



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Explorers Pirate Day!

The Explorers children started their new topic with a bang this week, with a Pirate themed dress-up day! The children (and adults!) had a wonderful day, which included a treasure hunt and walking the plank!



Netball Tournament



Well done to our netball team who took part in the Harwich Sports Association netball tournament on Thursday. They did themselves, and our school, proud, coming fourth overall.

The children were accompanied by Mrs Brown, team coach, and Miss Harris - thank you very much for your support.

Staffing Update

I am sad to inform you that Mrs Crouch will be leaving St George's at the end of this term. She will be moving to another local school, to a full-time role teaching Year One. We will say a proper 'goodbye' to Mrs Crouch in July but I would like to take this

opportunity to thank her for all her hard work; she has given our pupils a fantastic start to their school lives and is a passionate and dedicated teacher.

I am pleased to tell you that our new Explorers teacher in September (3 days) will be Mrs Powell - otherwise known to the children as Nicky Nightingale, our Forest School leader. Mrs Powell is a very experienced teacher and has taught and led Reception and KS1. She is excited about joining the teaching team and we are really pleased to have her on board!

Please be assured that we will still be able to offer Forest School throughout the school, throughout the year!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Navigators News

Navigators' first week back after the half term break has been a fast-paced carnival of creativity, and the new topic unit for this part of the term is the aptly named 'Full of Beans'.



First of all, it would be remiss not to recall our day at Royal Museums Greenwich, in which we went aboard the famous tea clipper, the Cutty Sark! We also stood beneath her enormous metal hull and tried to identify the many ships' figureheads in the dry dock.

We climbed up to the Royal Observatory, and got a good look at the Prime Meridian, though we weren't able to step on it this time. The children also learned about the observatory's 'time ball' shortly after lunch in

the lush fields of Greenwich Park.

Sadly, much of the National Maritime Museum was closed for renovation, but we were still able to have a good look around the Horatio Nelson exhibition, as well as the Ernest Shackleton exhibition, among many other curious and interesting things. Who knew they used boomerangs in the Arctic Circle?

Of course, the journey home (thanks to a breakdown of our coach) was something a Shackleton-esque adventure all on its own, minus the ice floes, but the children had fun!

This week, Navigators have begun planning what may prove to be their best pieces of writing all year - a set of fantasy narratives packed full of their own ideas as well as several dollops of this year's language, grammar and punctuation learning.

In tandem with this, we have ramped up practice on our end of year production, 'Hagbane's Doom', and a whole succession of lovely songs, acting performances and creative ideas are just beginning to materialise. There will certainly be more to follow on this.

As stated, 'Full of Beans' is the topic unit, and the children have been investigating nutrition science, and performing skits to demonstrate the effects of proteins, cholesterol, fibre and calories, in which many calories were most certainly burned.

Mr Johnston



Well done, Lily!

Lily from Adventurers competed in the regional gymnastics finals last Sunday and did very well indeed.

Lily won Silver in both the Bars and Vault and she also came fifth in the Floor event.

Congratulations, Lily, be proud!

St George's Flower Festival

As per the Parentmail sent earlier today, we would like to invite you to join us at St George's Church for our Flower Festival celebrations on Friday 14th June.

Explorers and Pathfinders: 10.45am

Adventurers and Navigators (including choir): 2.00pm

The theme for this year's Flower Festival is 'Bee Friendly'. The children have been working hard on their performances and we hope you will enjoy them.



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Blake and Darcy T - For working collaboratively to put up a hammock, problem solving when the height needed to be adjusted, and taking turns fairly

Chloe W and Chloe C - For your interest in bug hunting, identifying different insects and asking lots of questions

Eliza - For always being keen to share your own experiences. We loved seeing your photographs of birds nests from your garden and your book of birds

Harriet - For being eager to help prepare the group fire, splitting kindling and building the hashtag. You persevered in making sparks and were successful in lighting it, too! Well done!

Lily K-W - For being curious when bug hunting, identifying lots of different insects and asking questions to find out more.

Dates for your Diary

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| w/b 10th June | KS1 Phonics Screening |
| Monday 10th June | Y6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers' Service - see letter for details - packed lunch required |
| Wednesday 12th June 1pm | Meeting for Y6 parents re transition - MHST team See poster sent via Parentmail |
| Friday 14th June | Class photographs |
| Friday 14th June | Flower Festival performances at St George's Church: 10.45am Explorers and Pathfinders 2.00pm Adventurers and Navigators (including choir) |
| Saturday 15th June 1.00pm - 3.30pm | Summer Fair - King's Birthday Celebration! See Parentmail sent 3rd June for further details |
| Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st June | Navigators Residential trip |
| Monday 1st July | Year One, Two, Three and Four trip to Colchester Zoo |
| Tuesday 9th July 1.00pm | Sports Day - details to follow |
| Thursday 18th July 6pm | Navigators Production - performance to parents |
| 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.





★ **Our Stars of the Week this week are:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Velvet - for your fantastic effort and progress in Phonics

★ Elsie - for working hard on addition in Maths



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Jenson - for being enthusiastic about our Bee work!

★ Ivy - for being polite, smiley and enthusiastic



★ **Adventurers**

★ Toby - for completing a Year 4 task in Maths and giving decimals a go

★ Hayden - for increased participation in English and Maths



★ **Navigators**

★ Rosalie - for being the Queen Bee in the Flower Festival and writing a wonderful bee poem

★ Rosie - for learning all of your production lines and writing a fab bee poem!



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Verity - for being helpful and for lining up nicely

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Blake - for being a kind and caring friend

★ **Adventurers**

★ Benjamin - for fantastic listening skills



★ **Navigators**

★ Emily - for sitting and eating your lunch nicely outside

★ **Reader of the Week Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Amelie - for your excellent progress and results in your reading assessment

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Eva - for working hard on your phonics!

★ **Adventurers**

★ Crewe - for using punctuation to slow down and aid comprehension



★ **Navigators**

★ Isla W - for a lovely reading record and delivering your production lines beautifully

★ **Ark Appreciation Award**

★ Fifi and Ivy A - for looking out for your friends during your transition session for Year 3 and being a good role model.

