



St George's Primary School

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Carers

The EYFS team and I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to St George's and thank you for the privilege of welcoming your children into our school!

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Mrs Binks and I am the Assistant Head Teacher for the Early Years Foundation Stage. It was a pleasure to meet so many parents and children at our transition events in July and I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year. If you need to contact me, please do so through the school office or e-mail me at: schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk. I am also available at the school gate every morning and evening. Initially we ask that all queries are relayed to your child's class teacher as your first point of contact, again you can do this via the school office.

We have been so impressed with the fantastic start that the children have made and how wonderfully they have settled into their new classes and routines. They are enjoying exploring their new environments and are making lots of new friends - it is a real joy to see such happy smiley faces!

This year your teaching team will be:

- F1A: Mrs Noakes and Mrs Kendrick
- F1B: Mrs Williams and Mrs Makinson
- F1C: Mrs Evans and Miss Burgwin
- F2A: Miss Birch and Mrs Wiggins
- F2B: Miss Wall / Mrs McKeown and Miss Jones
- F2C: Mrs Ainscough and Mrs Speed-Evans
- F2D: Miss Barlow / Mrs McLean and Mrs Breen



Curriculum Overview

We plan creatively around exciting topics and themes, which are always centred around a strong literacy focus and core text. Literacy and oracy permeates every aspect of our curriculum and we will keep you updated with our chosen texts via the F1 and F2 pages of the school website. We enhance our curriculum by following the children's interests and encouraging child initiated learning. Children are encouraged to share their home experiences and interests via Seesaw home observations and photographs, which we will incorporate into our learning.

Seesaw

This is our secure online platform, which we use to observe the children in learning and play and share their achievements with parents. Parents are able to comment on observations and are encouraged to send in their own observations or comments of the children's achievements outside of school. This two-way communication ensures that we get to know the children really well, can plan for their interests and have a secure understanding of their progress and next steps in learning. Seesaw will also be used as our home learning platform. Please make sure you log onto Seesaw with your unique code and check it regularly for updates and observations. If you have any issues or need a replacement code please contact your class teacher.



Forest School

F2 will begin their outdoor learning adventures at Dragon Wood very soon – our Forest School at the Claremount Road site. This will be a wonderful opportunity for extensive outdoor learning and is historically incredibly popular with our children and staff alike. As always we will be asking for parental support at Forest School. F1 will also begin their Forest School learning in our Centenary Garden at lower site...more information on start dates to follow.

Creative learning and messy play

Creative development and physical play are two very important aspects of the Early Years Curriculum. Children are encouraged to explore different mediums and express themselves through painting, printing, modelling and making. Outdoors the children are encouraged to experiment with large-scale water play, digging, planting, investigating nature and exploring spaces. Whilst we endeavour to ensure that children wear aprons when independently accessing these resources, they may get a little messy at times – a sign of a busy day, full of learning and play!

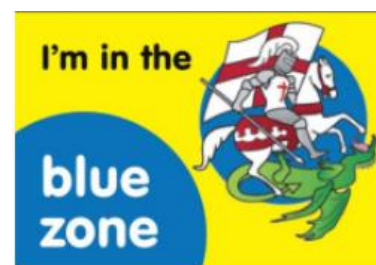


RESPECT and Behaviour

During this half term the children will be learning about **RESILIENCE** and what this means to them. They will be thinking about how they can use resilience to overcome difficulties and to help them to progress academically and socially. Our F2 learning hero will be Zog from the Julia Donaldson book of the same name. Our F1 learning hero is the Little Red Hen. Each week the teachers in F2 will nominate one child that they have noticed being resilient. These children will be known as our 'Learning Heroes'. They will receive a special certificate. The children have created class charters in which they discuss their own roles and responsibilities with regards to their behaviour in school. It has been a very positive way to start the school year with the children keen to follow their charters and stay in the positive behaviour zones: look out for your child coming home with a blue or gold sticker and ask them what amazing thing they did to receive it!

Key Information:

Monday	
Tuesday	F1 Forest school (start dates tbc)
Wednesday	F2 Forest school (start dates tbc) F1 & F2 Home learning returned / completed on Seesaw F2 Reading books and logs returned F1 Library books / home learning packs returned
Thursday	F1 & F2 PE (F2 to wear PE kit to school this day)
Friday	F1 & F2 home learning set on Seesaw F1 Library books / home learning packs sent home F2 Reading books and logs sent home



Notices

- Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name
- All children are encouraged to have a school lunch unless there is a medical reason as to why they require a packed lunch – please inform us if this is the case. Healthy packed lunches should not include fizzy drinks or sweets. **Please do not include any food which contains nuts.** We are a nut free school as we have children with severe nut allergies.
- Please send a water bottle into school. This will be rinsed daily, re-filled by staff and returned home each Friday.

Please check our website for regular updates www.stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk and information on our curriculum choices and the children's achievements – <https://www.stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk/classes>

We are very much looking forward to the fantastic year ahead of us and are looking forward to working together.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Binks and the Early Years Foundation Stage Team