



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Spring term! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. It has been lovely to see all the children again; the classes are getting stuck into their new topics and it's been a busy and productive week!

### **This week's Collective Worship**

On Monday, I told the children all about the Christian festival of Epiphany, which celebrates the wise men's visit to baby Jesus in Bethlehem. We sang the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' and reflected on the significance of the gifts given by the wise men.



On Tuesday, we welcomed Danielle from the Essex Youth Service to St George's. Danielle led an assembly all about Young Carers. She explained to the children all about the role of a Young Carer in supporting family members to live their lives. The children listened really sensibly and asked some interesting questions. If you feel your child may be a Young Carer, please get in touch and we will signpost you to the relevant services. You can find further information and links [here](#).

### **Calendar**

Please make a note of the dates on p.4 of this newsletter. Further information will be sent in due course.

### **Quiz Night Fundraiser**

Please join us for our Quiz Night Fundraiser on Friday 1st March - see p.3 for further details. Book your team's place via the School Office by Friday 16th February. Please come along and support us if you can.

### **Essex Professional Coaching After School Clubs: Free trial**

Jacob, our EPC coach, is running two After School Clubs this term:

Tuesday - KS1 Tennis <https://essex-professional-coaching.classforkids.io/info/1847>

Thursday - KS2 Football <https://essex-professional-coaching.classforkids.io/info/1845>

EPC are offering a FREE TRIAL SESSION to any pupil wishing to try out the clubs this term. To book your free session, follow the links above.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

### **LAST CHANCE!! - Tesco 'Stronger Starts' Blue token scheme**

We only have until Monday 14th January to vote for St George's in the Tesco blue token scheme!

**Stronger TESCO**  
**Starts**  *Every little helps*

# Navigators News

Navigators Class have begun their first week of their new Dimensions topic unit, 'You're Not Invited: Invaders and Settlers', and it has been something of a history bonanza. Children have been searching the classroom for primary and secondary sources of evidence to better understand the activities of the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans in Britain, and many budding historians have had a chance to hone their investigative skills.

Navigators children have also begun work on a Viking-style war song intended to strike fear into the hearts of staff members all over St George's School.



Aside from the classroom work, Navigators enjoyed a very crisp and pleasant first day of Forest Schools in which various contraptions were engineered and the campfire saw its first use in some time. Both Years 5 and 6 showed fantastic enthusiasm, and behaviour was impeccable — which is more than can be said for the classroom floor following the return of so many smiling, mud-covered children!



## Additional Needs Covid 19 Vaccination Clinic for ages 5-11

Colchester Hospital will be running a Covid-19 vaccination clinic for children aged 5-11 with additional needs on 14th January. Appointments can be requested by emailing [pando@snee.nhs.uk](mailto:pando@snee.nhs.uk). Referrals will need to be made by the child's parent/carer.



## Well done, Bella!

Well done to Bella in Adventurers who completed the Essex Libraries Winter Reading Challenge over the Christmas holidays. Bella has been telling us all about the books she read.

It is lovely to see children enjoying their reading so much!

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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 - please return reply slip by Mon 15th Jan
Tuesday 13th February	Sponsored Pancake Flip - details to follow
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

**Elsie** - For challenging yourself to balance further along the slackline. Well done!

**Frank** - For being so engaged in our first Forest Schools session; digging with friends, finding different insects and being keen to show others what you had found.

**Charlie** - For offering safe climbing advice to a friend while tree climbing.

**Sebastian** - For remembering how to transport logs safely around the forest; dragging one end along the ground while holding the other. Well done!

**Hollie W** - For your creativity using logs, balancing them to make your own seesaw which you enjoyed with friends.

**Hollie S** - For a fantastic, first ever session at Forest Schools. You were keen to involve yourself with all activities and were successful in using a flint and steel to light mini fires. You even challenged yourself to light the smallest piece of cotton wool and you did it! Well done!



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

**Explorers**

- ★ Amelie - for creative thinking in Literacy
- ★ Lily - for excellent part-part-whole work in Maths



**Pathfinders**

- ★ Chloe CC - for focusing hard on all your learning jobs
- ★ Jenson - for applying yourself in your Maths learning



**Adventurers**

- ★ Antoni - for fantastic focus on your learning and making lots of good choices
- ★ Lily W - for excellent focus at all times and always completing your learning to a high standards
- ★ Benjamin - for settling in to St George's really well



**Navigators**

- ★ Pixie - for being an excellent historian and giving great classroom discussion contributions
- ★ Isabella - for wonderful teamwork skills and dramatic performance
- ★ Rosalie - for settling in to St George's really well



**Lunchtime Awards go to:**

**Explorers**

- ★ Rosie - for playing nicely with your friends

**Pathfinders**

- ★ Sophie - for being considerate of your friends in the Hall

**Adventurers**

- ★ Oscar - for playing well with your friends

**Navigators**

- ★ Elana - for being helpful and polite

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

**Explorers**

- ★ Jessica - for your excellent enthusiasm towards home reading

**Pathfinders**

- ★ Theodore - for showing brilliant progress in your reading

**Adventurers**

- ★ Bella - for reading over the winter break and in school

**Navigators**

- ★ Sofia - for reflective reading and an excellent, expressive reading voice

**Ark Appreciation Award:**

- ★ Zachary L-H - for perseverance with your physio and practising some brilliant walking with your friends

