

# ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL WINDSOR CASTLE



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Where did the last six weeks go? Isn't it amazing how time flies when you're having fun, and the first half of the Michaelmas Term has been really full on with lots of exciting success and achievements already under our belts! The purpose of this newsletter is to bring you up to date with some of the most impressive ones.

## Sporting Success



St George's played host to two football tournaments this term and once again our teams produced some excellent results. Our Year 4 boys joined children from Furze Platt Junior School, Queen Anne School, Oldfield Primary and Eton Wick for the annual Community Football Festival. Our A team were runners-up after a tense final against Furze Platt.

In the annual U11 7-a-side tournament at Dolphin School, competing against 11 other schools, our team was victorious, defeating Papplewick in the semi-final and St Andrew's Pangbourne in the final. An excellent result!



The sun shone for the 21 teams from 15 prep schools who took part in the St George's annual U10 Football Tournament. Having beaten one of the eventual finalists in the early stages, our A team was unfortunate to lose against LVS and Royal Russell, and had to leave the Cup at the quarter-final stage.

The weather was again favourable for our annual Parent & Pupil Golf Competition at Datchet Golf Club. Every pupil was partnered by an older family member, competing in a 5-hole competition. Team Kerrison took home the trophy for the second time, with Team Wilson and Team Willis as joint runners-up.



Our U10 girls came 2nd and the U11 girls came 3rd in the Marist Schools Netball Tournament, which augurs well for the remaining fixtures this term.

All the girls in Years 3 - 8 have played in hockey matches this half term. It has been lovely to see the girls improve and they have had a good deal of success in both away fixtures and playing on the astroturf at Windsor Leisure Centre.



## Musical Performances

The combined voices of the Chamber Choir and T-Voces recently filled the impressive space that is Windsor Parish Church. Performing a varied programme of sacred and secular music, the children sang with an impressive poise and musicality that was commented on by parents and other school teachers alike. A superb start to a very busy term. Well done singers! As you will see in the calendar, there are many more musical events in the lead-up to Christmas.



Very well done to our Choristers who, for the second time this year, sang at a Royal Wedding in St George's Chapel. It was another wonderful experience for them to be part of a live broadcast of such a prestigious event; as a former pupil of St George's, I am sure Princess Eugenie would have been very proud of them – we certainly were!



## Staff Changes at Christmas

At Christmas we will be saying farewell to three members of our teaching staff who will be moving on to pastures new. Our Chaplain, Father Lee, will be returning to his native Hong Kong where he will take up a new position at St John's Cathedral. His pastoral and spiritual care of the children here, his inspirational assemblies and teaching of RS will be greatly missed, and I am sure you will want to join me in thanking Father Lee for all he has given us over the past few years, and wish him well in the future.

Our Director of Sport, Mr Mitchell, will be moving on at Christmas to become Deputy Head at Waverley School in Wokingham. We would all like to congratulate him on this appointment and to put on record our enormous thanks for the way in which he has promoted Sport within our school, for his encouragement and enthusiasm as a Coach and for his imagination and tireless efficiency in organising the Activities Programme. We wish him well in his exciting new role.

Miss Moorst will also be leaving St George's at Christmas. She has been an excellent class teacher in the Lower School with high academic standards and a really creative approach to her teaching. She too will be greatly missed, but we wish her well as she furthers her career. Miss Moorst will be replaced by Mrs Gilbert, an experienced teacher in both independent and maintained sectors, who joins us from Notre Dame Preparatory School in Cobham.

From January Mr Wright will be taking over as our new Director of Sport and the responsibility for organising the Activities Programme. He will bring a high level of energy and efficiency to the role and we look forward to his leadership of this important department.

We have appointed Mr Elston as Physical Education and Boys' Games Teacher from January, who joins us from Kensington House School in London.

## St George's Parents' Group

The Parents' Group would like to take the opportunity to thank all of those parents who have volunteered to be class reps for the 2018/19 academic year. In a couple of year groups there are still vacancies for volunteers so please do put yourself forward if you think you can help.

The role of a Class Rep is a fun one, with the main responsibility being to organise social events throughout the year for the parents in their year group. Class Reps also play a vital link between the year group and the Parents' Group. In previous years they have helped organise their year group stall for the May Fair and assisted with the Christmas Fair. These events, which are organised for the children of the school, rely heavily on the support of the reps and parents alike.

The Class Rep is not expected to be responsible for communicating key school dates or other school information, other than for social purposes. Please do contact the school directly should you have any queries that you need answering.

Thank you to all who have already volunteered and helped maintain the friendly and collaborative atmosphere at the school that we are all so proud of.

With all good wishes for a very pleasant half-term break.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rose Jones".



### Exciting New DT Equipment

Boys and girls in Year 2 to Year 8 are enjoying working on the new benches and using the state-of-the-art laser cutter and vacuum former in the DT room.



Young Leaders visited by Windsor PCSO



Year 7 Trip to Bray Lake



Years 7 and 8 Domestic Skills Afternoon



Over £550 raised on Macmillan Coffee Morning



Year 2 re-enactment of the Great Fire of London



New Books for the Library Thanks to Usborne Book Fair