



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

Thank you!

I would like to thank the fantastic team at St George's for doing a wonderful job during my absence at the end of last term. In such a small school, everybody's workload is already huge so I am very grateful to the team for pulling together to ensure the smooth-running of the school. Particular thanks go to Mr Rowe, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Elliott and Mrs Marsh for stepping up and taking on additional tasks.

It's great to be back!

Easter Service

Thank you to those of you who attended our Easter Service at St George's Church on March 28th. I am told that the children spoke and sang beautifully, with a particularly enthusiastic rendition of the song 'Risen'. Well done to the choir who performed 'This Little Light of Mine' - they did themselves, and me, very proud. Thank you to Rev John Saxon and Jenny Nicholls for leading the service and making everyone feel so welcome at our beautiful church.

The Summer term at St George's

We are now beginning the final term of this academic year - always a busy one, with lots to look forward to. Please take a look at the Diary Dates overleaf; further information will be added and shared in the coming weeks. We've had a lovely first week back, despite the weather, with lots of fantastic work going on in the classrooms. Each class has made a start on their new topic and it's great to see the children so engaged in their learning.

Apologies for the delay in getting the half termly class letters out to you - these will be sent out early next week.

PTA Summer Fete: we need your help!



Our annual Summer Fete is planned for Saturday 15th June, to coincide with the St George's Church Flower Festival. Today, you have been sent a Parentmail from the Chair and Treasurer of the PTA appealing for **volunteers to help plan and organise the event** - please contact them if you are able to help out. We really do need extra manpower or there is a very real danger we will have to cancel the event. This would be such a shame - not only is the summer fete a lovely community event, it is also a **vital fundraiser for St George's**. I have written to you many times about the state of school funding; it is more important than ever that we raise additional funds to contribute towards the running of the school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch



Reading Volunteers needed!

Can you spare an hour or two per week to read with our children?

Reading is such a fundamental part of learning and we promote a love of reading here at St George's. We try to provide as many opportunities for children to read during the school week, particularly those who do not read regularly at home.

Perhaps there may be some grandparents who would be keen to help out?

If you can spare an hour or two per week to read 1:1 with our children, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office to discuss.



Reminder: Parent Maths Workshop

On Tuesday 23rd and Tues 30th April, we are hosting a Maths workshop for parents. Some places have been booked directly with the organiser but please feel free to join us on the day if you can.

Poster attached to the email.

Well done, Lily!



Lily in Adventurers competed in her first competitive gymnastics comp at the weekend, representing Colchester School of Gymnastics. She overcame her nerves and did amazingly well. She came first on the floor and bars, second on vault and fourth on the beam.

She'll now be competing in the regional finals for a couple of the apparatus in June.

What a fantastic achievement, Lily - congratulations!

Pre-loved Summer Uniform

Please consider buying from our selection of pre-loved items, available via the School Office. We have a really good stock of shorts and summer dresses, all £1.00 per item.

Churn Woods, Sunday 28th April

Please find attached to the electronic version of this newsletter a poster regarding the public opening of Churn Wood, an Ancient Woodland, on Sunday 28th April, including a Gruffalo Hunt for children.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd April	PTA-funded Chocolate Workshop day!
Tuesday 23rd April & Tuesday 30th April	Parent Numeracy Workshop - see attached poster for further details
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Non Pupil Day
W/b Monday 13th May	Y6 SATs week - further information to follow
Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May	Summer Book Fair
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Half term break
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
W/b 10th June	KS1 Phonics Screening - further information to follow
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 - further details to follow
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term Leavers' assembly pm

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**

- ★ Frank - for your excellent work on doubling in Maths
- ★ Nmachi - for completing some lovely writing about your Easter holiday news



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Zak - for completing some fantastic instructional writing
- ★ Alicia - for challenging yourself in all your learning and setting a fantastic example with your behaviour



★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Monroe - for doing extra work and improving your times table skills
- ★ Millie B - for persevering and learning your division facts



★ **Navigators**

- ★ Rosie - for positive, independent Maths work and pushing yourself to improve your design ideas
- ★ Emily - for showing excellent leadership and organisation and for knowing when to rethink and start again



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Kiyra - for playing nicely with your friends

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Ivy - for settling into lunchtime routine and playing nicely with friends

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Zachary B - for always being helpful when asked to undertake tasks and always lining up quietly and quickly

★ **Navigators**

- ★ Poppie - for being trustworthy and responsible when asked to help out

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

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Evie - for making great progress with your reading and for achieving your silver award

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ James - for engaging with your Read, Write, Inc sessions and for achieving your bronze award



★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Jude - for fantastic reading and determination to not give up when things get tricky

★ **Navigators**

- ★ Poppie - for wonderfully expressive ideas and opinions in your Reading Record and in class discussion

★ **Ark Appreciation Award:**

- ★ Darcy L - for your determination despite your injury - you did not let it stop you!

