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Dear Parents and Carers,

What another wonderful week at St George's! We have had children enjoying all different areas of the curriculum this week. Adventurers enjoyed a fantastic Ancient Greek day, where they all looked fantastic in their costumes. Navigators enjoyed a brilliant Wild West Day and showed off their gold panning, lassoing skills. Explorers enjoyed their first ever school trip to Hasty's farm and all the children thoroughly enjoyed it. Pathfinders concluded their Dimensions unit with a fantastic art gallery of self-portrait paintings which all looked fabulous! It was fantastic to see the children exploring different cultures and periods of history in such a creative way. Everyone has had lots of fun!



During Collective Worship this week Amanda shared with us the story of the Last Supper. We explored the Eucharist, which is celebrated by Christians around the world as a memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus. We discussed the symbolism of the wine, Jesus' blood and the bread, Jesus' body. Amanda shared with us Jesus' words to his disciples at this final supper 'Do this in remembrance of me'.

Fundraising Update

Break the Rules Day

On Friday 22nd March, St George's held a 'Break the Rules' day. The children looked fantastic with their crazy hair and crazy socks and they thoroughly enjoyed breaking the rules. Thank you for all your donations **we raised £286!**



After-School Clubs - Summer term

The timetable and booking links for the Summer term after-school clubs have been sent out this week. Please check your Parent Mail inboxes. Spaces are limited so please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment.

Finally, we want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Easter break. Thank you for your support over this half term and we are looking forward to all that the next half term brings.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Elliott & all the staff at St George's



Greek Day

On Monday, Adventurers took part in an immersive Greek workshop. The day began with three tremendous actors invading our classroom demanding sacrifices for the Minotaur. Fourteen children were chosen for sacrifice- 7 boys and 7 girls. All children played along brilliantly and very quickly got into character. Our very own 'Luca two swords' was born!

The children kick started the day using drama and role-play to imagine their own Greek town. The town included a baker, farm labourers, animals, a horse and cart and a Spartan training school. The children built on their drama skills through games and character-building activities to achieve what was a very successful and thriving Greek town. Many continued their role play on the playground during break time. After break, everyone decorated a Greek mask using gold leaf. This activity was followed by 'train to be a Spartan' which used simple aspects of stage combat, including stillness and concentration work combined with balloon swords.

The afternoon saw an interactive story telling of Theseus and the Minotaur. Can any Adventurers remember the actions or buzz words they had to perform? Next, we played some Greek games and the whole class was awarded with a special festival crown made of balloons. The day concluded with a traditional 'Zorba the Greek' dance. With every tempo increase there appeared to be more and more gods and goddesses on the floor.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Greek day, as did the adults involved. Not a single pupil asked to sit out all day; a reflection of how engaging Imagine Performing Arts made the day for the children.

Lastly, thank you parents and family members for providing yet another fancy-dress outfit this term for your children. It really did add to the spirit of the day.



Wild West Day

On Wednesday Navigators Class had their long awaited Wild West day, beginning with a video about the historic Oregon Trail. We looked at different challenges and dangers faced by the pioneers as they roved hundreds of miles across the North American continent. The children then went outside and tried their hand at lassoing a pair of horned wicker mammals (not cows, but close enough!) and gold panning in the sand. They then divided into teams of sheriffs and outlaws for a particularly wild game of capture the flag.



One freshly baked slice of monkey bread later, the children were in the hall practicing for their long awaited line dance-off. It was fantastic to see how much energy and fun Navigators Class brought to the dance, and special thank you to Explorers children for joining in and making the dance routines even better!

In the afternoon, Navigators Class paid a visit to Badley Hall Farm where the met ponies, horses, a herd of curious cows and a field of ewes, and were able to pet some of the newly born spring lambs. They learned about the animals themselves, as well as the importance of farms and farmers in the context of food production.

It was an incredibly successful and memorable day in which there really was something for everyone.



Explorers News

In Explorers we have been learning about instructions in our literacy lessons. On Thursday last week the children had the opportunity to follow a set of instructions to make bread rolls. They had to knead the dough, roll the dough into a ball and bake the bread rolls. The finished rolls looked and smelt delicious! Our Year 1 children had to write these instructions independently in their next lesson.



Year 1 Explorers have also enjoyed teaming up with Pathfinders Year 1 for our maths lessons this term. Recently the children have been working hard on learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.



Our Reception children have enjoyed their first 'Family Share Morning'. We welcomed family members into our classroom on Thursday 14th March. The children made some wonderful Spring themed arts and crafts, which we now have proudly on display in Explorers classroom.

This week on Tuesday 26th March our Reception children also went on their first school trip to Hasty's farm. They got to feed goats, sheep and alpacas. They stroked baby chicks and saw piglets, calves and lambs. After lunch the children enjoyed the various play areas and ride on bikes. The children behaved brilliantly and we are very proud of them all.



Well done!

Well done to Eliza for successfully passing her Karate grading for her 10th Kyu Yellow Belt Orange Stripe. Eliza has trained and practiced hard towards achieving this belt, showing perseverance, determination and commitment. Well done Eliza!



New Menu

Please be aware there will be a new Spring/Summer menu starting from Monday 15th April. Please find a copy of the menu on our school website [click here](#)



Message from Chair of Governors

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a frantic last few weeks of term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding during what has been an unprecedented series of events.

We owe an immense thankyou to ALL our staff; be that Teachers, Classroom Support, Midday Assistants, Kitchen staff, Office staff and of course our amazing pupils. Our staff and pupils have pressed on working amongst the many changes whilst we put in place the best cover available to us at such short notice, due to the demand of illness. WELL DONE TEAM ST GEORGES!

I'd also like to mention our Governors, our partnership Head Teacher along with the support of the Local Authority Education team who have all stepped in to help with advice and guidance at any time of day or in some cases, late evening.

In amongst all the unexpected came the two planned volunteer work parties, and between the few we had attend, we achieved so much; but not quite all that was on the wish list, so watch this space for further dates.

The small but incredible team - including pupils past and present, alongside staff who gave up two Saturdays - have achieved the following:

- ◆ Complete deep clean of Classes 3 / 4
- ◆ New kitchen unit (kindly donated by Mr Fahey) fitted in Class 1
- ◆ All Friendship huts repainted and repaired
- ◆ New finger guards fitted where needed

ABSOLUTE DEDICATION FROM ALL WHO ATTENDED, THANKYOU!

Finally, I hope you have a wonderful Easter break and come back recharged and re-invigorated for hopefully, a less frantic and stressful Summer Term.

Kind regards,

Mr Rowe

Chair of Governors

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th April	First day of term
Monday 22nd April	PTA Chocolate workshop - morning only
Tuesday 23rd April & Tuesday 30th April	Parent Numeracy Workshop - details to follow
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Non Pupil Day
Week commencing Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATS - more 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
Week commencing Monday 10th June	KS1 Phonics Screening - more information to follow
Friday 14th June	Class photos
Saturday 15th June	Summer Fair - Save the date!
Tuesday 18th June - Friday 21st June	Navigators Residential trip - more information to follow
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term Leavers' assembly pm

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.

Parking Reminder

Please can I remind you to be mindful of local residents when parking at drop-off and pick-up time. Please ensure you do not park across the drives in St George's Close, or in the turning circle there.

In addition to the Church Meadow car park, there are also spaces in Robinson Close and at the Village Hall.

Term Dates 2024-25

The term dates for academic year 2024-25 have now been approved by Governors and can be found on the [school website](#).

Please remember that we are unable to authorise term-time holidays.