

Weekly Newsletter 18th November 2009

Important Safety News – All parents should be aware that unless the school holds a current medical permission form (pale blue this year 2009/2010) **then children should not receive first aid in school or take part in physical education. This includes leaving the school site for ANY SCHOOL TRIP OR EXCURSION.**

There are still several families who have not returned medical forms and photo permission. Copies are available from the reception desk for those who need to complete them.

If you have not completed a medical form then you will be called immediately to the school if your child requires any form of first aid.

Year 7 and 9 – Pupils in years 7 and 9 took part in a test activity on Monday and Tuesday this week. This did not require revision of any kind, and is intended as a way for teachers to monitor progress.

Information Meeting – Mr Fossey is holding a meeting on 24th November from 6-7pm for year 11 pupils and parents. He will discuss year 12 and A level options for pupils. The meeting will be held in the new building and parents and pupils can enter through the corner door across the playground and cross through the end of the hall to the walkway to the new building. All year 11 pupils and parents are invited to attend and gather information and ask any questions.

Chickenpox – We have had one case of chickenpox reported in early years.

Secondary Meeting Sign Up – As last year with the parent teacher meetings, parents can ask their children to sign up with each teacher they wish to see. Give your child an idea of the times that suit you!! Please write in your child's homework diary the list of teachers you wish to see, pupils will then have an opportunity to sign up at the beginning of each lesson, and they can then check they have arranged for you to meet each member of staff. Please remind your child to leave 5 minutes between appointments to avoid delays.

The secondary staff will all be available in the school hall on 30th November from 9am to 3pm in 5 minute slots. Part time staff will not be here all day. It is suggested that parents bring in their copy of the interim report for reference. Pupils can sign up from next Monday morning. If you have 2 children then you can of course request 2 appt times together to discuss each child with a teacher they have. You do not need to sign up for PE and swimming.



Pupils are not in school on 30th November as all teaching staff are available to meet parents.

Primary Sign Up Sheets – Lists for the parent teacher meetings will be displayed outside the main front door from Monday 23rd November. Parents can then sign up to see the class teacher, French and SEN teachers. The lists will be available morning and afternoon. There will be childcare available for the time you are in your teacher meeting if you need it.

Sixth Form -The sixth form have settled in well to the their new common room, making full use of the facilities for studying and relaxing during their independent study times.

The sixth form are also receiving some careers guidance at the moment with a Careers counselor to help them with the next step after sixth form. Before the Christmas break each student will have an individual interview with the counselor and take part in a psychometric test to identify their strengths and possible career options. They will then have a follow up interview in January.

Assembly - This Monday, 16th November, Tom Clarke and Alexandra Thompson did talk to the secondary pupils about their trip to Tanzania to help with the IOP Orphanage in Ilula during their merit Jeunesse programme. The IOP has many different components, such as farming, schools, an orphanage and help for HIV patients.

The secondary school council is very proud to announce, that they will sponsor a secondary student in Tanzania for his next school year. Therefore they will sell coffee, tea and cakes at the parents day - feel free to donate and help with this great project.

Catholic information coffee morning -There will be a coffee morning on 1st December from 8.30 until 9.45 in the canteen, for any parents or carers who would like to know more about Catholic Kids' Club. The teaching of the club is in accordance with the Catechism of the Catholic Church; but is open to children of all faiths. The coffee morning is also open to people who would be interested in the club if it were on a different day or for a different age group. We will also be able to answer general questions about Baptisms, First Communion Preparation, Rosary Prayer Group, Adult Catechism, local places of Pilgrimage and Mass times/locations in Luxembourg. If you have any queries, please call Rebecca Bermingham on 26 33 43 21 or email bermingham.rebecca@yahoo.co.uk

Sewing volunteers – If there are any parents who would be willing to do some simple sewing for the primary Christmas concerts, please e mail reception@st-georges.lu to let us know.

Flu - We have had another confirmed case of H1N1 influenza (swine flu). Bearing in mind the size of our school three confirmed cases in total is good news for us. Our hand hygiene campaign must be doing something!

