



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Council

The St George's School Council held their second meeting this week. Amongst other things, they discussed the ideas submitted by other pupils via the School Council Suggestion Box, which included:

- Several requests for a school pet!
- Fundraising ideas
- Extra bins for the playground to discourage littering

We will keep you updated on progress towards these goals!

Mission to Mars!

Today, the Year Five and Six children are taking part in an interactive STEM workshop, 'Mission to Mars'. The workshop involves working together in groups on a series of STEM challenges - here they are cracking codes using electrical circuits.



Can You Help?

The children love building dens at Forest School and we need some more **tarpaulins** for them to use. If you have a tarpaulin you could donate to us, we would be very grateful - please contact the School Office.

School Uniform Reminders

Please can I remind you of the following school uniform expectations:

- Only **stud earrings** are permitted. Earrings should not be worn on PE days, unless your child can remove their earrings for themselves
- Long hair should be **tied back** at all times
- **Plain black trainers** should be worn for PE

You can find full details of school uniform and PE kit expectations on [our website](#).

Book Fair

We will be holding another Travelling Books/Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday 17th - Thursday 24th October, after school and during Parent Consultations (booking info coming next week). Further information to follow - please do support our Book Fair if you can.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Congratulations, Poppie!

Poppie in Navigators is a keen sailor and has been very busy over the summer!

Poppie won the Walton and Frinton Yacht Club Cadet Week Regatta Fleet and was also named the best RS Tera sailor. She then competed with the adults in their Dinghy Week (with over 60 boats) in a much larger boat and won the best Under 13 sailor.



Poppie recently found out that she has been picked for the UK RS Tera Eastern Regional winter training squad!

Congratulations, Poppie, you should feel very proud of your achievements.

Well done, Lily-Rose!

Lily-Rose in Navigators took part in the GB Skate RollerCup Finals at the weekend. Even though she had a sore foot she did amazingly well. Lily-Rose beat her Personal Best and came 4th in the 12 and Under category.

Congratulations, Lily-Rose, another fantastic achievement!



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Fi-Fi - For talking with your peers about the dangers of stagnant water

Theodore - For using Alder pine cones to make ink, which you used to write with a feather

Ivy - For remembering how to tie an overhand loop knot, the first step in putting up your own rope swing. Well done!

Lucas - For working collaboratively with your group, sharing ideas to build a shelter from the rain.

Pathfinders News

Over the last few weeks, Pathfinders have been very busy exploring our new Dimensions unit 'Internation Media Station'. We have had some fantastic practical lessons and learnt lots about how technology has changed over the years. The children have really impressed me with how confident they have been with remembering key vocabulary and important historical information.

We have looked at how telephones have changed from the past to the present and enjoyed exploring some real life phones from the past. We learnt how sound travels in waves and created our own 'string telephone' - we had so much fun trying these out around our classroom!

In our English learning, we have enjoyed exploring our class text 'Look Up!'. The children have done some fantastic writing and have also enjoyed role playing their ideas too.

In Maths we have been really busy completing our 'place value' unit of learning. The children have worked hard to understand how number 0-20 are formed and have been ordering and comparing these numbers using lots of different practical apparatus.

We have been busy enjoying our learning and I am super proud of all of the children's fantastic attitude towards their learning.



Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Thursday 10th October	3.30pm PTA Annual General Meeting - School Hall There will be a creche provided
Friday 11th October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 17th - Thursday 24th October	Book Fair in school
Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October	Parent Consultations - we will let you know when booking opens!
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
Monday 4th November	Return to school
Friday 8th November	Individual and sibling photographs - details to follow
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 2024	First day of term for children

PLEASE NOTE:

Please ensure that family holidays are arranged during school breaks. We are unable to authorise term-time holidays. Term dates for 2024-25 can be found on our school website: <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/term-dates/>