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## HEAD MASTER'S NEWSLETTER

18<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parents,

This is the first newsletter of the new academic year and what a very busy first few weeks of term it has been. We have enjoyed three very successful information and social evenings across the whole school and I hope that parents have found these evenings both informative and enjoyable. I hope you will enjoy reading about the various activities and fixtures that the children have been involved in over the past few days and, as usual, I will highlight various key dates and events taking place in school over the coming weeks.

### Recent events and fixtures

#### Golf

On Tuesday evening, a group of our best golfers took to the course in Datchet for our annual golf competition. Pupils were invited to form a partnership with their parents in what is always a hotly contested competition. Last year's winners, Johnny Wales and Mr Wales, took to the course in the hope of retaining the trophy for a second consecutive year. However, with more players taking part and in soggy conditions, the contest was blown wide open. It was a newly formed partnership of Luca Knowles and Louis Pincus that prevailed, playing some excellent golf and winning by 5 shots. Well done to everyone (pupils and dads!) for playing so well and thank you to Datchet Golf Club for hosting us superbly.

Mr Mitchell





## Football

Every boy in Year 5 – 8 braved the dismal weather on Wednesday afternoon to represent St George's in the first football fixtures of the season versus York House. Around 90 boys took to the field to represent the 7 teams. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI had a tough first game and after a promising and well-matched first half, eventually succumbed to some strong York House attacking, the final result was 4 – 0 to York House. The Colts teams started the season with a 'bang' however, with the A team winning 6 - 1, the B team winning 5 -2, the C team winning 2 -1 and one half of the Development Squad drawing 2 – 2.

By the end of this week, all 128 boys (where fit!) in Years 3 – 8 will have represented the school and we wish the Year 3 and 4s the best of luck as they take on Papplewick this afternoon.

Mr. Mitchell

The Colts Development team played a spirited game against York House and despite losing 2-0 showed signs of real promise. Special mention must go to James Fearon and Laurie Trentham who were tireless in defence and galvanized a good performance from the whole team.

Mr. Roberts

## **Other News**

### Parents' Group

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November: please keep this date in your diary free for the Parents' Group Quiz Night and join us for an evening of challenge and fun as teams compete for the trophy. More details will be available soon.

### Mouthguards

Reminder: If your son is in Year 4 – 8 then they require a mouthguard for sport activities and if you have not already returned your completed form then please do so by Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September (application forms are available on the Portal or from the School Office).

### Boarding

Boarding at St George's is a great opportunity for boys and girls to spend time with friends, taking advantage of the school's superb setting and use of facilities such as the pool, food technology room or just enjoying free time to play outside or chatting and playing in the Boarders Common Room (snug).

Weekly and flexible boarding places are currently available for boys and girls in Years 4 – 8.

Please contact the House Parents, (Mr and Mrs Onions), for more details and an informal chat.

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on the Boarding House / House Parent's mobile : 07795563480

### House Tennis Matches

As you will have seen in the Calendar the Inter-House Tennis matches take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September - U11 & U9 matches take start at 2.15pm **BUT** the U13 Inter-House match has been moved to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, starting at 10.15am - parents are welcome to watch all matches.

### Car Park Permits

The School have an arrangement with RBWM for pick up and drop off parking in King Edward VII Avenue car park. If parents wish to take advantage of this please collect a permit from Reception to display in your car. Please pay close attention to

the time windows noted on the permits as our arrangement with the Council is specifically for these times.

Can I also remind parents that they should avoid turning right into the car park from Datchet Road at busy times and should turn around at the mini-roundabout by Romney Lock to aid general traffic flow.

## **The week ahead**

### Week 3 – Theme: Giving to Charity

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September: Year 7 pupils visit the Natural History Museum and Botanic Garden, Oxford  
Various Inter-House tennis fixtures as calendared  
3.30pm – U10 Netball Tournament at the Marist School.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Afternoon fixtures as calendared

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Chapel Assembly for pupils in Years 3-8. Parents are very welcome to join us for our first Chapel Assembly of the year and, as usual, we would ask that parents wishing to attend be in school for 8.30am and assemble in the Victoria.  
Macmillan Coffee morning at 9.30am immediately after our Chapel Assembly. Coffee and cakes will be served for parents on the Terrace (weather permitting) from 9.30am as we support this most worthy cause.

Afternoon fixtures as calendared.

## **Looking Further Ahead**

Some key dates for your diary:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October: the first Parents' Evening of the term for Nursery, Year 3, 4CC and 5KT.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: The Choristers perform in a concert in St George's Chapel as part of the Windsor Festival.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Parent/Teacher meetings for Year 3, 4HD and 5PR.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October: An invitation from the Dean and Canons to all **NEW** parents at St George's to attend Evensong in

St George's Chapel, followed by a tour of the Chapel (including areas not open to the public!) and a drinks reception in the Dean's Cloister. (Further details to follow in due course).

Addendum: As you will see in the School Calendar the **Lantern Parade** is scheduled to take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This has now been changed to **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November** and we hope that many of our Year 5 pupils are able to participate in this event.

This has been a very successful start to the new school year and I hope the children have enjoyed their first full week; I am sure they are tired!

May I wish you and your families a very enjoyable weekend;

Enjoy the Rugby!

With all good wishes.

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Chris McDade

Head Master