



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had a good summer and that you were able to enjoy time with family and friends. It has been lovely to see all the children again and to hear all about their summer holidays. It has been a great start to the new academic year and the children are settling well into their new year groups and classrooms.

### Letters Home

Yesterday, you received your child's half-termly curriculum letter and WISK sheets. These are full of information about what your child will be learning this term, along with practical information about home learning, PE days etc.

You also received a letter with reminders about Home School Communication - please read this carefully so that we can ensure successful and smooth communication.

### Staffing Updates

You will have noticed that **Mr Stacey** has not been welcoming the children on the gate in the mornings. Unfortunately, he injured his arm during the summer break and had to have an operation. He is recovering well and looking forward to getting back to work as soon as he is able - this may not be until much later this term. I am sure you will join me in sending him our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.



Welcome to **Mr Morelli**, our new Y3/4 teacher (Adventurers Class). Mr Morelli has thoroughly enjoyed his first few days with his class and we are very pleased to welcome him to our teaching team.

**Mrs Powell** is our new Reception teacher, working Wednesday-Friday in Explorers. She is best known to the children as Nicky Nightingale, our Forest School Leader, so is already well-known to the children. Mrs Powell is enjoying getting to know her new Reception pupils and getting stuck in as part of our teaching team.



### Meet the Teacher meetings

On Tuesday you received a Parentmail with details of the Meet the Teacher meetings next week. Please make every effort to attend these meetings, even if your child has the same teacher as last year.

### Harvest at St George's Church

This year's Harvest Festival is very early! We will be holding our Harvest Service on **Friday 20th September** at the church. Please see over the page for further details of our annual Foodbank appeal.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Keitch*

# Welcome to St George's!

This week we welcomed our new Reception intake to St George's. They have made a fantastic start to the term and have enjoyed getting to know each other, their teachers and their Big Friends.

Welcome to St George's - we look forward to getting to know our new children and families in the coming weeks and months.



Group photo to follow next week!

## Did your child complete the Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge this year?

I am really pleased that several children completed the library summer reading challenge this year. I have enjoyed hearing about the books they read.

If your child has completed the challenge, please can they **bring their certificate to school on Friday 13th September** so we can acknowledge their achievement in our Celebration Assembly.

Remember to keep reading with your child throughout this school year - it really is the most beneficial way to support your child at home.



**Reminder: Harvest Donations**  
**Deadline: Tuesday 17th September**

This year we are once again collecting Harvest donations for the local Foodbank. 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



**New term reminders**

**Breaktime Snack**

If your child brings a snack for morning breaktime, please ensure this is a piece of fruit/vegetable or another healthy item. Crisps, biscuits, sweets etc are not permitted. Please note, children in Reception, Year One and Year Two have a free snack provided via the Government's Fruit and Veg scheme. Please encourage your child to take up this offer.

**Nut Free School**

We are a nut free school. Please ensure your child does not bring products containing nuts into school, either for breaktime snack or packed lunch. We have children in school with nut allergies.

**Coats**

The weather is very changeable at this time of year. We take the children outside for playtime in all weathers, unless there is heavy rain, so please ensure your child has a coat with them every day.

**Pre-Loved Uniform**

We have a good stock of good quality pre-loved uniform items available to purchase from the School Office. All items are in very good used condition and cost £1.00 each. Please speak to Mrs Thorington in the office if you would like to have a look.

Please note, we cannot accept any further uniform donations at the moment.

## Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Friday 6th September	2pm New Parents' Tea Party 3.10-5.10pm Inflatable Fun Afternoon
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