



# St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Sir Bernard Jenkin's visit to St George's**

On Friday, we welcomed Sir Bernard Jenkin, MP for Harwich and North Essex, to St George's. He led an assembly for all the children in Y1-6, telling them all about the history of the Houses of Parliament and the English Civil War. The children had lots of interesting questions for Sir Bernard and were especially interested in the execution of King Charles II!



Mrs Joyce (our SENCO) and I then took Sir Bernard on a tour of the school. As well as showcasing all that is good about St George's, we also spoke frankly with him about the pressures facing schools at present: rising costs, an increase in the level of need among pupils, decreasing budgets and cuts to external services. Sir Bernard listened respectfully to our concerns and demonstrated a good understanding of the wider context within which we are working.

I would like to thank Sir Bernard for taking the time to visit our school, speak to our pupils and listen to staff.

## **Gardening Club**



Gardening Club started this week and the children had great fun digging, planting and watering the new raised beds by the side gate.

Huge thanks to Brendan Etheridge and Chris Long for creating the raised beds and leading the club - we are very grateful!

## **REMINDER - Book Fair: Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 11th May**

We are holding a Book Fair every day after school Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 11th May. Please come along and support the Book Fair if you are able to. You are able to pay for your

purchases with cash or online, using the QR code displayed at the Fair.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Keitch

# COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



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## Navigators trip to Dice and a Slice

As part of their topic on Myths and Legends, the Year 5/6 children will be designing and making their own board games. Mr Johnston arranged a trip to Colchester's board game café, 'Dice and a Slice' to inspire the children and get them thinking about what makes a great board game.

Thanks to Mrs Joyce, Mr Rowe, Mr Frostick, Mrs Omar and Mrs O'Sullivan for accompanying the children on their trip. They had a great day and have come back full of ideas for their own designs. The class represented our school very well throughout the day and got stuck in to lots of different games!



## 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 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 11th May	Travelling Book Fair in Hall every day after school
Saturday 6th May	PTA Coronation Event - details to follow
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Year Six SATs Week
Monday 12th June	Y6 Service at Chelmsford Cathedral (pupils only - details to follow)
Friday 23rd June	Class photographs - please note change of date
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

**Theodore** - For finding the most newts while pond dipping – a record number of three today!

**Isyla** - For your creativity in decorating natural found treasures.

**Lavender** - For persevering on the slackline and gaining confidence – well done!

**Velvet** - For showing confidence with new experiences. You are always keen to try new things and enjoyed balancing on the slackline this week!

**Lucas** - For incorporating our soft toy, forest animals into your shelter building this week – you added a new dimension to your play and this was lovely to see!

**Ella-Rose** - For being so confident using tools and doing so safely to create a feature for your fairy house.

