



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Meet the Teacher meetings

Today your child will bring home a letter regarding arrangements for next year, including the dates for the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings in the last week of term. Please make every effort to attend these meetings, even if your child will be with the same teacher next year. All meetings will take place in the classroom, with the exception of the Y1 Explorers meeting which will be held in the main Hall. These meetings are for parents only; your letter details the arrangements in place for the children.

During the last two weeks of term, the children will spend two full mornings with their new class. They will have a chance to ask questions and become familiar with the classroom, the routines and the expectations. It's an exciting time of year, when we welcome our new Reception starters to St George's for their transition days and our Y6s visit their high schools too.

### Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

On Wednesday, we welcomed Chris from Essex Libraries who spoke to the children about the Library Summer Reading Challenge. The children listened very well and asked lots of pertinent questions.

At St George's, we always remind the children to keep reading during their summer break.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to achieve this and ***I encourage you to sign your child up to take part.*** You can find out more about the challenge [here](#) and there is also a letter from Essex Libraries attached to the email.



### Book Amnesty

There are just three weeks left now until the Summer break and we are keen to organise our classroom libraries for the new school year. **Please have a look in your child's book bag/ rucksack, bedroom etc for any school reading books and return them to the School Office or class teacher as soon as possible.** No questions asked! Our budget is under huge pressure and we cannot afford to replace unreturned books. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Keitch

# Adventurers News

On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of June Adventurers left school bright and early and headed to London. We were making good time when we hit the London traffic! No amounts of 'are we there yet?' made the journey any quicker and we eventually arrived in London for 11.15am.

We jumped off the coach, which was parked right outside the museum, got into our groups and made our way inside. The children were desperate to explore and so we popped our bags down in our reserved area and off we all went to investigate.

Some of the groups started off with their sketching activities and others went in search of the Dinosaur fossils. After becoming acquainted with the Dinosaur Zone, everyone came back together for a bite to eat. When everyone had eaten we all went to discover other areas of the museum and the children particularly liked the creepy crawly zone.

All the groups stayed within close proximity to the David Attenborough Centre, apart from one group who ended up at the furthest point and then had to walk swiftly through the crowds, to make it on time for the Dino show!

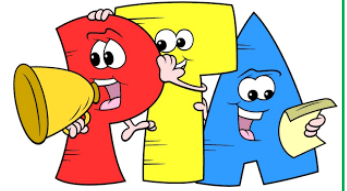
The children absolutely loved the time travelling show and going back to the Jurassic, Triassic and Cretaceous periods. They were engaged the whole time and showed their knowledge of dinosaurs to the archeologist leading the show.

When the show came to an end, we had a quick toilet stop and back onto the coach we went!

The journey back to school was somewhat exciting and involved a pit stop for water and a snack for all the children. It also involved the coach driver carrying out a very calm 13 point turn in a Tesco carpark!

All in all, it was a fantastic day. The children wrote a recount of their adventure on Monday and it was evident that they





We have negotiated a discount for St George's families at Wyvern Wood!

Just use the code STGEORGES to get 15% off your booking!

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Your child brought home some raffle tickets and an accompanying letter this week.

Please sell lots of tickets to family and friends!

We have some great prizes this year, including:

- 1st Prize: Mystery break for 2
- 2nd prize: Wheelbarrow of bottles!
- 3rd Prize: £50

The raffle draw will take place at the Food Festival on Sunday 16th July - we look forward to seeing you there!

### Well done, Millie!

Well done to Millie in Adventurers who took part in a Cheerleading competition with her troupe at the weekend. There were 40 cheerleading teams in total and they all performed to the judges.

Congratulations to Millie and her team who came 13th!



## 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.**

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July	Manningtree High School Y6-7 transition days
Thursday 13th July 6pm	Y5/6 production performance to parents
Friday 14th July	Annual reports sent home
Sunday 16th July 11.00am-3.00pm	St George's Food Festival
Monday 17th July 3.10pm	Meet the teacher: Mrs Clyde Roberts (Y3 and 4)
Tuesday 18th July 3.10pm	Meet the teachers: Mrs Crouch and Mrs Whitfield (Y1 Explorers)
Wednesday 19th July 2.30pm	Meet the teacher: Mrs Elliott (Y1 and Y2)
Thursday 20th July 3.10pm	Meet the teacher: Mr Johnston (Y5 and Y6)
Friday 21st July	Last day of term Leavers' Assembly pm
Tuesday 5th September	First day of term
Friday 8th September	2.00pm New Parents' Afternoon Tea 3.10pm Inflatable Fun!
Week beginning Monday 16th October	Book Fair Parent Consultations
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October	Half term
Monday 30th October	Non Pupil Day

## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Byron - For a super busy session today – You were creative with natural materials, making a fairy house in a quiet corner of the forest, and for all of your fascinating insect finds. Well done!

Isyla - For perfecting the reef knot while securing branches for the tree house. You were so proud of what you had built today, taking ownership and proudly showing it off to your peers.

Harry H - For challenging yourself and overcoming your fears. Well done!