Just to remind all parents, if your child shows signs and symptoms of flu (fever >38c, cough headache, general aches and pains) they should not come to school. The guidelines from the Ministry of Health have not changed.” All children should remain out of school/nursery/crèche for 7 days, even if they are taking medication the time frame does not alter” see www.grippe.public.lu for further details.

At present H1N1 is infecting more people than seasonal flu so by not sending your child to school you are helping to stop the spread of this virus. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Nursing Team.



History Man – We were delighted to welcome Peter Cornwell from ‘History off the Page’ to school again this week. He brings history alive for the pupils and all our parent helpers! This week Reception and Year 1 have enjoyed the topic of Toys. Year 2 were paper and book making today and year 3 will be having a Roman day tomorrow complete with a mini feast. Huge thanks to Peter for travelling over again to be with us, and many thanks to all our parent and Grandparent helpers!! Year 4, 5 and 6 will participate in Science Days in January 2010.

Toys for Tots – Many thanks for your generous response to the Toys for Tots present request. We are thrilled to report that we have requested an additional collection of children’s wishes for gifts. These will be added to the tree tomorrow. The tree is inside the reception area. Thank you!

Christmas Fayre – Come and join in the festive fun at the St George’s Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th December 2009. Children can decorate their own Christmas bauble and Gingerbread man, make Christmas cards...and get their faces painted. There’ll be Splat the Snowball, Name the Reindeer.... and of course Santa and his Grotto amongst many other attractions! Gluhwein and mince pies will satisfy hungry, thirsty parents, and it’ll be a great opportunity to buy last minute Christmas presents, with beauty products, knitwear, jewellery, scarves, belts, books and cards all on sale.

The secondary school council will be organizing a children’s tombola and would welcome any donations of small prizes! Please send in to Frau Michelmayr. Donations of mince pies would also be gratefully received if anyone would like to offer them.

Warhammer Club – Pupils from year 6 are welcome to sign up and join the club. Please e mail reception@st-georges.lu if you wish to attend any school activity or club.

Maths Club – Miss Egbers has offered to run a maths club on Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm for year 3-5. Any child who would like extra support or revision of basic skills may sign up in the usual way. This will begin next week, please e mail reception to sign up.

Science Club year 8/9 – Apologies for the inconvenience, but science club for year 8 and 9 will be held on Monday 23rd next week as Miss Ali is unavailable on Thursday 26th.

Primary Dress Up – The primary school council have decided to hold a dress up day on 27th November. Pupils will pay 1.50 euro and the money will be donated to Kriibskrank Kanner charity. All pupils from Early Years to Year 6 are invited to participate, and staff who would like to join in are very welcome!

Moustaches and Beards - Most of the male teachers are growing facial hair this year for Movember. They have decided to put down their razors for one month (November) and help raise awareness and funds for men’s health – specifically prostate cancer. What many people don’t appreciate is that one man dies every hour of prostate cancer in the UK, more than 35,000 men will be diagnosed this year and that prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in the UK. Facts like these have convinced them to get involved and they are hoping that you will support them.



To make a donation, you can access the website on www.movember.com click donate and search for the team St **George's Slug Balancers** in the International section.

Movember is now in its third year and, to date, has achieved some pretty amazing results by working alongside The Prostate Cancer Charity.

So when your children come home asking why teachers are sprouting hair, you'll know why!

Book Exchange - I am sure we all have lots of wonderful kids and adult books we cherish. We would like to suggest a book exchange for all. This would entail hosting (or we can host for you) a book swap/loan -we will draw up a list of who borrows from whom , that way you get your treasured books returned to you whilst enjoying others books. Please let Emma Schaub or Lyn Frank know if you would find this of interestwe will post the first exchange via the news letter in due course.

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Dates for your diary

18th November.....ASBL AGM Meeting 7pm

19th NovemberCoffee in canteen with talk

24th November.....Year 11 Meeting 6pm

30th November.....Parent teacher meetings, report day

5th December.....Christmas Fayre

9th December.....Reception Foulds coffee morning at Namur 8.30am

12th December.....End of term football match 9.30am Mamer

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