



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

KitCamp: Thank you to the PTA!

As you know, the PTA recently secured some funding via Lego which enabled us to purchase some play equipment for the children. The KitCamp resources are proving a big hit with the children and it is lovely to see children of all ages playing together, problem-solving and enjoying themselves.



Thank you to the PTA for providing us with this fantastic piece of kit!

Autumn Term Book Fair

As usual, we will be holding a Book Fair in the School Hall during the week before half term. Please come along and support us if you can - perhaps a bit of early Christmas shopping! We earn 'Rewards' for every book purchased, which we can spend on books for the children in school. The Book Fair will be open every day after school and throughout the Monday and Thursday Parents' Evenings. You can pay for your purchases with cash or via the Scholastic website (QR code provided).



Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival takes place on Thursday 12th October at 2pm at St George's Church. Parents are very welcome to join us; the children have been working hard to learn the songs and would love to share them with you!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Explorers News



In Explorers our Reception children have really enjoyed taking part in daily Phonic sessions. They have been working hard to recognise their letter sounds and put them together to blend words.

Our Year 1 children have been focusing on finding 'one more than' and 'one less than' in Maths. The children have been using number tracks and number lines to jump forwards and backwards to work out the answers.

In RE we have been learning about Harvest and how we are thankful to God for the food we eat. Year 1 wrote about their favourite food that they are thankful for. We have enjoyed learning our Harvest Festival hymns in preparation for next week's service. We also had some fun printing with fruit and vegetables during 'time to get busy' and the children loved getting their hands messy!

We have all been learning about 'Signs of Autumn'. We created Autumn tree pictures by dipping cotton buds into autumnal coloured paint to show how the leaves on the trees change colour and fall.



Both Year groups have made a great start with their computing work. Year 1 have been getting to grips with 'word' and have been learning how to use a keyboard to type. Reception have been enjoying 'MyWorld' games to work on their mouse skills.

Tesco 'Stronger Starts' Blue token scheme

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

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Every little helps

Parent Consultations

This term's Parent Consultations will be taking place during the week before half term. **Please make every effort to attend;** this is an important opportunity to discuss your child's attainment and progress, learning and wellbeing.

Explorers Class: Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October

Pathfinders, Adventurers, Navigators: Monday 16th and Thursday 19th October

Please call the School Office between 8.00am - 4.00pm to arrange an appointment.

The Book Fair will be open throughout the consultations and you will also be asked to complete our annual Parents' Survey.

Reminder: Medicines

Please note that all medicines must be brought to the School Office, not via the classroom. Parents must complete a consent form to enable us to administer medicine to children. This includes non-prescription medicines such as Calpol, throat sweets etc.

Thank you for your co-operation.

WARMS Parent Survey

The WARMS Team (Wellbeing and Resilience Mental Health Support) form part of Mid and North Essex Mind. They are based at Manningtree High School and they offer support to families and schools in our area.



In the last 18 months, WARMS have offered support to children and parents at our school in the following ways:

- Parent workshop linked on childhood anxiety
- Advice to parents around supporting a child's well-being
- Two transition sessions to pupils in year 6, moving on to high school

WARMS have asked us to share this link to a survey designed to engage parents in reviewing the current support WARMS provide and help to them understanding what parents/carers want in the coming year.

[WARMS Parent Survey](#)

North East Essex Local Offer SEND Roadshow

Please find attached to the email a flyer for the upcoming SEND Roadshow on Tuesday 17th October.

Harriet's Hair donation!

At the weekend, Harriet (Adventurers) had a very special haircut! She has donated 14 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity who provide wigs for children who need them. Harriet raised over £600 - what a wonderful charitable act, you should feel very proud. And we think your new hairstyle really suits you!



Fantastic Footballers!

Brothers Nixon (Navigators) and Crewe (Adventurers) are keen footballers and both play for Great Bentley.

Nixon's team won a football tournament in Clacton recently and it was Nixon's turn to have the trophy.

Crewe was given the 'Player of the Match' award this week in recognition of his effort during a football match.

Well done, boys!



Reminder: Harvest Donations
Deadline: Tuesday 10th October

This year we are once again collecting Harvest donations for the local Foodbank. Please bring donations to the School Office, or via the classrooms, by Tuesday 10th October. The Trussell Trust recommends the following items:



- SMALL BAGS OF RICE
- LONGLIFE MILK
- LONGLIFE JUICE
- SHAMPOO
- SQUASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- DEODORANTS
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED PUDDINGS
- TINS OR PACKETS OF CUSTARD
- JAM
- TOOTH BRUSH/ TOOTH PASTE
- SHOWER GEL
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- SMALL WASHING POWDER/LIQUID
- SMALL MULTIPACK SNACKS (PENGUIN/ CLUB/TWIX)
- TINNED TOMATOES



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Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

James, Tom and Jenson - For working well together and showing some great problem solving; mixing water and creating the right consistency for a mud castle and trying out different tools to help loosen it from the bucket. Well done!

Sophie - For showing skill and creativity today – you used a palm drill safely to drill holes through, and join conkers together to create a caterpillar and a bracelet.

Zak - For working creatively with conkers, using a palm drill to sculpt a face to your conker person.

Theodore - For always embracing craft activities, using conkers to create a fantastic caterpillar! You listened carefully to the 'Tool Talk' and used the palm drill safely and with good control.

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.

Thursday 12th October 2.00pm	Harvest Festival at St George's Church (parents invited)
Week Beginning Monday 16th October	Book Fair Parent Consultations - contact the School Office to make an appointment
Week Beginning Monday 23rd October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	Non Pupil Day
Friday 10th November	Individual and sibling photographs
Monday 13th November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day - details to follow
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)
Wednesday 13th December	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.



