

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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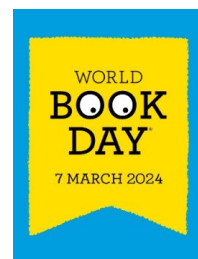
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term break; it has been lovely to welcome the children back this week. With just four more weeks until the Easter break, we have a lot to pack in this term, including:

- ☆ **World Book Day** on Thursday 7th March (see below)
- ☆ **Parent Consultations** Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March—bookings now open. Please note, we are not making bookings for Adventurers class at this time
- ☆ **Red Nose Day** on Friday 15th March - '**Red-to-toe**' - come to school wearing as much red as you can. Minimum donation of £1.00 for Comic Relief.
- ☆ **Break the Rules** school fundraiser day on Friday March 22nd—details to follow.
- ☆ End of term **Easter Service** at St George's Church on Thursday 28th March at 2.00pm. Please join us if you are able to.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children should come to school dressed as their favourite book character, along with a copy of the book (named, please!). There is no need to purchase expensive outfits - and please avoid superhero/movie costumes! We will be sharing and celebrating our love of books and stories and look forward to hearing about the children's favourites.



Thank You!

Thank you to our team of Governors — Nigel Rowe, David Skinner and Lorna (and Charlie) Sharp— and Mrs Marsh for working hard on Saturday 17th February to get some important cleaning and maintenance jobs done around school. The KS2 classrooms are looking fantastic, with sparkling floors! Explorers Classroom has a new kitchen unit too - huge thanks to Jenson's Grandad, Mr Fahey, for this generous donation, it is very much appreciated.

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help out at our next volunteer day on Saturday 23rd March. If you are able to join us, please follow the link overleaf to let us know. The more the merrier, many hands make light work etc etc!

New building

You will have noticed that a building has appeared on the grounds over half term! This is our long-awaited 'hub' which will enable us to teach and support individuals and groups in a calm, quiet space. After a very long battle, the Local Authority agreed to fund this building for us in recognition of our hard work in supporting all our children, including those with additional needs. Work will continue on the building during the Easter break and we hope to have it furnished and ready to use later in the summer term. Watch this space!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

JAM at St George's Church

Now that the work is complete on the Servedy at St George's Church, JAM club is back!

Starting today, JAM runs straight after school on a Friday - everybody welcome!



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

Do you have a few hours to spare to help our team of dedicated Governors carry out some maintenance jobs around the school? We are hoping to recruit a team of volunteers to help us out on **Saturday 23rd March** to help with tasks such as: re-sealing our parquet floors, fitting the new kitchen unit, painting walls and outside huts.

Please follow [this link](#) to find out more and let us know your availability.

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



Pre-loved Summer Uniform

As the weather brightens, you may be thinking about purchasing some summer uniform for your child. 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.

Workshop for Parents: Supporting your child with anxiety Wednesday 20th March

Our local Mental Health Support Team is based at Manningtree High School and they provide outreach support to local schools. We have arranged for the team to deliver a workshop for parents focusing on supporting children with feelings of anxiety.

The workshop will take place in the School Hall on Wednesday 20th March at 9.00am - 10.30am. It will be an opportunity to learn more about the causes and management of anxiety in children and to ask questions in an informal environment.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—see front page for details
Friday 8th March	Choir - Tendring Vocal Festival
Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March	Parent Consultations - booking available via the Office. Please note, we are not taking bookings for Adventurers Class at this time.
Friday 15th March	'Red-to-toe' day - come to school wearing as much red as you can! Minimum donation of £1.00 for Comic Relief.
Wednesday 20th March	Parent Workshop: Anxiety - Mental Health Support Team (see p.2 for details)
Friday 22nd March	Break the Rules fundraiser - details to follow
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term. No KS2 PE - all in school uniform. Easter Service in church 2.00pm - parents welcome
Monday 15th April	First day of term
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May	Non Pupil Day
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	Half term break

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.



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Nmachi - For showing lots of interest in the owl pellets, using tweezers to discover bones and taking time to look more closely at what you had found.

Velvet - For being so enthusiastic on a windy day, making a kite and running round watching it fly high in the sky, with a big smile on your face!



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

★ **Explorers**

★ Joseph - for making great progress with your phonics

★ Maisie - for your excellent effort and progress in Maths



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Darcy L - for all-round outstanding effort at school

★ Darcy T - for applying your learning across the curriculum



★ **Adventurers**

★ Alice - for always making good choices and regularly joining in with class discussions

★ Monroe - for 100% effort and determination on your PIRA paper



★ **Navigators**

★ Charlie - for showing maturity and producing a great poem (and asking for help when you need it)

★ Lily-Rose - for being brave about your wrist and lots of excellent work all week

★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Frank - for sitting nicely while eating your lunch



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Sophie - for playing nicely with your friends

★ **Adventurers**

★ Konon - for being kind and playing nicely



★ **Navigators**

★ Caleb - for being polite and remembering to say please and thank you

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

★ **Explorers**

★ Kiyra - for achieving your Silver bookmark

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Byron - for trying hard on Oxford Reading Buddy

★ Darcy T - for moving up a level on Oxford Reading Buddy!



★ **Adventurers**

★ Benjamin - for sitting quietly reading at the end of the day

★ **Navigators**

★ Hugo - for making thoughtful predications about your book

★ **Ark Appreciation Award:**

★ Fred C - for using your own strengths in Maths to support your friends in class with their work.

