



George Washington Primary School

13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Dates Key dates have been sent out today attached to today's newsletter. Please note that school is closed for two training days on Friday 27th and Monday 30th September.

Attendance Schools overall attendance since returning last Thursday is 96.7% which is a fantastic start to the academic year – school's target is 96%+ so it is great to start the year so positively. Below is a list of the attendance figures per class. Well done to Mrs Kane's class and Miss Allen's class who have the highest attendance figures in their respective key stages – these classes will be rewarded with extra playtime on Monday.

EYFS & KS1

Rec	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
99.1%	96%	96%	99.3%	94.1%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
93.6%	97.6%	94.2%	95.2%	97.6%	95.6%	98%	97.3%

Nut Free We now have multiple children with nut allergies in school, some severe enough for a reaction to be caused through exposure to nut products in the air. As a result, we are looking into the finer details of becoming a nut free school. In the meantime, we kindly ask that you do not send any packed lunch, snacks or other food items containing nuts or nut traces into school. We appreciate your support with this.

Year 4 trip reminder Y4 are going on a trip on Monday 23rd September to Seventeen Nineteen where they will explore Sunderland's close links to the sea throughout history and their own links to the coast. They will create 3D house boats using a variety of construction techniques to create a city on the sea, reflecting their personal likes and aesthetics. They will also collaborate with a local marine engineer during the sessions along with Sunderland Maritime Heritage volunteers. If you have not yet completed the Forms Survey for this trip, we kindly ask that you do so via Parent Pay – should you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Washington Carnival The annual Washington carnival will be held on Saturday 14th September. As usual, it will start with a parade of local schools and community groups. The parade will depart from the Usworth Gardeners Club at 9:40am, through Concord, and will end at Albany Park for the start of the event at 10am. The Mayor of Sunderland will be in attendance and the event is free entry with lots of free and low-cost activities. Our school will be taking part in the parade with our banner, and we would love as many children as possible to come and join us. Staff will start meeting outside the club from about 9:20am.

Asda Cashpot for Schools Thank you to those who have already signed up and are using this scheme on Asda's app. So far, there is £219 in the pot for GWPS. We hope that those who have signed up continue to use it and would be delighted if others considered joining up.

Macmillan Coffee Morning We will be having our usual coffee morning to raise invaluable funds for Macmillan Cancer Support on the morning of **Thursday 26th September** – this is due to school being shut on the Friday for a staff training day. Please save the date. More information to follow soon.

Leadership team Please see below for an overview of the school leadership team for this year.

Leader	Job role and areas of leadership
Mr. Knight	Head of School (Safeguarding, Assessment)
Miss Gray	Deputy Head (KS2 phase, Curriculum)
Mrs. Martin	Assistant Head & Y1 teacher (KS1 phase, Early Reading & Phonics, Curriculum)
Mrs. Scott	Y1 teacher (SENDCo)
Miss. Allen	Y6 teacher (Maths, Pupil Leadership)
Mrs. Spencer	Reception teacher (Early Years)
Mrs. Kane	Y2 teacher (English)

Forest School Dates - See below for the next forest school sessions:

Date	Class
Monday 16 th Sept	4KH
Tuesday 17 th Sept	3CL
Wednesday 18 th Sept	6EA
Thursday 19 th Sept	2AK RLM
Friday 20 th Sept	1NM 5RA
Monday 23 rd Sept	4AL
Tuesday 24 th Sept	3AW
Wednesday 25 th Sept	6GW
Thursday 26 th Sept	2BG RSS
Friday 27 th Sept	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY IN SCHOOL

PE and Swimming - A timetable for PE and swimming is listed below. On their PE days, children should come into school in PE kit for the full day. School PE kit is a white T-shirt with dark coloured shorts or trousers. Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Wednesday	
Year 1	Monday	
Year 2	Wednesday	
Year 3	Thursday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday- 4AL Friday- 4KH
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday- 5JP Thursday- 5RA
Year 6	Monday	



R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School

Class	Star of the Week
REC	Frankie Kirtley
REC	Amber Humby
1MS	Millie Hume
1NM	Jack Bell
2AK	Leon Kumar
2BG	Luke Smith
3AW	Manpreet Galsinh
3CL	Grace Macleod
4AL	Harlyn Lamb
4KH	Bobby Loughlin
5RA	Jacob Richardson
5JP	Freya Taylor
6EA	Annabelle Ewing
6GW	Mason Shannon