

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



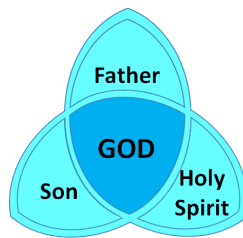
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9th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and that the children enjoyed their half term break. We are now in the final half term of the school year - always a very busy one with lots to look forward to! It has been a productive and enjoyable first week back, with a trip to Jimmy's Farm for the KS1 children (pictures overleaf) and a whole school STEM day and non-uniform day (photos to follow next week).

Collective Worship



We began the week with a Collective Worship all about the Christian concept of the Trinity, to mark Trinity Sunday: God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit - 'three in one'. This is familiar to the children because we sing a song about it each time we light our trinity candle (ask them to sing it for you!). But it is a very tricky idea for the children to understand! We looked at lots of different images to help explain it: a triangle with three sides; a shamrock (clover) with three distinct parts; an egg with three distinct parts. The children engaged really well with all the ideas and made some really thoughtful contributions to the discussion.

St George's PTA - Secretary

We are looking for a new Secretary to join our committee. The role involves taking minutes at meetings and helping with general communications.

If you can help, please contact us at pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk or message us via our Facebook page.



Competitions

1) Reminder: Beekeepers' Association Competitions

Please encourage your child to take part in one or more of the Colchester Beekeepers' Association competitions - I have included the information again for you on p5 of this newsletter. The closing date is **Friday 30th June**.

2) St George's Church Pet Service poster competition

On p4 of the newsletter you will find information about the Pet Service being held at St George's Church on Sunday 2nd July. Mrs Nicholls would love the children to design a poster to advertise the service. Please bring entries to the School Office by **Wednesday 21st June**.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Keitch

Pathfinders Trip to Jimmy's Farm

"It was better than off the charts!" Lucas, Year Two

This Tuesday Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed our school trip to Jimmy's Farm. The day started with new experiences before we had even left school as many of the children had never ridden in a double decker bus! This made for a very loud but fun bus ride there.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Ranger-led workshops and got the opportunity to handle some reptiles including a Royal Python and a Red Footed Tortoise. We also had the amazing opportunity of meeting a baby goat who was only a few hours old. The baby goat became a firm favorite and some of the children even got to stroke it. We suggested that Jimmy's Farm name the baby goat George after our school-Sarah, our Ranger, loved it!

The children then enjoyed a picnic lunch and a play on some of the playgrounds. The children climbed, raced, jumped and laughed- it was wonderful to see. After lunch we had a final walk around the farm and particularly enjoyed exploring the butterfly house; there were some beautiful butterflies inside. Finally, we ended our school trip with a walk into woods where we embarked on some very impressive den building activities. The children absolutely relished in their time in the woods and it was such a pleasure to see the children laughing, working so well together in groups and being very creative - we had dens, huts, and even seesaws being built!

The children represented St George's brilliantly and I was very proud of them all- we had a wonderful trip!



Navigators News

The first week back after half term and a great many things have been going on in Navigators Class. Aside from the creation of epic comic strips, discussions about the science of climate change and the singing of songs to mark the Year 6's last half term at St George's, we have finally been able to get stuck into Forever Treasure Island!

Costumes are coming together, as is the acting chemistry, and the children have so much creative input that they are truly making it their own. Eye patches and Jolly Rogers all around, and nobody quite knows where this production will lead



On another note, it has been wonderful to hear what the children did during the holidays.

Matthew Harden brought in photos from his recent football matches in which his team reportedly swept all before them.

Well done Matthew!

Online Safety Resources

Internet Matters have created some new free resources for parents called 'Things to do Together to Help Young People Connect with Others Safely'. This includes things like, 'am I ready for a social media account?', 'is it okay to.....?' activities, an online safety agreement, 'what-if' scenarios and much more.

The resources can be found [here](#) and the link has also been added to the [ESafety page](#) of our school website.



Parent Workshops (SEND)

- ❖ On Tuesday, you received a Parentmail regarding free NHS parent workshops about **Neurodiversity in children**. I have attached the flyer again for your information.
- ❖ Also attached is a flyer about a series of four free workshops entitled '**Developing Resilience and Wellbeing**' for parents of children SEND and/or emotional difficulties.
- ❖ The next Essex County Council **SEND Roadshow** takes place on Thursday 18th July, 9.30am-12.30 at the Princes Theatre in Clacton. Here, you can speak to representatives from: the ECC Education team and SEND Inclusion and Psychology team, along with a wide range of other local services. You can find out more information about the Roadshow [here](#).



St George's Church
Great Bromley
Parish of The Bromleys

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH PET SERVICE, Sunday July 2nd at 3.00pm.

Please bring your pets along to be blessed.

All creatures great and small (and their owners) are very welcome.



*Blessing
of the
Animals*

**Poster
Competition
deadline Wed
21st June**



Entries to the
Office by
Friday 30th
June

Tendring Show 8th July 2023 Children's Entries

Colchester Beekeepers' Association are inviting local primary schools to put in entries for this year's Tendring Show. Children can put in as many entries as they like from the categories below. Then their school needs to vote on the top 20 entries that will be collected by us and taken to the Tendring Show to be displayed in our Education Tent. These chosen entries will be on display all day for the public to view. Each child with an entry at the show will receive a certificate and there are prizes for the top winners as chosen by our show judge. Entries, certificates and prizes will be returned to the school for the children to take home. Entries need to be ready to be collected the week beginning 3rd July. **Please make sure the children's name and the name of their school are clearly marked on each entry.**

The categories are:

- * Create a miniature bee garden in a recycled margarine tub. You can decorate the tub if you wish. You can fill the tub with soil and grow seeds, add objects, stick in drawings or handmade artwork. You could even make a tiny beehive ... let your imagination run wild.
- * Write a poem about honeybees. You can include other pollinating insects and you can illustrate your poem if you wish. Your poem can be typed on the computer or handwritten. No bigger than A4 please.
- * Paint a honeybee on a pebble. You can paint a background if you wish.
- * Write fun facts about honeybees inside a honeycomb design. You can add drawings or paintings as well. You can either print a honeycomb design found online to fill in or you can draw one of your own. No bigger than A4 please.



Good luck and hope to see you at the Show!

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 12th June	Y6 Service at Chelmsford Cathedral (pupils only - details to follow)
Tuesday 13th June	Y6 Leavers' trip to Birch Hall
Friday 16th June	Adventurers trip to Natural History Museum
Friday 23rd June	Class photographs - please note change of date
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

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Harriet - For being resilient and not giving up when trying to light your own mini fire – you persevered, managing to light it and then went on to help friends do the same. Well done!

Fred - For a fantastic session – you showed excellent listening, engagement and worked well with others to clear an area of overgrown flora.

Donovan - For being fully engaged in this week's session and working collaboratively with others.

Konon - For having a positive attitude, persevering when lighting your own mini fire. You didn't give up and after many attempts, managed to light it. Well done!

Bailey - For enjoying using the flint and steel to create sparks. You tried really hard to light your own mini fire and with a little help, managed to do so! Well done!