



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, I reminded the children about our school vision and values. These are underpinned by two bible verses which the children are very familiar with:



These are the attitudes and behaviours we encourage in our pupils here at St George's and we hope they will apply them in their lives outside and beyond school. We sang our old favourite 'Build Up' and began learning a new song called 'Golden Rule'. These songs help to reinforce our values and ethos in a catchy way! You can practise the songs at home - I have added them to the ['Vision and Values' page](#) of our school website.

### **My Future, My Tending**

This week, the children in Pathfinders, Adventurers and Navigators took part in the first online session of the 'My Future, My Tending' project along with several other local schools. This project aims to open children's minds to a range of professions and jobs, raise aspirations and challenge stereotypes. Each month, there will be an online session focused on a different profession or industry, with experts talking about their jobs. This month, the children found out all about people working in the Building and Structures industry, hearing from an architect, a roofer and a builder.

### **Parking**

You received a Parentmail yesterday regarding parking around school. Please be mindful of the local residents and ensure you park in a designated area.

### **Can you help?**

Our Wraparound Club are on the lookout for some toys and resources and we also need some new gardening tools for Forest School. See over the page for the list of requested items.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

## Do you have any unwanted items you could donate to the school?

### Wraparound - toys and resources

We are keen to source some additional resources for our Breakfast and After School Clubs. If you are able to donate any of the following items we would be very grateful:

- ☆ Hair brushes, bands, bows etc
- ☆ Beads and string for making necklaces, bracelets etc
- ☆ Loom bands (or similar)
- ☆ Toys cars plus a garage
- ☆ CDs of popular music/film music etc



### Forest School gardening tools



The children love to dig during their Forest School sessions but our gardening tools are very old and on their last legs. Do you have any spare spades/forks etc in your garden shed that you might be able to donate to the school?

### General school resources

We are always very grateful for any donations to the school. School budgets are under huge pressure and we want to make sure the children have the resources they need to support their learning. Here are a few ideas of items you may be able to donate:

- Colouring pens / pencils
- Card, coloured paper
- Glue sticks, crafting items



We are also looking for a **replacement kitchen unit** (sink, worktop, cupboard) for our Explorers classroom. Please contact the School Office for further details and measurements if you think you may be able to help us out with this item.

*If you have anything else you think the school may be able to utilise, please contact the School Office before throwing it out!*

Please bring donations to the school office. Thank you for your support.

## Thank You!



We would like to thank Zach and his family for their wonderful donation of a Forest Schools swing. This is an amazing resource which has been purchased for the school with Zach's fundraising money from last year. It is being well used and enjoyed by Zach, Angus and all of the children during their Forest Schools sessions.

Thank you all very much!

*Nicky 'Nightingale' Powell*



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# QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Friday 1st March 7.00pm

● Max 6 per team

● £5 per head - pay on the door

● Bring your own nibbles and drinks

● Book via School Office by Fri 16th Feb

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd January	Navigators 'Step into STEAM' trip. See letter for further details
Tuesday 13th February	Sponsored Pancake Flip - details to follow next week!
Week Beginning Mon 19th February	Half term
Friday 1st March	Quiz Night Fundraiser! Book your place via the School Office by Friday 16th February
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March	Y6 Bikeability - information to follow
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	Choir - Tendring Vocal Festival - see letter for details
w/b 11th March	Parent Consultations - details to follow
Friday 22nd March	Break the Rules fundraiser
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term. No KS2 PE - all in school uniform. Easter Service in church 2.00pm - parents welcome

### 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

**Joseph S** - For your wonderful imagination, music making in the forest, using a log and cable reel to drum a beat.

**Freddie P and Keelan** - For your enthusiasm and energy when dancing to a beat created by your friend on his 'drum'. Your happy, smiling faces were wonderful to watch!

**Miller** - For your knowledge about nocturnal animals. You told me that owls are nocturnal and explained what this meant. Well done!

**Navigators Class** - For making my decision of who to choose very difficult. You have all approached Forest Schools this term with an amazing attitude and each and every one of you has fully immersed yourself in the past two sessions. We have had shelter building, litter picking, zip lines, mini fires, ice investigations, and much more already! It is great to see all of the skills you have learnt over the past few years being put to such good use. Keep it up!



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

**Explorers**

- Keelan - for excellent place value work in Maths
- Noah - for amazing progress with your handwriting



**Pathfinders**

- Eliza - for putting 100% effort into your writing as well as completing the independent writing challenge
- Chloe W - for exploring multiplication with positivity and enthusiasm



**Adventurers**

- Millie B - for excellent effort in writing lessons and always being proactive with spellings
- Meredel - for incredible knowledge about capital cities and being so engaged with all learning sessions



**Navigators**

- Aimee - for showing resilience and fantastic teamwork in Forest Schools and the classroom
- Violet - for imagination and great drama skills with your Viking war song



**Lunchtime Awards go to:**

**Explorers**

- Amelie - for helping to put the equipment away

**Pathfinders**

- Blake - for playing nicely with your friends



**Adventurers**

- Holly - for working well within your friendship group to resolve conflict - always with a smile

**Navigators**

- Rosalie - for fantastic settling in to the lunchtime routines at St George's

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

**Explorers**

- Alayna - for making great progress in your reading



**Pathfinders**

- James - for engaging positively with your Phonics sessions

**Adventurers**

- Jack - for amazing reading on Oxford Reading Buddy

**Navigators**

- Fred - for consulting the Science dictionary to help you write your Sci-Fi story

**Ark Appreciation Award:**

- Lucas - for being a team player in the Ark and making good choices this week.

