



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Golden Rule

In Monday's Collective Worship, I reminded the children about The Golden Rule. This is a really important guiding principle in our school, and for life. It can be difficult for children to think about how their actions and decisions impact others but we encourage them to do so. We also talked about what it means to 'put yourself in someone else's shoes'. We finished by singing one of our favourite songs, 'The Golden Rule' - if the children would like to sing this at home, the backing track and lyrics can be found on the [Vision and Values page of our school website](#).

*The Golden Rule:
In everything, do
to others what
you would have
them do to you.
Matthew 7:12 (niv)*

St George's Church Flower Festival



It was lovely to see so many of you at the church on Friday for the Flower Festival performances. The church looked absolutely beautiful and the children sang and spoke with confidence and enthusiasm. Thank you to the teachers for working hard with the children to prepare these lovely bee-themed presentations.

The choir took part in the Community Songs of Praise on Sunday evening too. They sang beautifully and did themselves proud - well done.

And congratulations to Jenny Nicholls and her hardworking team for a very successful Flower Festival. The event raised over £4000 for the church!

Staffing for September

As you are aware, we have a few changes to our staff team from September. Here is an overview of the teaching staff and other changes :

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| Explorers: | Mrs Whitfield (Mon-Tues), Mrs Powell (Wed-Fri) |
| Pathfinders: | Mrs Elliott - newly appointed as our Senior Teacher (congratulations!) |
| Adventurers: | Mr Morelli |
| Navigators: | Mr Johnston |
| Higher Level Teaching Assistant: | Miss Palfrey (covering teachers' release time) |
| SENCO: | Mrs Joyce - working days changing to Tuesday and Wednesday |

Change to drop-off procedures

You received a Parentmail yesterday regarding a change to the morning drop-off procedures.

From Monday 24th June, we will only have one gate open at morning drop-off. Please enter and exit the school grounds via the smaller side gate.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Pathfinders News

Over the last few weeks Pathfinders have been very busy with their new Dimensions unit 'Going Wild'. The children have been learning all about what makes something alive. We have begun to explore MRS GREN finding out what each letter in her name stands for. So far we know that all living things 'move' and 'respire'. We have had great fun exploring different ways that the animals can move - acting out our animals' movement.

We have also been looking at animal prints and exploring the patterns which can be found in the animal kingdom. The children have been looking at patterns, colours and shading to create a mixed media silhouette artwork. They are looking great and I can't wait to see the finished masterpieces.



In our Maths learning, Year 1 have concluded their learning on place value, by making their own giant 100 square. They have been looking at sequencing numbers and exploring numbers which are greater than and less than. In Year 2, the children have been learning all about time and have been using their clocks to show o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

In our English work we have been looking at the classic by Julia Donaldson 'The Snail and The Whale'. The children have really enjoyed sharing this story, spotting the rhyming words, exploring the beautiful illustrated pictures and using adjectives to describe the settings within the story. We have put ourselves in the little snail's shoes and have written some fantastic post cards from the snail back to her family. The children really impressed me with how much progress their writing has made.

Fantastic work Pathfinders!

Mrs Elliott



Congratulations to.....

Lily-Rose!



Congratulations to Lily-Rose from Navigators.

Lily-Rose competed in the Summer Roller Derby in Great Yarmouth at the weekend and came first in her category!

Here she is on the podium with her medal and trophy.

Be proud, Lily-Rose, this is a fantastic achievement!

Isyla!

Well done to Isyla from Navigators who goes from strength-to-strength with her squash playing. Following a very busy season, Isyla was awarded the Winner of the Off The Wall Squash Grand Prix Series 2024!

Congratulations, Isyla!



Caleb!



Caleb did very well at his football team's presentation at the weekend - he was awarded two extra trophies. In addition to the trophy for the 23/24 season he was also awarded "Players' Player" and "Goal Contributions" trophy.

Well done Caleb!

Healthy Snack Reminder and 'Nut Free' reminder

Please ensure your child brings a healthy snack for break time - no crisps, sweets etc.

Remember, we are a Nut Free school - please check the ingredients of your child's snack/ lunch to ensure there are no nuts. We have children in school with nut allergies.

Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 1st July | Year One, Two, Three and Four trip to Colchester Zoo |
| Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July | Year 6 transition days at Manningtree High School |
| Tuesday 9th July 1.00pm | Sports Day - see letter for further details |
| Thursday 11th July | Transition morning (all children) |
| Friday 12th July | Annual Reports home |
| Monday 15th July | Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge Assembly |
| Thursday 18th July | Transition morning (all children) |
| Thursday 18th July 6pm | Navigators Production - performance to parents |
| Saturday 20th July | *****NEW DATE - PLEASE ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!*** PTA Summer Fete |
| Tuesday 23rd July | Last day of term Leavers' assembly pm |
| Wednesday 4th September | First day of Autumn term |

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/>

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Chloe C - For taking risks and challenging yourself. You persevered and didn't give up! Well done!

Eva - For increased confidence, trying new challenges and succeeding, with a big smile on your face!

Blake - For overcoming your fears and trying something new. Well done!

Harriet - For being a great role model to your younger peers and helping them at Forest Schools.