



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The big news at St George's this week has been the hatching of the chicks in Pathfinders! The children (and adults!) throughout the school have loved keeping watch over the eggs in their incubator and watching the chicks find their feet in the brooder box. See over the page for more photos.



Pro-Strike Fundraising Event



The children have had a marvellous time this morning, scoring goals and measuring their speeds. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraising event—please make sure your online payments have been made by Sunday.

Further details and photos to follow next week!

Parent Consultations

The first Parent Consultation evening of this academic year will take place on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October. Booking opens on Tuesday 30th September—please contact the School Office to book your slot.

Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Chris Barrand, parent of Jonathan in Adventurers, who has donated £490 to St George's PTA via his company's Benevity scheme. Mr Barrand has raised these funds by volunteering and giving his time, not least at last term's 'Fantastic Futures' Careers Fair.



Spotlight on Inclusion and Trauma-Informed Practice



This week's focus follows on from last week's principle that all behaviour is communication.

At St George's, we prioritise getting to know children as individuals so that we can best support them in their development. Behaviours which present in an angry or aggressive manner are often a response to much more complex emotions. Helping children to feel listened to and valued, rather than shamed, enables them to feel safe and secure. From there, we can empower children to understand and manage their own behaviour.

We also know that, in order to learn, children need to be emotionally regulated.

This is why relationships are at the heart of everything we do at St George's.



Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch

Pathfinders

What an 'egg-citing' week it has been in Pathfinders this week! We took delivery of our eggs Monday morning; many of the children were excited to see what would happen but some of the children shared that they were a little bit anxious about their arrival. This gave us a fantastic opportunity to discuss 'big feelings' and explore what we can do to help when we feel a little bit nervous and anxious. Before long, nerves turned into excitement for all and the children practised their 'waiting patiently' skill. Many children wanted the chicks to hatch straight away... but once we started learning about the importance of the chicks growing inside the eggs they quickly realised it was important for them to continue to grow.

Finally on Wednesday morning, the children arrived to school to find that one chick had hatched, with a second making its grand entrance just as many of the children arrived for the day. The children were so excited to see how the chicks hatched with everyone commenting 'Wow they are so big, how did they fit inside the egg?' As the day went on, more eggs hatched and the children were enthralled by our fluffy visitors.

The chicks are now in their brooder box. The children are enjoying watching them grow and are very excited at the prospect of holding our chicks next week, making them some treats and building them a 'brooder box run'.

In addition to learning about eggs, we also completed our first science experiment of the year. We learnt what it means to conduct a fair test, make predictions and draw conclusions from our experiment. We explored which material would best protect an egg. The children loved dropping some eggs and even soaking Mrs Elliott with the water option!



Harvest Donations
Deadline: Thursday 2nd October

This year we are once again collecting Harvest donations for the local Foodbank. Please bring donations to the School Office, or via the classrooms, by Thursday 2nd October.

Urgently needed food items

tinned fruit
tinned & packet custard
Longlife Milk
UHT Fruit Juice
Instant Mash
tinned sponge puddings
small jar/packet instant coffee
hot chocolate powder

We've got plenty of

baked beans
soup
pasta
rice
cereal

Well done, Harriet!



Harriet (Adventurers) took part in a national Tae Kwon Do competition last weekend. She achieved Silver in individual sparring and Gold in team sparring.

Congratulations, Harriet!

Home School Agreement and Data Collection Forms

Thank you to those who have returned their signed Home School Agreement and completed Data Collection and Permissions forms.

The Home School Agreement is a really important bedrock of our partnership with families and clarifies the protocols and expectations for all.

The Data Collection and Permissions forms need to be completed annually to ensure we hold the correct details for your child on our Information Management System.

If you have not yet returned these forms, please do so as soon as possible next week.

Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Friday 3rd October 2.15pm	Harvest Festival at St George's Church (parents invited)
Tuesday 21st October	Flu immunisations - you will be contacted directly by the NHS regarding permissions
Friday 17th—Friday 24th October	Book Fair in school (after school)
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October	Parent Consultations - booking opens Tuesday 30th September
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half term
Week Beginning Monday 3rd November	St George's Book Week
Wednesday 5th November	Individual and sibling photographs - details to follow
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