



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultations

If you have not already done so, please contact the School Office to book a consultation with your child's teacher. Each appointment is ten minutes long and is an opportunity to talk about how your child has settled into the new school year. Please help us to keep the appointments on track by being punctual and adhering to the ten minute time slot.

When you attend your parent consultation meeting, you will also be asked to complete a parent survey. This is an annual survey which helps us to understand your family's experience of our school and provides us with really valuable feedback. This year, there are questions about our school ethos and vision as we are really keen to hear your thoughts about this important aspect of St George's. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

Super Construction Workers!

As well as creating fantastic rockets for their Home Learning project, the Explorers children have been busy building some great models in the Construction Area of their classroom. It has been lovely to hear the children explaining their models to me - everything from pyramids to fighter jets, Christmas dance parties to Rapunzel's tower! Here are a few of the Explorers children with their wonderful creations!



Spare shoes

With the change in weather, our field has become rather muddy. If your child wishes to go on the field at lunch time, please ensure they have a change of shoes with them. This will protect both their school shoes and our floors!



Family Cooking Challenge

Please do take part in our Family Cooking Challenge - we are really looking forward to seeing and hearing about the children's delicious creations! This challenge is linked to our upcoming 'Healthy Me Week' in November, in which the children will spend time learning all about how to keep themselves healthy, including the importance of a balanced diet.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Forest School News

It's been a great start to the academic year with Adventurers class. On the first session, we recapped our Forest School rules which revolve around 'Respect' —for ourselves, each other and the environment. We created a list of all the skills and activities the children wished to fill their half term with.

With the addition of a temperature gauge to the firepit area, we have been able to record the temperatures on each session throughout the term, ranging from 9°C to 24°C between September and now.

We have seen lots of tree climbing, mud play, shelter building, knot tying, zip lines, rope swings and mini fires, as well as mark-making with Alder ink, blackberry smashing, creating apple faces and conker crafts. There have been plenty of opportunities for team work, sharing of ideas, creativity, perseverance and words of encouragement to each other.



In readiness for Winter, the children have cleared the Hedgehog House, collecting freshly fallen leaves and refilling it to make it a cosy place for the hedgehogs to hibernate.



By
Nicky 'Nightingale'
Powell

Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Thursday 17th - Thursday 24th October	Book Fair in school
Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October	Parent Consultations - booking now open!
Wednesday 23rd October	Navigators 'Step Into STEAM' event
Thursday 24th October	Multi-Schools Council Autism workshops for the children
Friday 25th October	Non Pupil Day
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half term
Friday 8th November	Individual and sibling photographs - see letter
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day - details to follow
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

Workshops for parents

Please find attached to the email two flyers advertising a series of parent workshops being delivered by local charity InterAct.

The workshops are entitled '**Developing Self-Care, Resilience and Wellbeing for Parents and Carers Raising Children with SEND and Challenging Behaviour**' and take place in two locations in Colchester, beginning in November.

These workshops are free - funded by the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance - and should be booked directly with the provider.

