

St. George's Primary School

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Dear parents,

A very warm welcome to St. George's Primary School. Foremost we would like to let you know that the children have settled very well! We are super impressed with how well they have listened and looked after each other.

This week they have had the opportunity to spend time with the teachers and their class members, learn about the classroom and just enjoy their new learning environment. This will continue into next week to ensure that they are happy and confident at school.

All About Me

Thank you to those parents that have completed the All About Me booklet. It has really supported us with getting to know your child.

If you have not yet completed it please send in the paper copy or email it to us:

Reception@stgeorgesportland.dorset.sch.uk

Furthermore, if you have any queries or concerns please email us on this address and we will answer your query as soon as possible. Your child's wellbeing is of the utmost importance to us.

Celebrating good behaviour

To help children to settle and to understand classroom expectations about behaviour

St. George's School uses the 'Good to be Green' scheme. This is a visual approach to help to develop positive behaviour and it is used from Reception to Year 6.

All pupils start each day with a green card in their name holder. Their card remains green to show good behaviour.



If a child chooses not to adhere to the agreed rules they move onto a yellow warning card. If they correct their behaviour they move back to green.

If a child does not correct their behaviour and they continue to make bad choices they are moved to a red card. They then have some immediate time out to reflect on their behaviour. If a child receives a red card we will inform you at the end of the day.

Dojo points



To support the 'Good to be Green' scheme each child has been assigned a 'Dojo avatar' on our interactive whiteboards. Children receive Dojo points for following our Class Charter. They can also receive points for coming in nicely in the morning, having good manners and sitting nicely on the carpet.

Class Charter

Kind hands

Look after toys

Listen to everyone

A further letter will be sent home to give you more information about Dojo and how it will be used to set homework and to act as a reading record when books are sent home.

In Reception we will also be sending home a 'homework' book to show you what phonics your child has learned during the week and to give them the opportunity to do some mark making. More details to follow.

Star of the Day



If your child has done something particularly well at school, or was awarded lots of dojo points the previous day, they could be chosen to be the 'Star of the Day' They will wear a special badge and they will be given various responsibilities such as taking the class register and being the leader when lining up. You will know that they have been chosen as they will bring home a special 'Star of the Day' certificate.

Our on line journal: Tapestry

We usually hold a meeting, at the start of the Autumn term, to talk about our online learning journal that is shared with you. As we are unable to hold this meeting we have put a **Power Point on our website**. Please take some time to read this and return the attached agreement by **Monday 14th September** so that we can start your child's 'St George's Primary School' journey with you.

In the meantime please find some **WOW cards** attached. These will give us an insight to what your child can do at home and give you the opportunity to share with us important WOW times in their life. Some examples:

- Rachel buttoned up her coat all by herself today.
- Mike set the table for dinner this evening.
- Cara wrote her name on a card for me.

Simply ask your child to pop them into the **WOW box** in the classroom and we will look at them and share their accomplishments when it is safe to do so.

A few reminders:

1. Book bags

Please do not purchase one as the school PTA very kindly donate one to every child joining our school. As we are trying to limit the amount of items that your child brings to school we will send these home when we feel it is safe for your child to bring them to and from home.



2. Reading books

We will send home reading books on **Monday 21st September** once we have introduced some of the Oxford Reading Tree characters and modelled how to 'read' and take care of books. These will be placed in plastic zip lock bags. ***Please return the books every Thursday*** so that they can be quarantined for 3 days. A new book will be sent out on the following Monday.

3. A named lunch box week beginning **Monday 21st September** if you do not want your child to have a free school lunch.

4. A named **water bottle**. **Every child needs to bring one in from home** as there is not a water fountain in the classroom. They need to be filled with water, no squash or juice please.

5. A named **fruit/healthy snack** in a bag/pot if your child does not want the school snack.



6. A named **pair of wellies** to keep in school. (Your child will not need any PE kit over the Autumn Term.)

7. If your child is prone to the occasional toileting accident please send in a spare change of clothes and wet wipes. Please be aware that we may need to contact you if a child soils themselves.

We are in need of spare pants, socks and tights. If you have any spare aged 4 - 6 we would greatly receive these.

Many thanks for your support and the Reception team look forward to working with you and your child over the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Garrard, Mrs Bowman, Mrs Burdett (teachers)

Mrs Whiles, Mrs Ingram, Mrs Souster (teaching assistants)

