



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

My Happy Mind



This week we launched our new programme, 'My Happy Mind', which focuses on mental and emotional wellbeing. Please read the letter sent out on Monday for further information and for details of how to download the Parent App. The children have started their My Happy Mind lessons in class and are getting to know the different characters, including 'Team HAP', a three-headed character representing the different parts of the brain.

Please ask your child all about their learning! We will send out further information for parents towards the end of this half-term's them, 'Meet Your Brain'.

Harvest at St George's Church

I hope you will be able to join us for our Harvest Service on **Friday 20th September at 9.15am** at the church. The children have been busy practising their Harvest songs and we are really looking forward to sharing these with you. Thank you to those who have made a donation to our Harvest Foodbank appeal—please see p4 for further details if you have yet to donate.

Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

I was very pleased to see that so many children took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We congratulated them all in this morning's Celebration Assembly. As you know, reading is the most fundamental and important part of learning at primary age. Supporting children's reading development is a partnership between home and school so it is great to see so many families encouraging and nurturing a love of reading.



Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Updates and Reminders

Home School Agreement

On Wednesday, you received an envelope containing this year's Home School Agreement, along with other associated documents. Please read the information carefully and return one signed copy of the agreement to the school office by Monday 30th September. We refresh our Home School Agreement at the start of each school year; it provides an opportunity to remind everyone about the roles, expectations and guidelines for the coming year so that we can work together productively for the children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the School Office.

Meet the Teacher meetings

Thank you to those who attended this week's Meet the Teacher meetings. I hope you found them useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any further questions.

Annual Governor's Report

The Governors have now published their annual report, outlining the key achievements and strategic activities of the past academic year. Please find the report attached to the email and also on our [website](#).

Can You Help Us?

Last year, we had lots of generous donations of pre-loved toys for our After School Club and the children now have lots of lovely things to play with.

The Dolls House is particularly popular but we have a very limited range of furniture for it.

Do you have any dolls house furniture your children no longer play with which could be donated to the school?

Please contact the School Office if you can help us out!



Parent Governor Elections

We have a Parent Governor vacancy on our Governing Body and would love to fill it!

Next week, you will receive a letter with information about the upcoming Parent Governor elections.



If you think you may be interested in nominating yourself for this position, please do not hesitate to contact our new Chair, Lorna Sharp (lsharp@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk) or Mrs Keitch via the School Office for further information.

Our new Reception children!

We have been very impressed with how well the new Reception children are adapting to school life. They are entering the classroom happily each morning and settling into their class brilliantly, demonstrating a real love of learning.

Here they are in the Explorers outdoor area, along with their Year One classmates!



Online Safety Resources for parents

The organisation 'Internet Matters' produce fantastic resources for parents and children about how to stay safe online. There are two new resources I would particularly like to draw your attention to:

1. **Online gaming: A guide for parents of Neurodiverse children (pdf)**
2. **ABC Online Safety Checklist - age-specific (link)**

Both these resources can be found on the [Online Safety page](#) of our school website, along with lots of other resources for parents.



Reminder: Harvest Donations
Deadline: Tuesday 17th September

Please bring donations to the School Office, or via the classrooms, by Tuesday 17th September. The Trussell Trust recommends the following items:

- SMALL BAGS OF RICE
- LONGLIFE MILK
- LONGLIFE JUICE
- SHAMPOO
- SQUASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- DEODORANTS
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED PUDDINGS
- TINS OR PACKETS OF CUSTARD
- JAM
- TOOTH BRUSH/ TOOTH PASTE
- SHOWER GEL
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- SMALL WASHING POWDER/LIQUID
- SMALL MULTIPACK SNACKS (PENGUIN/ CLUB/TWIX)
- TINNED TOMATOES



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Asda Cashpot

I am pleased to tell you that St George's is now signed up to the new Asda 'Cashpot for Schools' scheme.



All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose St George's CofE Primary School and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

Please support St George's when you shop at Asda!

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<p>Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app</p> <p>Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.</p>	<p>Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com</p> <p>Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.</p>	<p>Asda does the rest</p> <p>The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.</p>

Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Friday 20th September 9.15am	Harvest Festival at St George's Church (parents invited)
Monday 30th September	Road Safety for Reception and Year Five - details to follow
Friday 11th October	Flu immunisations - details to follow
Thursday 17th - Thursday 24th October	Book Fair in school
Thursday 23rd October and Thursday 24th October	Parent Consultations - we will let you know when booking opens!
Wednesday 23rd October	Navigators 'Step Into STEAM' event - details to follow
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
Week Beginning Monday 4th November	St George's Book Week
Friday 8th November	Individual and sibling photographs - details to follow
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day - details to follow
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

