



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## Note from Mrs Coulthard

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. We have six weeks until the end of the academic year and leaders in both schools are working hard to organise staffing for next academic year. As soon as we have finalised this, we will inform parents.

During the Polling Day closure, staff met to review the curriculum for next academic year and to plan educational visits linked to the Context for Learning for each year group. Once this has been finalised we will forward copies to parents to enable you to fully support your child's learning at home.

The leadership team of the MAT also met yesterday and began work on reviewing our procedures for educational visits and visitors to school in light of recent terrorist attacks. A letter detailing interim arrangements went out this week and I know that you agree that nothing is more important than the safety of our children. We have looked at each event and visit planned for the rest of term and taken advice from the Council's H&S team with regards to how we can move forward. Miss Young and Mrs Rice will keep you informed of any changes.

This week the SIAMS inspection report for St Mark's has been published. We are delighted with the 'Outstanding' judgement made which recognises all the hard work done over the last two years and the strong partnership we have between our schools.

*'The transformation of the school over the last two years has been remarkable, notably in the improvement in pupils' achievement academically. The Christian love with which the pupils are surrounded gives a sense of peace and security, so that there is no fear of failure and they are all enabled to give of their best. School data and Ofsted visits show that achievement is now good to outstanding, exceeding national expectations' SIAMS 2017*

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs R Coulthard

## Miss Young - What's been happening this week....?

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a huge welcome back to all the children and parents. I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing week off.

It has been another exciting week for the children at St George's this week. On Monday, all of the children in school were treated to a fantastic percussion performance from Wigan Music Service. They played a variety of instruments for the children and encouraged them to guess the tune. The most popular was 'Pink Panther.'

On Thursday school was closed for Polling Day, but the staff were in school and working hard on planning Educational Trips for the coming school year. They also took time to look at curriculum overviews in order to plan exciting learning opportunities for all children across school.

Enjoy the weekend!

Kind Regards  
Miss L Young

### What's coming up ...

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Little Dragons Sports Day

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – a.m. – KS1 Sports Day  
p.m. – KS2 Sports Day

### Notices:

Please be reminded that Parents/Carers are not permitted to enter the school car park to drop off children for breakfast club or at the start or end of the school day as **reversing cars are very dangerous in the area where children are entering the school grounds on foot.** Please also take care when parking near the school and remember that it is illegal to park in the bus lane.

