



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Fun Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Fun Afternoon. It was a lovely way to end the first week of the school year and the children had a great time bouncing on the inflatables and playing with the new KitCamp building equipment and ActiveAll board.

As you know, this year's Fun Afternoon was not a fundraiser as the PTA secured sponsorship from LEGO. I would like to thank the PTA for sourcing this funding and for organising the event for the children and families of St George's.



Home School Agreement: Reminder - due in Monday 18th September

On Monday, you received an envelope containing this year's Home School Agreement. Please sign and return one copy to the school office by Monday 18th September.

The Home School Agreement is a crucial document which sets out the roles and expectations of staff, pupils and parents. Along with our Relationships and Behaviour Policy, it underpins all the work we do here at St George's.

Please note, new parents with children in Reception (only) signed and returned their Home School Agreements last term and therefore did not receive another this week. If you have a child in Reception and an older child in the school, you will have received another copy this week. However, you do not need to return this if you have already done so for your Reception child.

Reminder: 'Good morning!'



Next week, in Monday's Collective Worship, I will be reminding the children to say 'Good Morning' to Mr Stacey and I on the gate in the morning. We are always very pleased when the children greet us first; this is a good habit to get into and helps them develop confidence in everyday social situations. Please encourage your child to say 'Good Morning' to us (as well as the popular Hi-5 with Mr Stacey!).

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch

Navigators News



It's safe to say that Navigators Class has hit its stride this term! Prefects have been doing a fantastic job keeping the classroom and school shipshape, and the new Reception children have been given a warm welcome and plenty of support by their Year 6 Big Friends.

Year 5 children have settled in wonderfully, and have produced some excellent and creative pieces of work, not least our new Navigators class logo, designed by Lily-Rose.

Navigators started the year with a poem addressed to a shy and grumpy toad, describing all of the lovely things the amphibious hermit might experience in the outside world were it to emerge from its flowerpot.



In recent days the children have been learning various musical terms, such as timbre, tempo and harmony, and then applying them to their own Chrome Music Lab compositions. I am happy to report that this year's Navigators Class has a very strong ear, and we are all very much looking forward to the children's final musical performances.

Mr Johnston

Cricket Stars!

Two St George's pupils have won special cricketing awards!



Lucas from Adventurers won an award for showing great improvement this season and also being a great all-round cricket player.

Lucas has really enjoyed taking part and being part of the group with his teammates this season.

Well done, Lucas, this is a great achievement!

Ella-Rose is very proud of herself for winning a special award called the Cricket All Star award. This award was to celebrate Ella-Rose's bowling, catching and general attitude towards cricket every week.

Well done, Ella-Rose, keep up the good work!

Remember, we love to hear about the children's achievements outside school so if you would like to share something for the newsletter, just email the school office admin@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk



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.



**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES.**



'Jeans for Genes' non-uniform day: Friday 22nd September

Next week, we will be taking part in 'Jeans for Genes' day.

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

On **Friday 22nd September**, children should come to school wearing their own clothes, including an item of denim clothing, and bring a donation for Jeans for Genes (suggested minimum donation £1).

Donations will be collected in class and then collated by the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important cause.

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Last week:

Byron - For a busy first session – you were very interested to see what insects you could find today and demonstrated care and concern.

Harry, Zak, Jenson and Tom - For excellent team work to build a natural shelter. You went on to engage in some fantastic, creative role play which enticed many of your peers to join in, too!

This week:

Lily W - For being curious when bug hunting and finding something new to our site – a toad! What a great find!

Antoni - For excellent problem solving, attaching ropes and tying knots to assist with tree climbing. Well done!

Jude and Alfie - For taking ownership of our site; clearing the dried grasses and flowers from the wild flower meadow ready to sow new seeds. A great job!

Chloe and Allicia - For a fantastic session – you used the litter pickers to clear rubbish from our site and were interested in bug hunting, identifying new insects and being kind and gentle with those found.

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.

Friday 22nd September	Jeans for Genes Day - suggested £1 donation
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

★ Keelan - for your great effort during Phonics (sounds and spellings)

★ Joseph - for growing in confidence coming into class and in the classroom



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Pathfinders

★ Zak - for setting a fantastic example in Pathfinders

★ Alicia - for being such a hard worker and settling into class brilliantly



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Adventurers

★ Adara - for brilliant focus and settling into Adventurers well

★ Taylor - for starting the term by working hard and putting in plenty of effort



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Navigators

★ Lily-Rose - for fantastic listening and creativity in all of your endeavours

★ Saul - for being supportive and helpful to peers, teachers and your Little Friend



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Lunchtime Awards go to:

Explorers

★ All of Reception - for settling well into the lunchtime routine!



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Pathfinders

★ Darcy L - for settling well into our lunchtime routine

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Adventurers

★ Konon - for being kind to someone who had hurt themselves

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Navigators

★ Matthew - for being a fantastic Big Friend

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Reader of the Week Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Freddie - for fantastic effort with your reading

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Pathfinders

★ Theo - for working really hard on your reading and scoring lots of 100% on Oxford

★ Reading Buddy

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Adventurers

★ Jude - for sounding out your words carefully and becoming more confident with challenging words

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Navigators

★ Hollie S - for being fantastically thoughtful and reflective in your reading record.

