



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's parent consultations. I hope you found them informative and that you enjoyed seeing your child's class work. Thanks, too, to those of you who supported our Book Fair.

Diary Dates: updates and amendments

Please take a moment to look at the diary dates on the back page of this newsletter. There have been some additions and one amendment: the Reception Christmas Singalong will now take place on Thursday 14th December.

HALF TERM CHALLENGE: GET CAUGHT READING!

As always, I encourage the children to **KEEP READING** during the break.

This half term, we are setting the children a challenge: send in a photo of yourself reading at home (or out and about!) during the half term week. See over the page for further details.



BOOK WEEK LAUNCH: ARCTIC WORKSHOPS

After half term, we will be holding our annual St George's Book Week. The teachers have planned a week of work around a beautiful book, 'Children of the Northlights', which is based in the Arctic regions of Scandinavia. To get the children excited about their Book Week, we arranged a day of workshops from the Travelling Natural History Museum, complete with Northern Lights demonstration and light show. They have had a wonderful day finding out all about the landscape, culture, wildlife and habitats of the Arctic regions.



Thank you to the PTA for supporting with the cost of this experience and to you, parents, for your voluntary contributions to make this day possible. It has been a great way of spending the last day at school! We have taken lots of photos which we will share with you after half term.

Have a lovely break, we look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 31st October for our St George's Book Week!

Mrs Keitch

Adventurers News

We have been designing our own characters that would fit the new Elemental Pixar movie and have also been creating the set designs too. Here are some examples of their fantastic learning. They have really enjoyed this topic.



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Jack - For your persistence when fire lighting. You spent a long time creating sparks with the flint and steel and attempting to light your mini fire, with a constant smile on your face and not giving up. Well done, Jack!

Harriet - For being a helpful friend, modelling technique when using a flint and steel and encouraging your peers.

Zach L-H - For showing such excitement around fire lighting this week, being extremely vocal and smiley, and mimicking animal sounds with Mrs O'Sullivan. This was lovely to watch!

Blake M - For your engagement in this week's activities, spending a lot of time exploring and problem solving with the conker ramps and discussing your ideas with friends.

Imogen, Ivy and Eliza - For collaborative shelter building with natural materials, moving logs safely around the forest and creating a home for Foxy.

GET CAUGHT READING!

This half term, we would like you to send in a photograph of yourself reading so that we can make a display for our library/reading area.

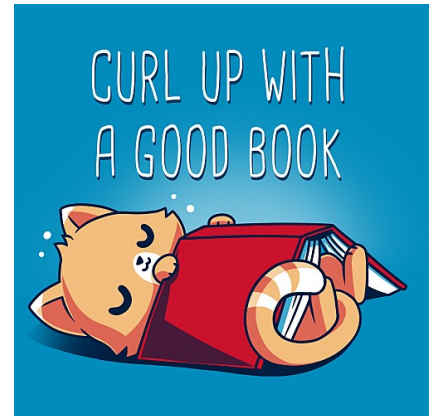
Where do you love to read?

Perhaps you like to snuggle up and read in bed with the covers tucked up around you.....

Maybe you prefer to curl up in your favourite chair with a mug of hot chocolate

Perhaps your pet loves to have a story read to them.....

Or maybe you love to share a book with Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandad or other family member.....



We would love to create a montage of all our pupils (and their families!) enjoying a book and reading for pleasure. Reading is such an important skill but it is also a source of exploration, fun and imagination.

We will choose a winning photo from each class and there will also be a prize for the class with the most entries.

Guidelines:

