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Dear Parents and Carers,

The calendar on page 5 of this newsletter has been updated - please do take a look and make a note of any relevant dates.

Well done Year Six!

Last week, our Year Six pupils took their Key Stage Two SATs tests. These assessments are really quite challenging, testing everything the children have learned in English and Maths over the past four years! Mr Johnston was very impressed with the mature, positive attitudes displayed by the children. Everyone did their best and remained calm - well done. I would like to thank the school staff and Governors for pulling together to organise and administer the SATs tests in my absence last week, particularly Mrs Clyde Roberts, Mrs Marsh and Mr Rowe (Chair of Governors); your support is very much appreciated.

The Year Six children now have lots to look forward to as they approach their final half term at St George's. The Y5/6 production (Treasure Island) has been cast and rehearsals have begun and there are two leavers' trips coming up in June (details to follow!).

Collective Worship



On Wednesday, Reverend Phillip Young, Rural Missioner to the Harwich Deanery, led us in a Collective Worship all about the Ascension.

It began with a competition in which a group of volunteers had to keep a balloon in the air for 30 seconds! Rev Phillip then went on to tell the story of Jesus's return to Heaven following his resurrection on Easter Sunday. The children thought about how Jesus's disciples would have felt about saying goodbye and preparing for the work ahead of them.

Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Book Fair. With takings of just over £640, we have earned **£326** worth of rewards for the school which we can spend on Scholastic books online.

Congratulations, Toby!

Congratulations to Toby in Pathfinders who has earned a Green Blue Peter badge for doing some amazing recycling for Terracycle at home, including all crisp packets, Pringles tubes, cat food pouches, flexible plastics etc. He has also litter picked around Frating, where he lives.

Well done Toby!

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Keitch



Pathfinders News

We have been reading 'The Robot and the Bluebird' by David Lucas. As part of our learning today, we have followed our own instructions to make bird feeders. We thought carefully about what we needed and made a list of equipment and ingredients. We discussed 'time conjunctions' and how to use these to sequence instructions. We thought about 'first, next, after that and finally'. We also learnt about 'imperative verbs' (bossy verbs) and how these tell us what to do. We found lots of these in our instruction writing.

We worked hard as a group to follow our instructions and create our own bird feeders for the birds in our gardens. We got very sticky fingers mixing and melting the lard and used some delicious oats, raisins and sunflower seeds in our recipe. We had a fantastic time and learnt lots about giving clear instructions to follow.



We have also been having a blast during Forest School as well in Pathfinders. The children have really enjoyed building dens for the animals, swinging in the hammock and getting very muddy and exploring the mud kitchen. One of this weeks' big highlights was pond dipping where the children were very excited to come back and share the names of the insects they caught in their nets.





On Friday 5th May, we gathered together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Here we are on the playground, waving our flags and singing our special Coronation Song 'Sing for the King'. Luckily, we had just finished our song when the heavens opened and we all had to rush back into school!

Thank you very much to Millie and Freddie's mum, Loretta, for loaning us the flags for the afternoon.



Last month, Sarah from the Colchester Beekeepers' Association came to speak to the children about beekeeping. She also told us all about the Association's involvement in the Tendring Show.

St George's has been chosen as one of five schools to get involved in the Beekeepers' Association exhibition at the Tendring Show in July. There are four separate competitions for the children to enter; the top entries will be exhibited at the Beekeepers' Association tent at the show.

Over the page, you will find information about the four different competitions.

Please note, all the children will be taking part in the second task (poetry writing) at school.

We would really love the children to take part in the other categories too. **Entries should be completed at home and brought into school by Thursday 29th June at the latest.**

We look forward to seeing your entries!



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.

Tuesday 6th June	Year One and Two trip to Jimmy's Farm
Friday 9th June	Whole school STEM day - PTA funded
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
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

Zachary - For the most wonderful session – you were thoroughly engaged in your hands on learning; Splashing your feet in the mud pit puddle, riding in the wheelbarrow, swinging in the hammock and exploring sound by hitting the bucket and saucepans.

Bella - For showing perseverance and determination when throwing a rope over the branch to put up a rope swing - you were very proud of yourself when you did it! And for catching two newts while pond dipping – Well done!

Blake - For practising a skill week after week, learning how to use the straps to put up a hammock. Well done!

Nikkita - For being a keen helper, showing others how to create sparks using the flint and steel, and lighting their mini fires.

Taylor and Luca - For your continued interest in gardening, clearing a small section of stinging nettles from around the log circle.

Ava and Keelan - For being kind and helpful friends, taking turns to hold hands for support and balancing along the log.

