



# St. George's Church of England Primary School

*A member of the Aspire Federation*

## September Newsletter 2018

### **Welcome back**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children and their parents. We hope that all our children will find happiness and success in their learning.

### **Diary Dates**

Parents' meetings will be taking place before the end of this term. This is an opportunity for you to look at your child's work and discuss their progress with the class teacher. These will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. A letter will follow.

Harvest Festival date is to be confirmed and again a letter will follow with details of the church service.

### **Congratulations St. George's**

We are delighted to announce that the school has been awarded the national Primary Science Quality Mark. The teachers have worked really hard to ensure that there has been fabulous science work carried out by the children over the past year. A big thank you to Miss Densham for leading on this work in school.

We are excited to inform you that we received the School Games Mark Bronze Award at the end of last term. This celebrates the range of sporting activities we offer to the children both in school and in the local community. A big thank you to Mrs Pattinson and Mr Carr for their dedication in their role.

### **School Results 2018**

Although we have to wait a little longer before national results are verified, we are pleased to let you know that overall children across the school did well with their test results at the end of last year. Foundation Stage had a fantastic year, working above the national standard which has ensured they are well prepared for Year 1. Children in Years 2 and 6 showed good progress in their learning, with a number of children working at greater depth.

### **Parents' Meetings**

Thank you to all parents who attended our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Parents' meetings this week. If you were unable to come along, the class presentations will be on the school website within the next two weeks. Please do check the website for this very useful information.

### **Attendance**

**Illness:** Parents must let the school know, at their earliest possible convenience, if their child is going to be absent from school.

**Holidays:** We urge all parents to book family holidays outside of term time in order to cause the least possible disruption to your child's learning. You will by now be aware that any parent removing their child from school for more than four and a half days within a week will be subject to a possible fine from Lincolnshire County Council. Compassionate leave can only be granted by the Executive Headteacher, on behalf of the Governors, in extreme circumstances.

### **Independence**

The children in Years 1 and 2 have now settled into their new classrooms with their new routines. We are always thinking about how we can make the children's experiences as positive as we can, whilst helping them to become independent. From Monday next week, 17<sup>th</sup> September, children in Years 1 and 2 will enter school by the green gate in front of the Year 1 and 2 classrooms. Mr Carr or Miss Bellew will be on the gate to welcome the children and either the class teacher or a teaching assistant will be at the class door to see the children in. This is a safe way of the children coming into school and not being surrounded by too many adults in the Key Stage 1 corridor. If you have a message to pass onto the class teacher please feel free to talk to Mr Carr or Miss Bellew or come to the office.

### **Healthy bodies**

We are committed to continuing our Healthy School ethos. Children are joining in the Daily Mile and walking, jogging or running their mile. We have appointed a new Sports Apprentice who will be joining our team within the next few weeks. Due to all the energy which is being placed into keeping ourselves healthy we are asking parents not to send in cakes or sweets to celebrate birthdays or return from holidays. We will help celebrate birthdays by singing happy birthday and hearing about presents received and celebrations taking place outside of school.

### **Car Parking**

We are receiving complaints from our own parents and local residents about safety issues concerned with parking outside of the school gates. Our children need to be kept safe so please respect the rights of pedestrians on the pavements and the access for vehicles surrounding the school site. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### **Clubs**

After-school clubs will start next Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. If you have not heard otherwise your child has been enrolled on the chosen clubs. These will be for the full year. We hope they will enjoy these activities and have great fun.

### **Red Post Box**

From Monday there will be a red post box situated in the school lobby. You will be able to return reply slips, named envelopes containing money for educational visits, swimming and letters for the school office. The box will be secure and this will mean you do not need to wait to see a member of the office staff.

### **Emails**

If you do not receive information from school to your email or have changed your email address recently, please could you inform the school office in order that this can be rectified.

### **Portacabin**

During last school year we took back control of the portacabin from the Ark Nursery. Sadly during the snowy weather, water pipes burst and damaged the floor irreparably. The good news is that the insurance department from Lincolnshire County Council have agreed to fund replacement of the floor and redecoration of the building. As soon as this work is complete we will be able to hold parents meetings and forums, coffee mornings and a range of child related activities.