

**21st November 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Time Keeping Reminder**

Mr White, our school caretaker, has noticed that punctuality has started to slip recently, with an increasing number of families arriving after the morning bell. A calm and timely start to the day helps children settle into their learning and ensures they don't miss important instructions. We kindly ask all parents and carers to leave home in plenty of time each morning, allowing for de-icing car windows, traffic and parking, so that children can arrive promptly and begin their day feeling prepared and confident. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a smooth and positive start for everyone.

### **Amenities and Swimming**

Please can we remind parents that have yet to pay, that this term's contribution for your child's swimming lessons - £10 per term per child, is due. Can we also remind you that the amenities contribution of £10 is due. This allows us to fund our exciting extracurricular events such as theatre companies, performers and visiting artists. This should be paid to the school bank account, ending in 7152. Please quote reference 'S' for Swimming and 'A' for Amenities. Please contact the school office if you have any queries about this.

### **Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Swap**

Our festive Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 18th December and we are encouraging the children to wear a Christmas jumper if they have one.

In addition, this year we will host a Christmas jumper swap. **Please bring in children's Christmas jumpers that no longer fit to the school office**, and we will provide you with a token. When enough jumpers have been collected in, we will invite token holders to have the first look at the jumpers, and if they find something suitable, they can swap their token for a jumper! We will then sell any remaining jumpers for a small donation to the school.

### **Open Days for Prospective Parents**

We're delighted to invite you to visit St George's Catholic School and see for yourself what makes our school so special. Book a tour on following dates:

Tuesday 25th November

Thursday 27th November

The tours start at 9.30am. To book a place on the tour, please call 01823 284130 or email: [office@stgeorgestaunton.uk](mailto:office@stgeorgestaunton.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you!

### **School Uniform Policy**

To endeavour to promote a disciplined and purposeful atmosphere and help the child to take a pride in belonging to St George's, the wearing of the school uniform is expected.

We allow children to wear their PE kit on the day they have PE, however children should still appear smart and adhere to the school uniform policy on these days. I have outlined below what this is.

It is expected that in winter, pupils wear a school jumper with their PE kit (preferably with a logo).

As PE kits are worn throughout the school day, dark trainers are requested so that pupils look smart. If trainers are brightly coloured, pupils should wear school shoes into school and change into trainers for the lesson, changing back again afterwards.

Our uniform expectations are in line with other schools and in secondary school, children will be sanctioned for wearing items other than those listed as acceptable. Therefore, it is important to prepare pupils for this by adhering to the uniform policy in the primary setting as well.

Staff members will be monitoring that the policy is adhered to, and we appreciate your support and understanding with this.

Please can I make parents aware of the following requirements from our school uniform policy:

#### **Shoes**

Sensible flat, dark shoes

No trainers

***PE Kit - Sports***

White t-shirt preferably with the school logo

Navy blue shorts

Daps/plimsolls for gymnastics

Dark trainers suitable for junior games, not brightly coloured.

***Jewellery***

Under no circumstances are items of jewellery including bracelets, rings, or earrings to be worn. For children with pierced ears, only small single studs will be accepted.

***Hair***

Any hairbands or hair accessories must be of a reasonable size and in school colours – white and blue.

Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.

Hairstyles must be neat and tidy with no extreme styles e.g., no lines, patterns or colours applied to the hair.

The full policy is available on the school website.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Edwina McDonnell

Headteacher

**Upcoming Dates:**

Tuesday 25th November - Tour of the school for prospective parents. 9.30am start.

Thursday 27th November - Tour of the school for prospective parents. 9.30am start.

Tuesday 9th Dec – Reception Class Nativity Play, 2.30pm (for Reception Class Parents)

Wednesday 10th Dec – KS 1 Nativity Play matinee, 2.00pm (for KS1 Parents)

Thursday 11th Dec – KS1 Nativity Play, 6pm (for KS1 Parents)

Tuesday 16th Dec –End of Term Mass in Church, 9.30am (Parents & Governors welcome)

Wednesday 17th Dec – Carol Concert in Church, 2pm (Parents & Governors welcome)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – SCHOOL REOPENS**

Wednesday, 7th Jan – Start of Term Mass in Church, 9.30am (Parents & Governors welcome)

Wednesday 14th Jan – Year 2 attending Mass in Church at 9.30am (Parents & Governors welcome)

Wednesday 21st Jan – Year 3 attending Mass in Church at 9.30am (Parents & Governors welcome)