



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y6 Leavers' Service at Chelmsford Cathedral

On Monday, Mr Johnston and the Year Six children travelled to Chelmsford Cathedral to take part in a special Leavers' Service for Church of England schools within the Chelmsford Diocese. The children took part in a range of thought-provoking activities, with a focus on celebrating their time at primary school and looking ahead to the next step on their journey. The afternoon culminated in a short service in which the children from all the schools joined together to sing and pray; Rosie and Rosalie represented St George's by reading a prayer.

The children had a lovely afternoon and represented our school very well. Thank you to Mr Johnston for taking the children, Mrs Sharp, our Vice Chair of Governors, for accompanying them and the PTA for funding the transport to Chelmsford.



Summer Fete

As you know, the difficult decision has been made to postpone our Summer Fete due to the predicted rain. Please put the new date, Saturday 20th July, in your calendar - we hope to see you there!



Statutory Assessments

At this time of the school year, there are lots of end of year assessments taking place. This week, the Y1 children, and some Y2s, have completed their Phonics Screening Check - 40 words to read, testing their phonic knowledge. Over the last two weeks, the Y4 children have been undertaking their Multiplication Check - a very fast-paced on-screen test of all the times tables. Well done to everyone for worked really hard - you have done yourselves proud! The results of these national statutory assessments will be included in the Annual Reports.

Don't forget that the Flower Festival at St George's continues this weekend. Please consider joining us for the Community Songs of Praise on Sunday 16th at 6.30pm, where the school choir will be performing.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch

Adventurers News

The children of Adventurers have more than made up for the lack of current sunshine with their bright energy and ray of sunshine attitudes. Last week, the Year 3's enjoyed their transition afternoon. Mr Morelli was welcomed back into the room with a collective cheer! During transition, the Year 4's got busy preparing for the Flower Festival. They created a beautiful display of tissue paper bees, and after all joining forces again, we continued practicing our readings and songs. In English, we are studying the book 'Moon Juice' by Kate Wakeling. This is a collection of short poems that the children are really enjoying. This week's homework was linked to poetry and I have seen some very impressive, beautifully decorated poems being handed in. These are displayed in class as I was very impressed with the children's efforts. As part of the church preparations, some pupils were selected to join Jenny Nicholls and take part in flower arranging. I think you'll agree they did a sterling job! Jenny was very complimentary on behaviour and overall attitude.



Our rainforest topic is well underway. This week we looked at the seven most important divisions of the earth and learned about the Equator, tropic of Cancer and tropic of Capricorn. This is the second time Adventurers have used atlases in class and their skills in navigating countries are becoming well developed. The class were tasked with locating the countries on their world map and indicating if these were above, below or on the equator.

On Tuesday afternoon, we took part in our final session of 'My Tendering My Future.' We met three people working in the field of animal conservation. We heard from a zoo keeper, at Colchester Zoo, who we will be keeping an eye out for during our visit next month. A microbiologist who studies the impact of oil in our rivers and oceans and an engineer working on reducing carbon emissions.

Although the Year 4 multiplication check is now complete, the focus to improve quick recall skills is still being encouraged daily. Congratulations to Oscar, Adara, Alfie and Crewe who this week joined the list of times tables champs!

Miss Brooks.



SEND Updates

North East Essex SEND Roadshow

The next SEND roadshow in our area is at Prince's Theatre, Clacton-on-Sea on 2nd July 2024. There will be a wide range of services and organisations represented at the roadshow, including: Autism Central, Families in Focus, SENDOps and MAZE. You can find further information on <https://send.essex.gov.uk/send-roadshow-north-east-essex>

'Good Beginnings' course for parents

Attached to the Parentmail is leaflet is about Essex County Council's 'Good Beginnings' course. This is a course for parent/carers of autistic Early Years children (up to the end of Reception) which is running during the autumn term in Harwich. If you or someone you know wishes to attend, you can register interest by scanning the QR code.

Autism Central Peer Support Scheme

Autism Central is a service offering support to parents/carers and personal assistants of autistic children and adults. They have a website with information and guidance - <https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/hubs/essex-county-council>). In some cases they are able to offer weekly online group sessions and 1:1 support calls.

Well done, Sienna!



Sienna in Adventurers has submitted her very own entry into the St George's Church Flower Festival, entitled 'Meadow Flight'.

Well done, Sienna, it looks beautiful!

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Angus - For excellent grip of the mallet and assisting me with hammering the tent pegs into the ground to put up a shelter. Well done!

Ivy H - For introducing a storyline into your play, acting as 'Mummy' and making dinner for the boys at the mud kitchen. It was lovely to watch you being so imaginative with natural materials

Evie R - For being resilient, having your own ideas and enjoying the rope swing with friends.

Elsie A - For challenging yourself and pushing yourself out of your comfort zone.

Benjamin, Emily B and Zachary - For showing care and concern for the environment, collecting rubbish from the school grounds.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st Navigators Residential trip
June

Tuesday 18th June
10.00am New intake (Reception) parent meeting

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 - details to follow

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/>

Office Hours

Please note, the School Office is staffed until 4.00pm. Emails sent after this time will not be seen until the following morning. If you need to contact the school after 4.00pm, please phone 01206 230305 and we will do our best to answer your call.

