



# St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## St George's School Prayer

Every time we gather for Collective Worship, we light our trinity candles and the children are invited to join in a prayer. Last Monday, I spoke to the children about the meaning and importance of prayer within Christianity and other religions. I then gathered the children's ideas for a St George's School Prayer. Charlie and Maya from Navigators did a great job of noting down all the wonderful suggestions - thank you!

That afternoon, I worked with a group of children to bring all the ideas together to create a St George's School Prayer. *Thank you very much to: Lucas, Bella, Crewe, Elana,*

*Sebastian, Jacob, Chloe CC, Charlie, Maya and Jack* for their thoughtful contributions and enthusiasm.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the beauty of our world,*

*For sun and rain,*

*Friendship and living creatures.*

*May we follow in the footsteps of Jesus*

*On our journey through life.*

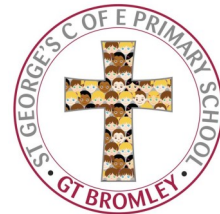
*In our school,*

*Help us to work together with kindness and respect*

*And give us the courage to face our fears.*

*Lord hear our school prayer,*

*Amen*



I hope you will all agree that it captures the values and ethos of St George's. The children will learn the prayer by heart in the coming weeks and months.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Keitch

# Pathfinders News

Things have been very busy in Pathfinders class over the last few weeks. We were surprised by the appearance of a magical fairy house and a special magical note from Felix the fairy asking for some help to design and create some new fairy doors! The children worked really hard on their doors and were even gifted a little fairy dust to help them with their efforts.

Last week, a new note arrived from Felix's friend Felicity who also needed the children's help. She had lost her bag and needed our help to design and make a new bag. The children have worked incredibly hard to design and decorate a bag, practicing their new-found sewing skills. This has required the children to use some great fine motor skills.

In other areas of our learning, we have been reading a 'twisted tale' of Rapunzel by Bethan Woolvin - this has led to great independent learning challenges where the children have worked together to build Rapunzel's tower out of Lego, create a Numicon castle or even build a magic path for Rapunzel to escape down. What a great few weeks of magical learning Pathfinders!

Mrs Elliott



## Forest School Litter Pick



This week at Forest Schools we spoke about the amount of litter around our school grounds and a group of keen helpers from Pathfinders set off in search of rubbish. We spoke about what litter is and the importance of keeping our planet tidy. The children did a fantastic job of clearing up our environment and astoundingly filled a wheelbarrow with rubbish.

We felt sad that so much litter had been found and reminders have been given to put empty wrappers from snack/lunch into the bin or back in their lunchboxes to take home.

Let's all work together to keep our school grounds clean and tidy!

Nicky 'Nightingale' Powell



## PTA AGM



The St George's PTA Annual General Meeting will take place next **Friday, 6th October, after school in the School Hall.**

As you know, we are looking for a new committee for the coming school year. There are four core roles which need to be filled: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you would like to know a bit more about the roles, please contact the current committee at [pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk). I am also happy to have a conversation with any prospective candidates - just contact the School Office to arrange a meeting with me.

The PTA is a crucial part of the St George's community. The funds raised are more important than ever, with school budgets under huge pressure, so it is vital that we keep our PTA alive.

For the AGM to go ahead, we require a **minimum of 15 parents** to be present. **Please attend if you are able to** - all parents automatically qualify as voting members of the PTA.

We all lead very busy family lives and it is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain our PTA; please help us by attending the AGM and volunteering to help at events.

## Budding Artists!



Meredel and Alice from Adventurers have been attending the Queen Street Art School in Colchester, practising and developing their art skills.

Here they are with some of their creations, proudly representing St George's.

Great work, girls!

## Reminder: Harvest Donations

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



## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

**Bailey** - For listening carefully to the Tool Talk and using secateurs safely to cut back the buddleia, ready for bloom again next year.

**Edith and Holly W** - For being creative, using natural materials to make a fairy garden.

**Tom, Violet, Lavender, Alicia, FiFi, Sophie, Eliza, Archie and Parker** - For working together to tidy up our school playground, field and forest, collecting litter and making a cleaner and safer environment for our creatures. Well done!

**Oliver** - For embracing our 'Nature Spot', taking a mindful moment and using your senses to appreciate the outdoors.

## 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 (details to follow)
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.





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

★ **Explorers**

★ Noah - for a great effort with reading and writing, both at home and at school



★ Lily - for growing in confidence and embracing the school day



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Sophie - for trying to extend your learning and always looking for the next challenge



★ Eliza - for showing maturity and enthusiasm in all you do

★ **Adventurers**

★ Jack - for really working hard on using descriptive vocabulary

★ Layla - for great listening in class and always producing excellent learning



★ **Navigators**

★ Hollie S - for being responsible, helpful and a great example to the younger children

★ Sebastian - for persistence and resilience in Maths and excellent class contributions

★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Leo - for great teamwork while putting the lunchtime equipment away

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Alexander - for having impeccable manners throughout lunchtime



★ **Adventurers**

★ Millie B - for being really helpful at lunchtimes

★ **Navigators**

★ Maya and Elana - for being very helpful in the lunch hall

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

★ **Explorers**

★ Ivy - for great enthusiasm towards reading

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Tom - for trying really hard with your reading



★ **Adventurers**

★ Lily W - for excellent reading within quiet reading sessions

★ **Navigators**

★ Donovan - for wonderful book descriptions in your reading record

