



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another busy week at St George's with Spring feeling like it has arrived. Singing has filled the corridors with the preparations for our Easter service in full swing and the children are looking forward to sharing this important celebration with you all.

This week, we welcomed Canon Stephen, Sue and Jenny to St George's for Collective Worship. We explored Jesus' arrival on his donkey signifying the start of the Easter celebrations. The children enjoyed hearing the story of Palm Sunday and were even treated to Canon Stephen playing



the piano while Sue taught us all a new song to remind us the importance of Jesus' arrival on a donkey- it was very catchy. Our Collective worship was concluded by Mrs Nicholls handing out a palm cross to every child, a lovely symbol of Easter to share with our children.



World Book Day

This year World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday 7th March and St George's celebrated in great style! The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and it was wonderful to see the children discuss and share their thoughts about their favorite books. We gathered as a school to showcase our costumes and share our book recommendations. The children also joined in book sharing with children from other classes, it was wonderful to see our older children sharing and celebrating books with our younger children. See over the page for some fantastic pictures.

Fundraising Update

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March, St George's celebrated Red Nose Day with a non-uniform day for the charity.

We raised £120! The children all looked fabulous in their 'red to toe' outfits. Each class explored the concept of Red Nose Day and found out why we support this charity event, we shared great discussions about where our money goes to help support others both around the world as well as within our country too. Throughout the school, the children participated in various Red Nose Day themed activities from creating their own Red Nose Day masks to completing Red Nose Day puzzles and riddles which got the children (and staff) really thinking!

We have one more fundraiser coming up before the end of term:

Easter Egg Raffle - Monday 25th March—Thursday 28th March - see over the page for details

We really appreciate your support in our fundraising efforts. It is more vital than ever that we generate additional income. As you know, costs are increasing significantly; however, this is not reflected in our funding. This means we are having to provide more and more with less and less.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Elliott & all the staff at St George's



World Book Day 2024





Easter Egg Raffle 2024

Raffle tickets available from Monday 25th March.

Please visit the school office to buy your tickets.

We have 5 prizes available to be won.



**£1 per ticket or
£5 per strip**

The raffle will be drawn on
Thursday 28th March

Pathfinders News

What a busy few weeks it has been in Pathfinder's class. To round off our 'Unity in the Community' unit, we had the pleasure of inviting some of our local Police in to chat with the children. The children were so excited to explore the police car, hear the sirens and ask lots of questions. I even got arrested, handcuffed and escorted into the back of the car- I told them they had the wrong person and was released without further questioning! The children all found this very amusing and many named this as their favorite bit of the visit. We had lots of questions and were even treated to 'real life' communication on the radio with headquarters calling out to all Pathfinders and checking with myself if the children were all behaving. The children were amazed that the police headquarters knew some of their names. We would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you to Detective Riches-Weedon and Sergeant Big Bish for sharing their knowledge and expertise with the children in such a fun and engaging way. We really appreciated the time and effort you went through to give the children such a great experience.

Mrs Elliott



Can you spare some time to help St George's?

Thank you to all whom have volunteered to help tomorrow, Saturday 23rd March. The working party will meet at the school at 10am.

The initial task will be to repaint all the outside friendship huts along with the sheds. Please bring a good paintbrush and strong scrubbing brush if possible.

The weather is looking unsettled so we also have some indoor jobs which will require screwdrivers, drills and elbow power!

If you would like any further information, please contact our Chair of Governors, Nigel Rowe: nrowe@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk



Phonics Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday 27th March 2.30pm, Mrs Crouch will be running an information session for parents. This will focus on the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. If your child is in Y1 (or Y2 and needs to re-take the Check), you have received a Parentmail with further information. Please make an effort to attend this meeting if possible.

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.

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.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 27th March	Phonics Check Information Session for Y1/2 parents
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term. No KS2 PE - all in school uniform. Easter Egg raffle drawn. Easter Service in church 2.00pm - parents welcome
Monday 15th April	First day of term
Tuesday 23rd April & Tuesday 30th April	Parent Numeracy Workshop - details to follow
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Non Pupil Day
Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May	Summer Book Fair
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Half term break
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
Saturday 15th June	Summer Fair - Save the date!
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term Leavers' assembly pm

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Kiyra and Evie R - For your creativity with chalk, decorating the trees in the forest. You made them look bright and beautiful!

Explorers Class - For fantastic listening and sensible behaviour during your first ever pond dipping session.

Poppie - For having your own ideas and using skills learnt to put up the hammock independently. You are always thinking of new and different ways to improve each session. Well done!





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

★ **Explorers**

★ **Rosie** - For your excellent progress and confidence in Maths.

★ **Velvet** - For producing some lovely writing in literacy this term.



★ **Pathfinders**

★ **Parker** - For your outstanding enthusiasm towards your learning and producing some lovely writing.

★ **Alexander** - For listening to advice and working hard on next steps.



★ **Adventurers**

★ **Meredel** - For proactively and independently researching whole class questions about Ancient Greek Olympics.

★ **Taylor** - For enthusiasm, effort and focused learning in a practical Maths lesson.



★ **Navigators**

★ **Isyla** - For looking after and supporting younger children in a dance performance.

★ **Hollie S** - For fantastic creativity in an infomercial and a great eye for editing.



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ **Imogen** - For helping to put the lunchtime equipment away.

★ **Pathfinders**

★ **Jonathan** - For always lining up and eating his lunch nicely.

★ **Adventurers**

★ **Toby** - For always being polite and respectful.

★ **Navigators**

★ **Lily-Rose** - For playing nicely with your friends.

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

★ **Explorers**

★ **Leo** - For your excellent progress in phonics and with your reading.

★ **Pathfinders**

★ **Theodore** - For sharing the historical facts you have read in our dimensions learning.



★ **Adventurers**

★ **Luca** - For confident reading in class and retelling the story with precision.

★ **Navigators**

★ **Harry** - For lovely reflections on your reading.



★ **Ark Appreciation Award:**

★ **Rosalie** - For always looking out for others and making sure the younger children always have someone to play with.

