



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Navigators Trip to Greenwich

On Monday, the Y5/6 children went on a day trip to Greenwich Maritime Museum and the Cutty Sark as part of their Dimensions topic 'The Rescuers'. They had a fantastic day and represented St George's very well. **Thank you to our volunteers**, Mrs Wainer, Mr Boyle and Mr Rowe who worked alongside Mr Johnston and Mrs Sandell to make the day a success.



Summer Fair donations reminder

Thank you those who have already made **donations of sweets** for Summer Fair prizes. We will be accepting further donations throughout the first week back - please bring them to the School Office. On **Friday 7th June**, we have our second non-uniform day. This time, we would like the children to bring in a **new, unused/unopened gift** for our tombola stall. Thank you in advance for your support.

Staffing Update

I would like to welcome **Mr Morelli** to the teaching team at St George's. Mr Morelli joins us in September and will be teaching our Y3/4 class (Adventurers). He is familiar with our school, and our current Y3/4 children, as he spent some time teaching in Adventurers last term.

As you may know, **Miss Brooks** (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) will be leaving St George's at the end of this term as she is going to complete her teacher training with a local provider. We will say 'goodbye' properly nearer the time but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Brooks for doing a fantastic job during her time at St George's. As well as teaching across the school for teachers' release time, she has been teaching in Adventurers since January. She is definitely ready to take the next step in her career and we wish her all the very best.

From September, **Miss Palfrey** will be our new Higher Level Teaching Assistant, working in all classes to cover teachers' non-contact time. Miss Palfrey is known to the children as she is currently the Pathfinders LSA.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break. As always, I have reminded the children to keep reading during their break from school!

I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 3rd June.

Mrs Keitch

Explorers News



Explorers class have started their Philosophy for Children (P4C) sessions this term. P4C is an approach to teaching and learning, in which children take part in philosophical enquiry.

Our most recent session was based on 'friends' and the big question was - "Does a friend have to be someone just like me?"

We use video clips from the CBeebies programme 'What's the big idea?' to ask age-appropriate questions to the children. The little boy Hugo in the video explores different viewpoints of big questions. The children are always keen to share their ideas and thoughts in the group. There is never a right or wrong answer. The children learn to listen carefully to each other, to explore differences of opinion respectfully, and to value the ideas of others.



The children have also been working very hard in their maths lessons. Our Reception children have been learning 'odd and even' numbers. This week they had to use numicon pieces to spot the difference between odd and even amounts and sort them into the two different groups.

Year 1 have been working hard on fractions. They have been learning how to identify half and a quarter of different 2d shapes. As a treat to finish their learning on fractions the children enjoyed buttering some bread and cutting it into quarters. We challenged the children to try and find two different ways of cutting their bread into four equal quarters.



ParentPay reminder

Please ensure that you keep your ParentPay account balance topped up so it can be used to pay for school meals/wraparound etc as required. I would recommend setting up notifications so that ParentPay automatically reminds you when your balance is getting low.

It is your responsibility to ensure there are sufficient funds in your account. Please do not allow arrears to build up - we may be unable to provide a meal or a service if this occurs.



ParentPay

PTA Summer Fair We need your help!



- ★ Please support our summer fair by bringing in sweet donations to the school office throughout w/b 3rd June
- ★ We also have another non-uniform day coming up on Friday 7th June - please bring in your unwanted gifts - must be new and unopened/unused.

We are in **desperate need of additional volunteers** to help plan, organise and run the summer fair. If you cannot help out on the day but would like to show your support, there is plenty to be done in the lead-up to the event. Please contact the PTA committee on pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk or come and speak to the ladies in the Office. Thank you.

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Jonathan - For being so brave when a bumblebee came to visit on World Bee Day!

Elsie A and Emily W- For working hard with Gareth Green Leaf (Elsie's Dad) to put up hammocks and create a shelter overhead to protect you from the rain.

Zachary - For being keen to make a treehouse, learning how to securely place the logs and tighten them with rope.

Rosie - For being thoughtful towards worms and reminding a friend not to hold one for too long. When asked why, Rosie confidently explained that they have cold blood. Well done!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th May - Friday 7th June	Sweet donations for the Summer Fair to the School Office
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Half term break
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
w/b Monday 3rd June	Year Four Multiplication Check
Wednesday 5th June pm	Transition session for current Y2/3 children
Friday 7th June	Non Uniform Day - bring a regifting item
w/b 10th June	KS1 Phonics Screening
Monday 10th June	Y6 Chelmsford Cathedral Leavers' Service - see letter for details
Wednesday 12th June 1pm	Meeting for Y6 parents re transition - MHST team
Friday 14th June	Class photographs
Friday 14th June	Flower Festival performances at St George's Church - details to follow
Saturday 15th June	Summer Fair - Save the date!
Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st June	Navigators Residential trip
Monday 1st July	Year One, Two, Three and Four trip to Colchester Zoo
Tuesday 9th July pm	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

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**

- ★ Noah - for your excellent work on fractions (halves and quarters) in Maths
- ★ Keelan - for your excellent progress and attainment in your Reading and Maths assessments



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Oliver - for applying your learning brilliantly in your assessments
- ★ Violet - for always trying your best and being full of enthusiasm



★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Holly - for your consistent good behaviour, dedication to your learning and always being an Adventurer the adults can rely on!
- ★ Benjamin - for being a great friend and stepping up to sing a solo in the Flower Festival performance. What a team player!



★ **Navigators**

- ★ Amelia - for taking on new things with enthusiasm and taking on responsibilities
- ★ Hollie W - for an amazing, carefully planned Titanic painting and for looking out for your friends



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Neive - for sitting nicely in the lunch hall and for having lovely table manners

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Chloe CC - for helping your friend in need

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Toby - for playing nicely and being a good friend to everyone

★ **Navigators**

- ★ Amelia - for being a sensible and mature Year 6 pupil who can be relied upon if needed to help out



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

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Imogen - for your excellent effort in your Reading assessment

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Lavender - for working hard on your assessment

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Edith - for enjoying and engaging with your book

★ **Navigators**

- ★ Charlie - for hard work with your PIRA and reading record, and being eager for lines in the play

