



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing you for next week's Parent Consultations. This will be an opportunity for you to find out how your child is settling in to their new year group, how they are progressing with their learning and what support you can give at home. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please contact the School Office.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is back in school next week! Please come along and support the Book Fair if you are able to; it will be running after school, Monday—Thursday, including during both parent consultation evenings. The books you buy earn Reward Points for the school, which we spend on books for the children. You are able to pay with cash or online.



Staffing Update

I am pleased to tell you that **Mr Thompson** (Adventurers class teacher) will be remaining here at St George's for the rest of this academic year. He is a fantastic addition to our team and we are grateful for the experience and enthusiasm he brings to St George's!

J.A.M at St George's Church

JAM club takes place at St George's church every Friday during term time. All are invited to pop in to the church for a warm cuppa, activities for the children and a good chat!

This week in Collective Worship

On Monday, Rev John led Collective Worship and there was an interesting conversation about getting 'stuck in a pickle' and how to manage changes in plans! On Tuesday, we welcomed Canon Stephen, Sue and Jenny, who told the story of David and Goliath. The children noticed that David displayed many of our St George's core values. Thank you to everyone who supports us in our Collective Worship; it is very much appreciated.

Spotlight on Inclusion and Trauma-Informed Practice

LOOK As a Trauma-Informed school, we utilise the W.I.N approach when supporting children to communicate their thoughts and feelings. Instead of asking a child 'What's wrong?' or 'How are you feeling?', we use the sentence starters: 'I wonder.....', 'I imagine.....', 'I notice.....'

This is a non-threatening, non-judgmental approach which will often prompt a child to engage in conversation. From here, we can begin to unpick the situation and provide appropriate support (and challenge).

I have attached a poster with further information and some examples. Give it a try at home and let us know how you get on!



Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch

Explorers

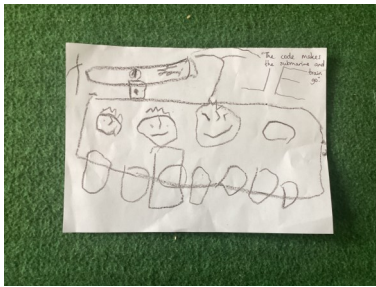
It has been a busy half term and the Reception children are now well settled into school life, routines and expectations.

On a Friday afternoon we have thoroughly enjoyed our PE sessions, where we have learnt to navigate space around the hall, making sure we don't bump into each other. Over the past few weeks we have played games, learnt to use equipment safely and developed team building skills. After half term, we will be working with a sports coach from Essex Professional Coaching on specific skills.

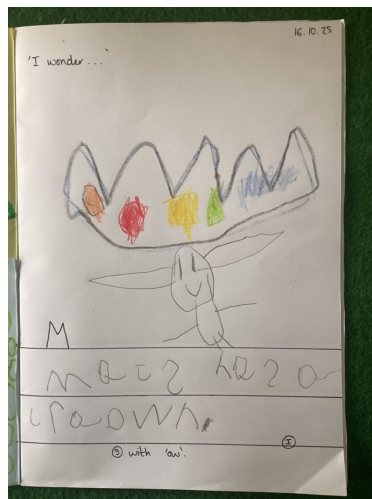
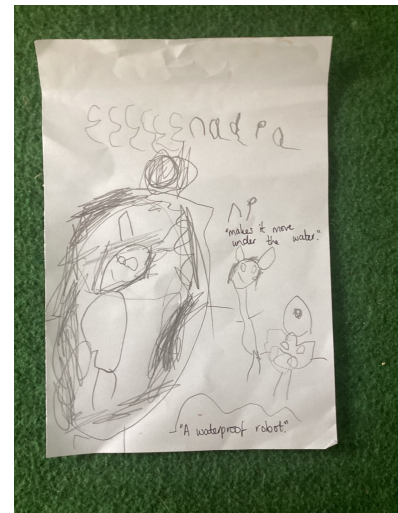


We have ventured into our Drawing Club sessions with great enthusiasm, with our first focus book being 'Where The Wild Things Are'. We have followed the Drawing Club structure of sessions, learning new and exciting vocabulary, exploring characters, setting and adventures, using our imagination to create our own pictures and creating codes for magic moments! Here are some examples of our amazing work:

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK



Girls' Football

On Tuesday, a group of Year 5/6 girls took part in the Tendring Primary Schools District Girls' Football tournament organised by the Tendring School Sport Partnership. Twelve schools competed in the event, which was organised into group stages. The St George's team came third within their group and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I was very pleased to hear that our pupils were acknowledged for their politeness and sports (wom)manship.



Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Sandell for organising and accompanying the children.

Well done, Jonathan!



At the weekend, **Jonathan** and his family from Adventurers participated in the Race For The Kids in Hyde Park. Jonathan completed the 2k run, he ran the full distance without stopping and was very pleased with efforts and of course his medal! Furthermore, and more importantly, he raised £515 for GOSH!

Here is the link to the fundraising page.
<https://race.gosh.org/fundraisers/chrisbarrand>

Gymnastics Success!

Well done to **Leo** from Pathfinders who achieved his first ever gymnastics medal and certificate at his new gymnastics club.



And congratulations to **Bella** from Navigators who achieved her level 5,6,7 & 8 floor awards at her Gymnastics club last week.

We're so pleased to hear that you are both enjoying your gymnastics so much and we look forward to seeing what you do next!



Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Monday 20th—Thursday 23rd October	Book Fair in school (after school)
Tuesday 21st October	Flu immunisations - you have been contacted directly by the NHS regarding permissions
Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October	Parent Consultations - please book via the School Office
Friday 24th October	PJ Day! See flyer for info—donations for Christmas Fair
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half term
Wednesday 5th November	Individual and sibling photographs - please return reply slip
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day - details to follow
Thursday 4th December 2.00pm	Reception Christmas Singalong - details to follow
Friday 5th December	Whole School trip to Pantomime (Gt Bromley Village Hall) - details to follow
Friday 5th December (after school)	Christmas Fair
Thursday 11th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (10.00am and 6.00pm) - details to follow
Monday 15th December	Christmas Dinner Day—details to follow Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January 2024	First day of term for children

Polite Notice

We have been asked by the management of the Leonard Cheshire Seven Rivers Care Home to bring the following to your attention:

The Care Home car park is a private carpark and should not be used as an overflow to the Church Meadow carpark, please.

The residents of the Bungalow (between the church and care home) have reported seeing St George's pupils taunting their dogs in the back garden. Please ensure that your children represent our school well in the local area; in such a small village, it is crucial that we maintain positive relationships with local residents and organisations.