



George Carey Church of England Primary School

23rd November 2018 Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 27th November – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 29th November – Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm

Friday 30th November – Golden Assembly for KS1 + Year 5 + 6

Monday 4th December – Reception Christmas performance to parents at 2.30pm.

Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Day at George Carey.

Important Notice

It has been brought to my attention that children without 'walk home consent' are being dropped off to breakfast club in the mornings in the Rivergate Foyer. Some Key Stage 1 children are being left to take themselves to their class rooms and are being left unsupervised on the playground at the start of the day. Please note that children from Reception to Year 2 must be supervised until the teacher collects them at 8.55 at the classroom door. Children from Years 3 to 4 can be taken into the upper playground and left for us to supervise until the start of the school day. Children in Years 5 and 6 can apply for 'walk home' consent and can come and go by themselves as long as they remain responsible and keep themselves safe. However, once they are on the school site, children cannot leave the premises

Choir Performance at the Rivergate Centre

On Monday 3rd December George Carey School choir will be singing around the Christmas tree in the square outside the centre. They will sing a selection of Christmas carols that they have learned this term. This will be followed by the switching on of the lights on the tree. The event will begin at 3.30pm and will be attended by the local press. We would like to invite all parents/carers and children to join us in this special event.

Christmas Dinner Day

This year Christmas Dinner Day will be on Wednesday 12th December. Please make sure that your child/children's parent pay account has sufficient funds available to ensure your child has a school meal.

Children in Need

Friday the 16th November was our non-uniform day to help raise money for Children in Need. The children and staff raised £404.85. Thank you to everyone that took part and donated to this important charity.

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Children
in Need



Year 5 Cycling Proficiency

Well done to Grisham, Uzochukwu, Damola, Lalitta and Abraham who have passed the Level 2 Cycling Proficiency with the instructors from Vandome Cycling and will now be able to participate in the upcoming bike clubs held at school.



Head Lice Reminder

If your child has head lice, please keep them at home and treat their hair with the recommended products. Once they have been treated, they can return to school. Information on treating head lice can be obtained from the school office or by visiting any reputable pharmacy.

School closes for Christmas break on Thursday 20th December at 2.30pm and will re-open normal time on Thursday 3rd January.

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Golden Book Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been mentioned in our Golden Book this week: -

Herons – Attila + Daniel

Kingfishers – Jonathan + David

Jays – Josiah

Sandpipers – Elijah + Elijah

Maggies – Temitope + Todor + Aiza + Oliwia + Elif

Jackdaws – Lore + Nayla

Swans – Jayden

Ravens – Aiyannah

Starlings – Zayd

Puffins – Amanda + Khadija

Wrens – Abdul Basit



Hot on the heels of the successful introduction of Visa Checkout, we're now close to launching another new payment option for parents.



Soon, parents won't need to worry about remembering to top-up their child's school meal balance.

Auto top-up means parents will never miss a payment when their child's meal balance falls below a pre-set threshold.

Bank Transfer with auto top-up offers parents increased peace of mind and the quickest and most convenient way to pay.

Schools and caterers will receive prompt payment, potentially reducing debt and supporting initiatives to increase school meal uptake.

So when will parents get to use Bank Transfer with auto top-up?

Trials will begin at the end of November, with availability for all parents planned for early in the new year.

We'll keep you updated on progress and will inform schools and parents once the formal launch date is confirmed.

Any questions?

We have prepared some [additional information for schools](#).

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Dear parent/carer,

I am excited to announce the new Thames View Greenway project which George Carey school is involved in.

You will have received a letter from Be First/the council about this last week. The Thames View Greenway is a new nature trail for people on foot and bicycle. The path will trace the southern border of the Thames View Playing Fields and link into the Ripple Nature Reserve at the eastern end.

The path will provide safer routes to schools for walking and cycling and will become a leisurely place to take a stroll and enjoy nature, as well as linking residents in Thames View with the river Thames footpath off Renwick road. New natural play features will also be installed along the greenway, designed by children.

In the New Year we will be running sessions in school to involve pupils in the design of this new nature trail. This will be a great opportunity for your child to influence and improve their local area and we're sure they will be proud of the results. We will also run public events for all the whole family to attend.

Here is a plan of the scheme:

It is important that you share your views on this project to ensure that the project reflects your child's needs as well as your own. Please click here to complete this short survey:

sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/greenway

If you would like to get more involved in choosing features for this exciting new community asset yourself, please share your contact details in the survey and we will invite you sessions in the new year.



You can also drop in to the following engagement sessions:

Friday 23rd November – Sue Bramley Centre Community Café – 10am-12 noon

Saturday 1st December – Sue Bramley Centre – 11am-1pm

Friday 14th December – Christmas Street Party, Farr Avenue Shops – 3-6pm

Many thanks,

Chris Harrison