



# ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL MATTERS

St George's Primary School Newsletter

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It's official - St G's is crazy about reading!



Every year children across the country take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Not only is it a free fun event, but it also helps to keep children reading over the summer so that school in September is not quite so much of a big shock. We are having a big push on reading as it is the key to success for all areas of learning as well as being a great way to grow your imagination and visit far flung imaginary worlds.

The children's increased passion for reading is evident as the number of children who took part in the Challenge this year increased by over 17%, making St George's the most improved school in the Trowbridge area. Although we may be small, we are mighty when it comes to reading!

We are very proud of our new accolade and it just goes to show how important and enjoyable reading has become to the children at St G's. We now can't wait to smash our new record next summer.

9.00am. If your child is here when the gates open, not only do they get more time to settle into their day, but also teachers provide opportunities to practise their spellings in this time.

## Our amazing PTA - FoSG

FoSG had a fantastically successful AGM and first meeting back in September, which saw five new members join the ranks of our amazing fundraising ninjas! We have a new Chair and Vice Chair too – a big thank you to those of you who have stepped up to join this vital group.

This year already, FoSG have provided funds for the following:

- **FirstNews** the weekly newspaper for young people £300 to cover annual subscriptions for First News and TT Rockstars
- £1,000 to help bring our non-fiction library into the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- £600 for some much needed furniture in Ducklings
- £500 for a Rapid Reading Scheme for those children who are still struggling to read in KS2.



Without support from the PTA, none of these resources would have been able to have been purchased. In these days of ever shrinking school budgets, FoSG are helping to make your children's learning as inspirational and enjoyable as possible.



## Rumble in the Jumble!

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, FoSG will be organising one of their legendary Jumble Sales.

They are desperately looking for volunteers to help set up and sell on the day as this event requires lots of people on the ground. Please let the office know if you are able to volunteer some of your time.

## Easyfundraising

With Christmas not far off (sorry) now is the time to sign up to Easyfundraising. This is the easiest way of raising money for school because it is not your money you are donating. You carry on buying what you normally would from any of 100s of retailers / providers from Ebay and Amazon, to takeaways, to holidays and we will earn money.

To register click [here](#)..

## New Attendance Procedures

The Whitehorse Federation are introducing new and tighter systems for monitoring attendance and tackling absence. Attendance is going to be tracked weekly and attendance under 95% will quickly be addressed. For that extremely small minority who are regularly late or miss a lot of schooling, please do not be surprised to receive a letter from the academy and be called into a meeting if attendance does not improve.

## Dates for your Diary

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Goldbook Assembly**  
2.45pm.

Parents and carers are invited to attend. You will be notified in advance if your child is to receive an award.

**17<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents Evenings**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – School Disco**

## A Time-Sensitive Reminder

Every morning we open the school gate at 8.45am and it closes at 8.55am;



this is to enable children to be sat down and ready to start learning by



## D-I-S-C-O!

The next FoSG event is the disco on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – make sure you

come along and cut some shapes on the dancefloor!