



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **SIAMS inspection**

This week, we have been given notice of our SIAMS inspection for church schools, which will take place on Wednesday 13th November. Yesterday, you were sent a letter from our inspector, via Parentmail, with further information. We are looking forward to welcoming the inspector to St George's and sharing with him all the work we do here.

### **KS2 Science workshops**

On Monday, the Key Stage Two children took part in a Science workshop in the Hall, led by one of the Science teachers from Manningtree High School. During the workshop, the children made helicopters with different wingspans out of paper and worked together to carry out an investigation into how the length of the wingspan affects the rate at which the helicopter falls to the ground. They applied their maths skills too by calculating average speeds across multiple drops.



### **Uniform Reminder**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day, including a school tie. Please note that the maroon sweatshirts with the school logo are part of our PE kit and should be worn on PE days only.

### **Remembrance**

- 🌸 Please join us for the Act of Remembrance at the memorial on Sunday at 10.45am, followed by a Remembrance Service at the church, at which our choir will be singing.
- 🌸 If your child is attending a Remembrance Service elsewhere, for example with Cubs or Brownies, we would love to see photos of them - please email them to admin@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk
- 🌸 On Monday 11th September, I will be leading all the children in an Act of Remembrance in the School Hall.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Keitch*



Well done, Kiyra!

Well done to Kiyra in Pathfinders, who has graduated from her Waterbabies swimming class. Kiyra has been swimming since she was 8 months old and is now a confident, independent swimmer.

Congratulations!

### Online Safety

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachael De Souza, has published a new report entitled 'I've seen horrible things online', which explores the online experiences of children and young people. It is a very interesting and sobering read.



Although it is a very long document, the Executive Summary is concise and easy-to-read. I urge you to have a look at it; it may prompt you to have discussions with your child about their online experiences. I have saved a copy of the report on the [Online Safety page](#) of our school website.

Here are some of the headline findings:

- 71% of respondents say they feel safe online. However, some children as young as five and children with special education needs and disabilities disproportionately report they feel unsafe.
- Girls were less likely to agree that they felt safe online relative to boys (67% vs 75%).
- Children do not feel in control of their online lives, e.g. phone addiction and algorithmic content influence.

### Glass jars - can you help us?

We would love to make nature lanterns and snow globes with the children in Forest School this term.

Do you have some empty jars (with lids) you could donate to us?

If so, please bring them to the School Office.

Thank you!

### Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

w/b 11th November	'Healthy Me Week', including First Aid and Cooking workshops
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day - Sporty and Spotty!
Monday 25th November	Choir concert at the Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 5th December	Reception Christmas Singalong - details to follow
Friday 6th December	Whole School trip to Pantomime (Gt Bromley Village Hall) - details to follow
Thursday 12th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (morning and evening) - details to follow
Wednesday 18th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Friday 20th December	Last day of term
Monday 6th January	First day of term for children
w/b 6th January	St George's Book Week

### **Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards**

**All of Year One and Year Two** - For an enthusiastic return to Forest Schools!

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### Family Cooking Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Family Cooking Challenge. We will be collating and sharing the photos next week.

If you would still like to take part, please email photos to the School Office by Monday 11th November.