



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

We have already completed nearly four weeks of this term! It seems to be flying by!

The Fledglings have generally settled really well into school life and are already making their teachers and buddies very proud.

The Year1, Year2 and Year 4 children have all attended Multi-Skills tournaments and some of the Year 4 children have had the opportunity to attend Sports Leadership and History Workshop events, with plenty more opportunities to come. Exciting times!

Throughout the school there is a sense of purposeful determination – the children are all working very hard and the teachers are seemingly very pleased with the achievements of their new classes. Well done to everyone!

Congratulations!

At our Merit Assembly last Friday, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Fiona Devine who came to award the Alexander Devine Cup for Kindness to one of last year's Year 3 children. The cup was introduced to the school in 2007 following the death of pupil Alexander Devine from a brain tumour in 2006. It is presented annually to a Year 3 pupil who has been a good friend and shown kindness to others. This year's worthy recipient was Monty.

Website

We have been having a few technical issues with our website, which has meant that we are still in the process of uploading the new class curriculum

information. Please rest assured that the planning for this term has all been completed and is ready to go once the IT technicians have worked their magic!

Parking

Parking around the school site has proved to be a very contentious issue this term. As I explained in my e-mail last week, we have had some very angry neighbours since our return to school in September. I have also had several angry parents who have reported "near-misses" whilst walking to school with their children. I must reiterate that our joint primary concern is for the safety of all of your children. Please ensure that you park safely and considerately and respect the road markings, which have been placed with the safety of everyone in mind.

Staff Car Park

With safety on the agenda, could I please remind you that the area outside the front of the school is reserved for staff parking. Please do not let your children or pre-schoolers ride their bikes or scooters in this area at drop off or pick up time. This is one of the busiest times as our staff arrive for and leave work and, whilst they are all conscientious and very aware, it is alarming to see so many children scudding through this area at breakneck speed with little or no road sense.

Internet Safety/Awareness

We intend to hold a session for parents on the above topic on Wednesday 8th November in the new hall at 7.00pm. This session will also be open to parents of children from the Middle School. All are welcome but,



because of the content, please do not bring any children under the age of 16 to this session.

Phonics Workshops

On Tuesday 14th November Mrs Hayman will lead Phonics Information sessions for parents of Fledglings, Year 1 and Year 2 to explain a little about the programme we use to help teach your children to read. These will be held in the new hall at 9.10am and repeated again at 2.30pm. The sessions will be the same so it is necessary for you to attend only one.

Friends of St Edward's

Thank you to those of you who took the time to attend the Friends AGM this week. It was good to see so many of you there and particularly nice that so many of our new Fledgling parents came along. In these times of shrinking school budgets the support of the Friends is especially valuable to the extended curriculum we are able to offer the children.

Friends Events

The events below were booked into the school calendar last night and have been emailed to you this morning – please make sure you add them to your diary.

13th October	Quiz Night
19th October	Cake Sale
16th November	School Discos
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fledglings 1.30 – 2.30pm• KS1 3.30 – 4.45pm• KS2 5.00 – 6.15pm
2nd December	Christmas Bazaar 12 – 3.00pm
16th June	Summer Fair 12 -3.00pm

Christmas Bazaar

The Friends are looking for people who would be interested in hosting a stall/stand at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2nd December. Tables will be £25

each and this year will be sited in the main body of the school with the children's activities being held in the detached hall. Please contact Deborah Jepson at deborah@dcjdesigns.co.uk

Fledglings Environmental Garden

For the third year running we are looking for someone who would be willing to head up the organisation of our Fledglings garden. We have a plan, we have some funding, now all we need is some willing hands to help us make it happen! Please do consider if you, or anyone you know, would be prepared to help us with this really exciting project.

Uniform

Now that the weather is turning distinctly more autumnal, please ensure that the children are all wearing their winter uniform from next Monday, 2nd October.

Wilson Jones

We are delighted with the start that Wilson Jones, our new caterers, have made here at the First School. The food being served is of an exceptionally high quality and the children are loving it! Please do encourage your child to try the food if they haven't yet done so. I'm sure they won't regret it!

Julia Donaldson

Those of you who follow us on Twitter @StEdwardsFirst will know already that, following our success in the Readathon last year, we have won a visit to the school from the author Julia Donaldson of Gruffalo and Room on the Broom fame. Julia will visit us during either the Spring or Summer Term and, when we get a date, we will let you know. We will be therefore be postponing our celebration of World Book Day until she comes. We are all very excited!

St George's Open Day

St George's School at Windsor Castle are holding an open afternoon for Year 5 entry between 3.30pm and 5.00pm on Tuesday 10th October. If you are interested in attending, please ring 01753 865553 or e-mail enqs@stgwindsor.org for more details.

PE Equipment

Many thanks to the parents of Rosina in Fledglings who have donated a large amount of PE resources and equipment to Fledglings and the school, for which we are very grateful. Miss Stone and Miss Stansfield have shared the resources to make sure that the children are able to get full value from them.

Samaritan's Purse Appeal

We are supporting this wonderful charity again this year; information leaflets will be distributed on Monday via book bags. Please read the instructions carefully! You may like to start looking for a suitable shoebox; the charity asks you to use one that is medium sized. Boxes and lids should be wrapped (separately) in strong Christmas wrapping paper and sealed with an elastic band – all boxes have to be checked by the charity before distribution, so please do not seal with sellotape! Please remember to stick a label (attached to the information leaflet) on each shoebox, indicating the age and sex of the child for whom it is suitable. The charity suggests a donation of £5.00 to help offset the cost of transporting each shoebox, but would be very grateful for any donation you make – please see the information leaflet for further details. On Monday Mrs McAllister will email a list of suggested items that you might like to consider including in your shoebox.

Filled shoeboxes should be brought to school after half term, on Monday 30th October, ready for collection by the charity.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs McAllister.

Best Wishes

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