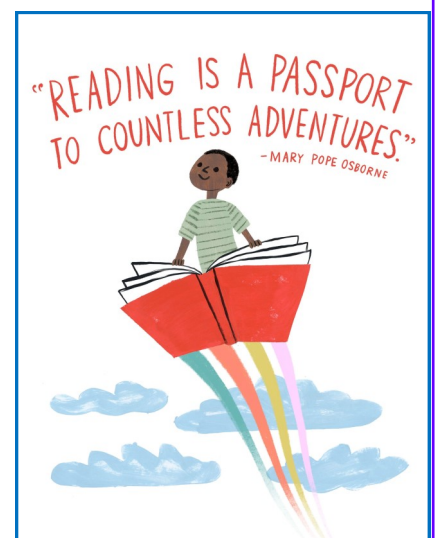
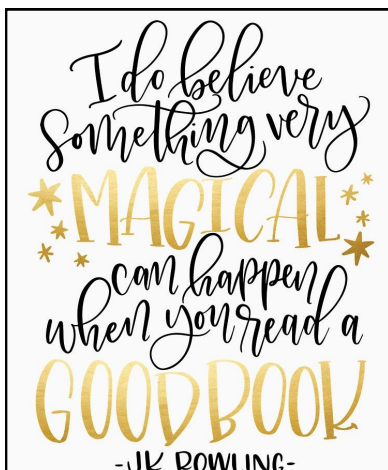


Take a photo of you reading in your favourite spot



Send the photo in to the School Office by **Friday 3rd November**. Parents, please make sure you state your child's name and class in your email

We look forward to seeing your photos!



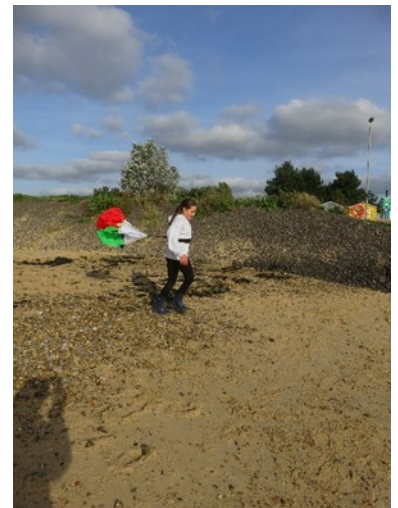
Coastal School

This week saw a completely different session at the beach. The temperature had dropped significantly and the wind was very strong.

Adaptions were made to the session and activities - the children worked as a team to problem solve and build a wind shelter, finding large rocks and shovelling sand to weigh it down.



Some children tried out the resistance parachutes and others enjoyed creating sand volcanoes.



We look forward to more beach fun after half term!

Nicky Nightingale

Tesco 'Stronger Starts' Blue token scheme

Don't forget to spread the word - please vote for St George's!!

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

PTA News

Hello from the new PTA Committee!

As a full new committee, we are excited and looking forward to what we can help fundraise for the students, parents, staff and community at St. George's C of E Primary School.

We are a mixed PTA committee, including entirely new parents to the school and existing parents with older siblings already at the school.

For the academic year 2023/2024, we plan to focus on two main events: Christmas and Summer Fete. Being a completely new committee, we want to ensure we can create events together to provide the best fundraising.

However, to do this, we need you! Please don't hesitate to contact us any time if you would like to be involved in any way. We look forward to hearing from the wider PTA community for ideas, volunteering or advice.

If you would like to contact the PTA, please email: pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you all at the school Christmas Fete on Friday 1st December.

Best wishes,
Hayley
Chair of PTA

MEET OUR NEW PTA COMMITTEE 2023/2024



HAYLEY - CHAIR



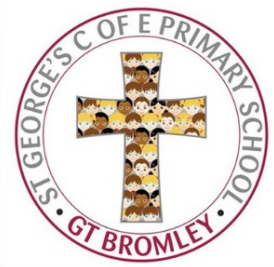
NICOLA - VICE
CHAIR



STEPH -
TREASURER



EMMA -
SECRETARY



ANNIE -
SECRETARY

Dates for your Diary

You may wish to make a note of the dates below.

Further information will be sent out to you in due course.

Week Beginning Monday 23rd October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 1st November, 9.00am	Phonics and Reading meeting for Reception parents
Friday 10th November	Individual and sibling photographs
Monday 13th November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 15th November, 9.00am	Phonics and Reading meeting for Year One parents
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day - details to follow
Friday 1st December	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performance (afternoon - details to follow)
Thursday 7th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performance (evening -details to follow)
Tuesday 12th December	Chaplin's Theatre Company: Cinderella See letter for further details
Thursday 14th December *PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE*	Reception Christmas Singalong (details to follow)
Friday 15th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term
Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2024	Non Pupil Days
Monday 8th January	First day of term for children

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.

