



St George's Primary Newsletter

5th December 2023

Thank you!

- **Children in Need:** a huge thank you to everyone who donated money or cakes and buns in class or bought buns from the bun sale – we raised an amazing £250 for Children in Need! Thank you all for your amazing support.
- **NAPA Christmas Spectacular:** thank you to all the families who came to see the children's fantastic performance at NAPA – we are so proud of every one of our talented singers and dancers.
- **Parent View Survey:** thank you to everyone who completed the Parent View Survey. Your views are very important to us as they help us to ensure that we are providing the very best educational experience for your children and for you.
- **Parents' day meetings:** this one seems a long time ago but we would like to thank you all for the great response to parents' day. Whether you attended a meeting face to face or over the telephone, we really do appreciate the opportunity to discuss your children's progress with you. One of the big positives from this year's meetings was the shared high expectations from both parents and teachers to ensure that children are reaching their full potential.

Christmas Events

Last week of term: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd December the last week of school will be a non-uniform week. Remember that Monday is Christmas Crafts so come to school in something you don't mind getting glue, paint or glitter on.

Christmas Craft Day Monday 18th December

Join us for crafting fun with plenty of glitter and glue. Sessions will run from 9:15am – 11:00am and 1:00pm – 2:45pm. Refreshments will be available in the hall from 9:00am and throughout the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Disco Wednesday 20th December 5:30pm – 6:45pm.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Parties Thursday 21st December

Christmas Carols at St John's Newington Friday 22nd December 10 am - join us for Christmas Carols, readings and a Foundation Stage nativity scene.



Staying E-Safe at Christmas

The Christmas holidays are a time when a lot of children will spend time on devices, gaming and chatting with their friends. It is essential that you and they know how to stay safe whenever they are online. Internet Matters have set up a festive fortnight of online safety tips. Go to <https://www.internetmatters.org/festive-fortnight/> to view the tips and other information about helping your child stay safe online.

Swearing on and near school premises

We are working really hard to reduce the amount of swearing from a small number of children in school. Swearing and use of foul or abusive language is a public order offence. Please do not swear or use bad language when collecting or dropping off your children.

Stay and Read

Stay and Read is every Monday afternoon from 3pm. This is an opportunity for you to come into your child's class and read with them and their friends. Please remember that this is quiet reading time ensure that all phones are turned off.

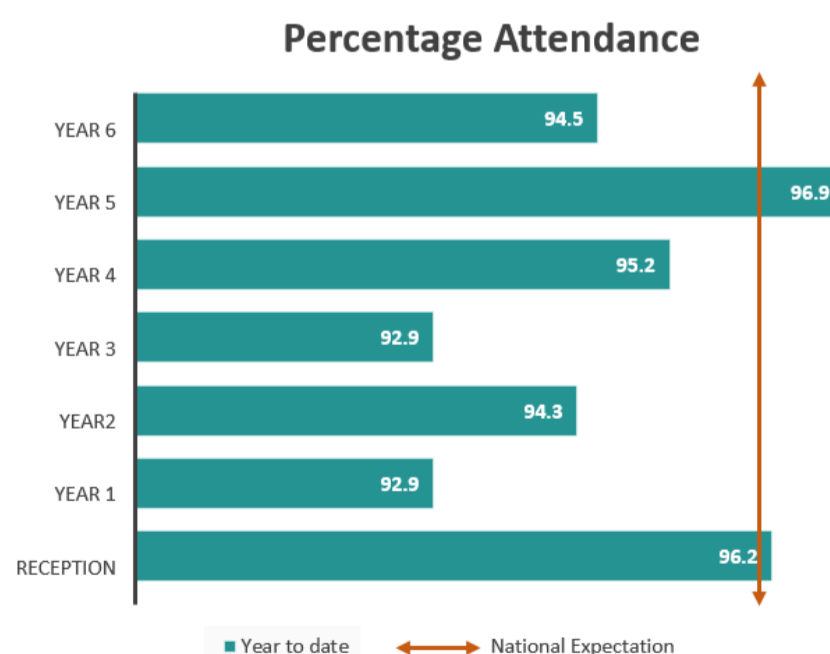
A huge thank you to all the families who have joined us so far this term.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 11 th December 2023	Year 5 at the City Hall for <i>Magic Flute</i> project
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Heights and weights check in Reception and Year 6 KS2 Choir at the City Hall for The Festival of Carols
Monday 18 th December 2023	Christmas Craft Day – all welcome
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Christmas Disco – 5:30pm – 6:45pm
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Christmas dinner and Christmas parties
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Whole school Carol Service – 10 am at St John’s Newington – all welcome School closes for Christmas holidays – 2pm finish
Monday 8 th January 2024	School re-opens
22 nd January – 2 nd February 2024	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Friday 9 th February 2024	School closes for half term
Monday 19 th February 2024	School re-opens
Monday 11 th March 2024	School closed for INSET
Friday 22 nd March 2024	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 8 th April 2024	School re-opens
Monday 13 th – Thursday 15 th May 2024	KS2 SATS week
Friday 24 th May 2024	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School re-opens

Attendance

- Regular attendance at school is essential for all children to achieve in the short and long term.
- Good attendance is not just about learning but about social skills.
- Children who miss a lot of school can often become anxious about attending because they worry that they will not be able to keep up or not be sure about what is happening in class.
- The DfE definition of acceptable attendance is 96% - a child with 96% attendance will have missed 7.5 days of school.
- Children whose attendance is below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. Any child whose attendance falls below 90% will be placed on an attendance support plan until their attendance improves.



Many thanks for your continued support