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Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 13 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Our first full week back at school has seen children really settle into their new classes and new routines. Next week will see the start of the first after school clubs of the Autumn term.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD AND DEPUTY STUDENTS

Hello everyone, we are the head and deputy students at George Street school. This week we met with Mrs Manley and discussed our roles and responsibilities, thinking of things we can do to support and improve our school for the pupils and staff benefit. We are looking forward to the different jobs we will be involved in this year, for example, greeting families and visitors when they come to our school and showing them around. We are looking forward to getting to know all pupils and families.

Our first project will be working with Mrs Manley to create a new vision for our school. We will be able to give you more information about our new vision soon.



MEET THE TEAM

Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend the meetings this week. We hope that you found the session useful and that you feel well informed about how the day runs in your child's class and what they can expect this term. You will also have an idea of some simple things you can do at home to help your child make progress and to build their confidence so that they can get the most from their learning experiences in school.

A summary of the information has been shared to the parent zone on our website so that you can continue to refer to it or to read if you were unable to attend: <https://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk/parent-zone/>



X (TWITTER)

We have now rolled forward our class Twitter feeds so that you can continue to follow your child’s journey in school without losing any of their previous posts. You will simply need to start following the feed for your child’s new year group (given below).

We use these accounts frequently to give you an insight into what is happening in class, to share useful information and to celebrate all the good things that are happening. Please do join in.

Nursery	@GSPrisnowdrop	Year 3	@GSPriYear3
Reception	@GSPriReception	Year 4	@GSPriYear4
Year 1	@GSPriYear1	Year 5	@GSPriYear5
Year 2	@GSPriYear2	Year 6	@GSPriYear6

TRAFFIC

While there is so much to celebrate about the return of school, we need to take into consideration the traffic situation at pick-up time. Whenever possible, please walk to school.

Please be mindful **not** to:

- Double park – this causes the traffic to come to a halt, blocks people’s vision and causes others to lose their patience.
- Abandon cars
- Reverse – simply dangerous in an area where children and adults are crossing the road. Most parents/carers find all these behaviours unacceptable. Doing any one of them puts others at risk. As drivers, each of us has a duty to put the safety of pedestrians first.

Nevertheless, parking/road use is not an area the school has any control or enforcement power over. Where you have an ongoing concern, I encourage you to share this with the local authority and/or the police who have the legal means to address these issues.

LOST PROPERTY

With nearly 400 pupils at school there are times when lost property can increase. Staff try very hard to ensure children go home with all correct clothing and bags, but this is an impossible task when items are not labelled with your child’s name. Please take the time to label all items so when children misplace their belongings staff can easily identify owners.



HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

I have been busy observing how children are conducting themselves around school. One child in particular stops at doors to allow adults to pass, showing wonderful manners and consideration. A huge well done to Osetale Ediale from Year 5.

DIARY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM (so far)

October 2024	
Friday 4 th October	Harvest themed day (more info to follow)
WC 14 th October	Parent consultations (phone call)
Friday 18 th October	INSET DAY

December 2024	
Monday 2 nd December	Step into Christmas themed day (more info to follow)

Wednesday 4 th to Friday 6 th December	Year 6 - Manor Adventure (provisional dates)
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Community Experience – families are welcome 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday 13 th December	Early Years Christmas concert (more info to follow) – families welcome
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 Christmas Event – families welcome 2:15pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Years 3 to 6 Panto at Riverfront, Newport
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception to Year 2 Santa visit
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 2 Christmas Event – families welcome 2:15pm
Thursday 19 th December	Years 3 to 6 Christingle at church – families welcome 1:30pm
Friday 20 th December	INSET DAY

COMMUNITY LINKS



Early Years Support Event for parents and professionals
26 September 5-7pm (Drop in)

Are you worried about your child's development or do you work with children 0-5 years?

Come along to find out about what is available in Torfaen to support families with children with emerging and additional needs.

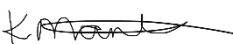
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For more information, get in touch with Kate
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Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards




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