



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Parent Governor Elections**

Yesterday, your child brought home information regarding the Parent Governor election, following the recent appeal for nominations. Please exercise your vote and have your say - the deadline for the ballot is Friday 18th October.

### **PTA AGM**

Thank you to those who took the time to attend this week's PTA AGM. Please find attached to the email a copy of the Chair's presentation to the AGM. At this meeting, the decision was taken to change the focus of the Committee for the year ahead. This year, the Committee will concentrate solely on raising funds via charitable grants and donations and not on organising events.

Fundraising for St George's continues to be vitally important. However, the Committee cannot continue to stage large events without greater support from the wider parent community. Sadly, this means there will be no St George's Christmas Fair or Summer Fete this academic year. In turn, this means the PTA will not be able to fund resources and experiences for the children to the same extent.

The following Management Committee members were elected:

Chair - Hayley Kemp-Wiggins

Treasurer - Steph Lockett

Secretary - Kara O'Sullivan

If you are able to support the Committee and school in identifying potential sources of grant funding, please contact the Chair via [pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk) or come and see us in the School Office.

If you would like to talk to us about organising a fundraising event for the school, please come and speak to us - we are open to ideas!

### **Parent Consultations**

This term's parent consultations will be held on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October. Please call the School Office to book an appointment.

### **Lost Property**

The Lost Property bin is already filling up this term! Please remember to name all items of school uniform/lunchboxes etc - we will always reunite belongings with their owner if they are named.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Keitch*



## Well done, Jack!

Well done to Jack, who has passed his 2nd Karate grading belt - White with Purple Stripe.

Congratulations!

## SEND ROADSHOW

We are pleased to share information about the next SEND roadshow which will take place at the Brightlingsea Community Centre, Lower Park Road, Brightlingsea, Essex, CO7 0LG on Wednesday 23 October, 9.30am to 12.30am.

### Local Offer Roadshow, north-east Essex | Essex Local Offer

This is an opportunity to meet with some of the amazing teams and services which support children with additional needs, who may or may not be on the school SEND register. Services who are expected to be in attendance include: Essex Family Forum, Families InFocus, The Maze Group, SENDIASS (SEND Information, Advice and Support Service), SEND Operations and Inclusion and Psychology Team.

## Online Safety Toolkit for Parents

Internet Matters has a really great resource for parents called 'My Family's Digital Toolkit'. This is a personalised resource which gives age-specific guidance, advice to deal with specific concerns, recommendations for digital tools to support children's interests and more.

The toolkit is free and you can find more details [HERE](#).

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

**Alexander** - For working safely and creatively with a hand drill and conkers.

**Oliver** - For your perseverance with a flint and steel, not giving up until you had lit your own mini fire. Well done!

**Byron** - For following the safety rules and using the hand drill to make holes in the conkers. With a little help and encouragement, you achieved what you set out to do! Well done!

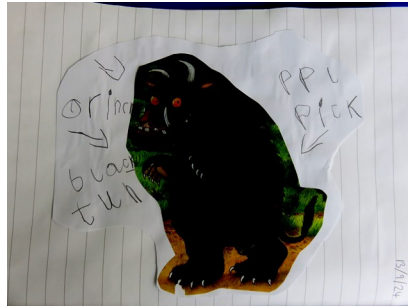
**Izzy** - For being persistent and not giving up, when using the flint and steel to make sparks and light your own mini fire.

**Oscar** - For a busy session. You were keen to participate in lots of different activities this week! You succeeded in lighting your own mini fires with the flint and steel and went on to encourage others. Well done!

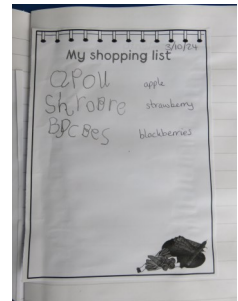
# Explorers News

Over the past few weeks, the new Reception children have been spending lots of time exploring the indoor and outdoor areas, developing good relationships with the adults and children in the class and have settled very well into school life, with their Year 1 peers setting a great example, showing them the ropes and being role models in class.

Our learning has been focused around 'The Gruffalo'. We have explored and retold the story using our small world environment, and looked closely at the setting and main characters; the Gruffalo and the Mouse. We have used descriptive language from the story to describe the characters features and talked about how they were feeling at various points in the text.



We have learnt to write lists and follow a set of instructions in the form of a recipe, for making Gruffalo (apple) crumbles.



To finish off our learning, the children created a Gruffalo hat or mask. Don't they look fantastic?!



In Maths, we have been learning about our early numbers, being accurate when counting, and finding one more and one less than a given number. We have been using lots of different manipulatives to count and find totals and have been really enjoying Numberblocks to support our learning.



## Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

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| Thursday 17th - Thursday 24th<br>October           | Book Fair in school   |
| Thursday 23rd October and Thursday<br>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<br>children                        |
| Friday 25th October                                | Non Pupil Day   |
| Monday 28th October - Friday 1st<br>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<br>Hall) - details to follow   |
| Thursday 12th December                             | KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (morning and<br>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 2024                            | First day of term for children  |
| w/b 6th January                                    | St George's Book Week (please note change of date)                                |