6 SATs.
Tues 14th ~ Dragonflies Trip to Norwich Castle.
Sat 18th – Sun 19th ~ St Germans Village Historical Weekend.
Fri 24th ~ Last Day at School before Half Term.

June

- Mon 3rd ~ Back to School
W/C 3rd ~ Health and Wellbeing Week
Mon 10th ~ St Germans Church Flower Festival Visit - tbc
Mon 17th ~ Bikeability Session for Year 6 children who have pre-booked
Tues 18th ~ Dance Festival for Fireflies Class – Information to follow.
Wed 19th ~ Year 6 Leavers trip to London.
Tues 25th WNSSP Area Sports Event for Selected KS2 – Information to follow.

July

- Mon 1st – Wed 3rd KLA Transition Days for Year 6
Fri 5th ~ Friends of the School Summer Fair
Wed 10th ~ OAE Performance for Dragonflies – Information to follow.
Wed 10th ~ Year 6 Leavers Assembly Dress Rehearsal
Thurs 11th ~ Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm
Thurs 18th ~ End of Term Celebration Assembly 2pm
Fri 19th ~ Last Day at School before Summer Holidays

More events to follow – watch this space!!