

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted report

On Tuesday, you received a Parentmail with our Ofsted report and an accompanying letter telling you a bit more about our inspection. As a staff, we are really pleased that the report highlights some important strengths of our school, such as our strong values, our inclusive ethos, our knowledgeable teachers and of course our fantastic pupils! I would like to thank every member of school staff, our Governors and volunteers, for their hard work and commitment to the school. Everyone should feel very proud.

Please do take the time to read the letter and report if you have not already done so.

'The Golden Rule'



This is one of the fundamental principles underlying all we do with the children at St George's: treat others as you would wish to be treated. In Monday's Collective Worship, we delved a little deeper and I challenged the children to think about how they would feel in a range of different scenarios. I then encouraged them to think about how this should guide their decisions when interacting with others and explained the importance of thinking before we speak and act.

Please follow this up with your child at home. Putting yourself in someone else's shoes can be quite difficult for children but it is the key to empathic relationships throughout life.

Staffing Update

Mrs Pryer, who teaches in Pathfinders on Thursdays and Fridays, will be leaving St George's at the end of the summer term. From September, Mrs Elliott will be teaching Pathfinders full-time. I would like to thank Mrs Pryer for her hard work this year and wish her all the best for the future.

Updated Calendar

I have updated the calendar on p5 to include some dates for the academic year 2023-24. Please make a note of these dates.

Have a lovely weekend!

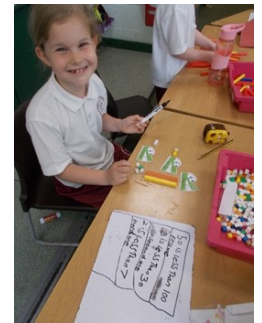
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Pathfinders News

This week has been another busy and fun filled week in Pathfinder's class. As part of our Dimensions learning, we explored different sources of light and really enjoyed throwing our special light up beach ball around while we shared what light sources we knew about.



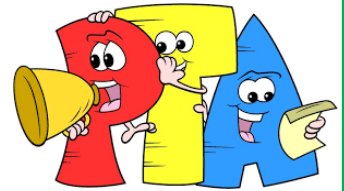
We have really enjoyed some practical Maths learning this week where we have been combining lots of the skills we have learnt throughout the year. We have learnt all about 'Chomp' the alligator who chomps down on the biggest number and enjoyed learning a snappy song to help us remember. We also practiced using our Base 10 to help us build some bigger numbers, all the way up to 100! We are getting brilliant at knowing what any number is made up of now.



Finally, we were very lucky this week, as Jack and his mum brought in their two tortoises for us to have a look at. We learnt all about the type of tortoises they were as well as how to look after them. Jack showed us how knowledgeable he was and the children all listened well to his facts. The best bit was getting to hold the tortoises and giving them a stroke. We even got to give them a bath which was great fun, although I think the tortoises may have been a little tired by the end of our session! I was very proud as all of the children in Pathfinders had a go at holding a tortoise and they were very gentle and caring. Great job



SAVE THE DATE



St George's Annual Inflatable Fun Afternoon!

As usual, we have planned an inflatable fun afternoon for children and families at the beginning of the new school year. This will take place on Friday 8th September, straight after school. There will be inflatables for the children to play on, along with refreshments including a barbecue.

We hope you can join us!

Congratulations to Poppie!



Poppie travelled to Grafham Water, Cambridgeshire to compete at the RYA East region Junior dingy championships. This was her first ever sailing competition and she arrived to find out that she would be sailing a far bigger boat than she was used to! This was a huge challenge, and one she was determined to beat!

Congratulations to Poppie, who won her class. She is officially the 2023 RYA East region dinghy rookie fleet champion!!



Well done, Poppie, what a fantastic achievement!

Well done, Caleb!

Caleb attended his football awards presentation at the weekend.

As well as the usual annual award, Caleb was also voted the "Players' Player".

He was over the moon with receiving both trophies.

Congratulations, Caleb, keep up the great work!



KS1 Scatterball Tournament

On Wednesday, St George's hosted the Harwich Sports Association Key Stage One Scatterball tournament. The Year One and Two children from our Scatterball Club represented St George's, competing against three other local schools. The event was organised by our Chair of Governors, Nigel Rowe, who leads the Scatterball Club here at St George's - thank you, Nigel.

The children had a great morning, playing well in their matches and showing good sportsmanship. The tournament was won by All Saints Great Oakley - congratulations.

Many thanks to Mrs Hesketh for helping with scoring and refreshments.



Y3/4 trip to London

Last Friday, Adventurers went on an educational visit to London. They visited the Natural History Museum as part of their Dimensions topic all about Dinosaurs. A wonderful day was had by all! There will be a full report with photos in next week's newsletter.



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 30th June	Sports Day (afternoon) - details to follow
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
Week beginning Monday 17th July	Meet the teacher meetings (after school - details to follow)
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

Luca - For working independently and being resilient. You were creative in shelter building and proud to show off your work to your peers.

Tom and Velvet - For collecting natural materials and working well together to build a brilliant bird's nest, fit for an eagle!

Toby and Lucas - For building a base camp and creating your own tools to work as blacksmiths. You showed excellent creativity and role play!

Holly - For having a can-do attitude and practising the overhand knot to put up your own rope swing.

Darcy - For being keen to put up your own hammock, using the straps to secure it to the tree and enjoying a peaceful swing!

