



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading!

Well done to everybody who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The children showed their certificates and medals in Friday's Celebration Assembly and shared some information about the books they read this summer.



Reading is the most important and fundamental skill children learn in their early years and it is wonderful to see them enjoying the books they read. **Please read with your child as often as possible**, whatever year group they are in. Sharing a book and talking about the story is simple and enjoyable and, done regularly, will have a significant impact on your child's learning, progress and achievement.

We all lead busy lives - **please prioritise making time for reading** within your family.

'Good morning!'

Well done to all the children who have remembered to greet me and Mr Stacey with a 'Good morning!' on the gate. I will give regular reminders in assembly; it's a lovely way to start the school day!



Thank you to everyone for adhering to our new 8.40am start to the school day. Please remember that **arrivals after 8.40am should enter via the School Office**. The carpark gate stays open a little later so that parents can leave the school site; please do not take advantage of this in an attempt to avoid a Late mark - all children arriving to the classroom after 8.40am have to be marked as Late in the register.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

Adventurers News

We are studying animation at the moment as part of our Dimensions Unit, 'That's All Folks!'. The children are learning all about the animation process, sketching Disney characters and following step by step guides that animators would follow to complete their drawings.

They have also started to think of short animation ideas for their flip books later on in the term.



Upcoming Events for Parents

Young People's Mental Health: Free Parent Workshops

Please find attached to the emailed newsletter a flyer for workshops provided by the NHS Psychology in Schools Team. There are workshops on a variety of topics, including:

Anxiety
Regulating Emotions
Managing Big Feelings
Low Mood
Challenging Behaviours

The flyer contains more information about each workshop as well as booking links.

Essex Local Offer SEND Roadshow

Essex County Council, alongside Essex Family Forum and SENDIASS, will be hosting four Roadshows in October and November across Essex with representatives from Health, Education, Social Care and other local charities and support groups.

This is a chance for parents/carers/families to come along and ask any questions about special educational needs and disabilities.

Click [this link](#) for details of the North East Roadshow being held on Thursday 17th October.

Autism Central - Support for Parents and Carers

One-to-One and Group Support for Parents of Autistic Children.

The Peer Education Programme is run by families, for families. Parents can [self-refer](#) for a one-to-one session with a Peer Educator. [Sign up](#) to one of our group support sessions on a variety of topics including early communication; eating sleeping and toileting; and sensory needs.

Secondary School Admissions

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.



Collective Worship

On Tuesday, we welcomed Canon Stephen and Sue Carter to Collective Worship. They told the children the Old Testament story of 'Joseph the Dreamer', one of Jacob's twelve sons. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and the colourful coat their father gave to him and they sold him into slavery. The story tells us how Joseph remained strong and faithful and was eventually reunited with his family; the children were encouraged to think about the importance of forgiveness.



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Fred C - For watching carefully and learning the overhand knot first time of being shown and repeating it to put up your own rope for a swing. Fantastic!

Monroe, Layla and Lilly J - For being keen to practise old skills, asking to whittle today and remembering what position to sit in and how to use a potato peeler safely. Well done!

Darcy L and Jonathan - For your creativity when making potions, adding dried lavender and natural materials such as grass and leaves.

Parker - For concentrating and working hard to produce a fantastic God's Eye.

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.



