



# St George's Primary School

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## Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 2. My name is Mrs Binks and I am excited about my new role as the Assistant Head Teacher for Key Stage One. I am lucky enough to have met most of you as parents when your children were in EYFS and have had the pleasure of working with your children previously. I am hoping we can continue to build and develop positive relationships and look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Subsequent newsletters will be available via the app/email in a bid to reduce our carbon footprint. We would encourage you to download the school app and please make sure the school office has your email address.

The class teachers in Year 2 this year are:

2A – Mrs Johnson / Mrs Wainwright  
2B – Miss Gough-Hughes  
2C – Mrs Malloy/Mrs Price  
2D – Mrs Cameron-Ivanov

We also have the following teaching assistants: Mrs King, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Hewson and Mrs Staples

### Our weekly timetable

Day	Event	Clubs
Monday	Reading homework to be returned daily.	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Spelling homework to be returned. PE for all Year 2	8.00am- 8.45am – Yoga
Thursday		8.00am - 8.45am – Invasion Games 3.30pm – 4.15pm – Mini Olympics
Friday	Spelling homework is sent out.	3.30pm – 4.15pm - Dance

### Autumn Learning

This term we learning about a range of exciting topics. In English we are exploring different fairy tales, looking at character and setting description to help support and inspire our reading and writing. Children have begun to explore Little Red Riding Hood with lots of excitement. Transport since the 1930's provides lots of opportunities for questioning and enquiry within our humanities lessons. Our learning will be supported and enhanced by our transport trip; which will have dates confirmed in the coming weeks. Within this the children will experience and explore different modes of transport from past and present and investigate how transport has changed over the years. During creative subjects we will study several artists including Peter Blake who has a local influence having designed the 'Dazzle Ship'. Through science we will investigate living things, learning and practicing skills such as classification, looking at data, formulating questions which can be answered in different ways.

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## Homework

Every Friday the children in Year 2 will be given spelling/grammar homework. This homework must be returned by the following Wednesday. Sometimes the homework may be online and we will send detail of passwords for Education City and My Maths in the coming weeks. We would encourage children in year 2 to read every day and suggest that reading is a minimum of four times during the week. The children can change their books every day and we would ask that parents make a comment and sign their reading record books to communicate with the teacher.

## Parent Events

During the first half term there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school to meet myself and the teachers and find out more information about what we are working on in year 2. Our first information meeting for parents will be 'Meet the teacher / curriculum expectations' on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting the notes from it will be placed on the school website.

## RESPECT and Behaviour

During this half term the children will be learning about the word **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. Each week the teachers will nominate children that they have noticed being resilient. These children will be known as our 'Learning Heroes'. They will receive a special certificate in assembly and will have their picture displayed on the wall. During the first week back at school the children have created class charters in which they discuss their own roles and responsibilities with regards to their behaviour and conduct 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. The children will continue to be rewarded for outstanding behaviour with Blue and Gold stickers!

We also choose specific 'learning heroes' who show us the behaviours and character education we are focusing on each half term – our learning hero for this half term is 'Amelia Earhart'. We have already started to learn about her life and have enjoyed discussing how she shows resilience and perseverance.

At St George's we really do appreciate the help and support that we get from the parents. We are always grateful for parent helpers, especially for school trips, which cannot go ahead without your help. If you have time to spare and think you could offer support, on a more regular basis, please speak to your class teacher who will be able to arrange this. DBS checks need to be carried out for all helpers in the classroom; this can be arranged via the school office.

The teachers and I are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children as the year progresses. We will be updating the school website regularly so please remember to look on the year 2 pages for further information. If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. I aim to be available on the school gate each morning but if you do need to contact me at all please do so through the school office. [schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@stgeorges.wirral.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Binks and the Year 2 team

## Diary Dates

### September

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Year 2 meet the teacher / curriculum evening.

### October

TBC Transport themed trip

### December

Thursday 5th 'A Christmas Carol' Pantomime