



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, this term seems to have flown by and we find ourselves at the Easter break already! As always, we have had a busy term here at St George's, full of fun, learning, hard work and celebration....



This week has been full of song! The Adventurers children took part in the Tendring Vocal Project which culminated in a day's rehearsal and two evening performances at the Princes Theatre in Clacton. Twelve schools took part, with each school performing two songs to a packed auditorium. The concert finished with a rendition of 'Let It Go' from all the schools involved.

It has been a wonderful experience for our children and we are very proud of them; their performance was confident and polished and they represented St George's magnificently. I'm sure the children will remember this experience for a long time to come. Thank you Mrs Clyde Roberts for helping the children to prepare and for accompanying them to the theatre. We have some very tired but happy children (and grown ups!) today.

On Thursday the Navigators children visited Seven Rivers Care Home and performed our Easter songs for the residents there. We are so pleased to be able to return to community events such as this; it is so important for our children to give something back to our local community.

Also on Thursday, the Reception children went on their first school trip to Hasty's Farm. Despite the weather, they had a wonderful time and have had lots of stories to tell about their day.

On Tuesday we welcomed Amanda Watts back to St George's for Collective Worship. Amanda will be leading Collective Worship once a week next term and will be focusing on 'big questions for God' with the children. This week, Amanda challenged the children to post their big questions onto a large red parasol in the Hall - we have had lots of questions already, including:

I have anger, I want to stop it.  
How did you make such a big world?  
How old are you?  
Will I have a successful life?  
How did you make everything possible and how are words words?  
Why did you make the world and how?

As always, I reminded the children to **keep reading** throughout the holidays!

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break. See you on **Wednesday 19th April!**

Mrs Keitch





As we come to the end of the Spring term, we would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to the St George's PTA for a successful term of fundraising and for the time and effort that has gone into organising and running the events.

With school funding under huge pressure, we increasingly rely on PTA funds for the essentials of school life. Thank you to all who have supported the PTA's fundraising activities.

The **Sponsored Pancake Flip** was a huge success and the final total raised was **£1006.50!!**

This is an annual event which is always very popular with the children!

**Break The Rules Day** was a new initiative for this year but is set to become a St George's tradition as it was so much fun! The event raised a total of **£245.50.**



Thank you to the Explorers Parents for organising this year's **Mother's Day Craft** event. The children made some beautiful gifts - mums, we hope you enjoyed them! The total raised was **£211.43.**

We are very grateful for your generosity. The children have had a wonderful time taking part in these activities and they have successfully raised much-needed funds for our school.



This term, the PTA has contributed to a variety of activities and resources, including:

- ☆ New **netball posts** for the playground - our old ones needed replacing for safety reasons
- ☆ Subscription to our new online Maths platform, **My Maths**
- ☆ **Large chalks and dice** for use on the playground at lunchtime
- ☆ New **football goals** (arriving next term)
- ☆ **Bookbags** for our new-starters
- ☆ **Easter Egg** for every child (given today, along with a visit from some very fluffy chicks and bunnies!)

**Coming Up (details to follow):**

Father's Day event

Coronation event



# SPRING TERM PTA FUNDRAISING

Pancake flip  
£1006.30

Mother's  
Day  
£211.43

**£1563.23**

Other  
donations  
£100

Break the  
rules day  
£245.50

Funded or part funded : Panto, Goals and netball hoops, MyMaths, class trips, class injection fund, whole school Easter eggs

# AUTUMN TERM PTA FUNDRAISING

**FUN DAY  
£79.45**

**AUTUMN DISCO  
£244.91**

**XMAS MOVIE  
NIGHT  
£345**

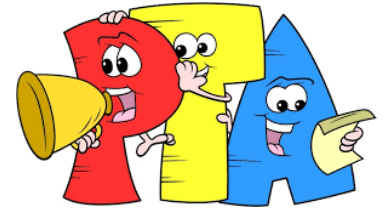
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**REFRESHMENTS  
£118**

**XMAS CARDS  
£534**

**XMAS FAYRE  
£1452**

## Message from the PTA



A big thankyou to the Reception and Y1 parents for organising such a brilliant Mother's Day event. They raised a total of £211.43. The children had a lovely time and the gifts were wonderful. For the first class-led event they did exceptionally well.

The children got the opportunity to meet some chicks and rabbits today in their Easter event organised by the Year 3 and 4 parents. All the children also received an Easter egg as a gift from the PTA. Thankyou to Natasha Tyler and Amy Purdy for bringing their animals in for the children to meet, it was a wonderfully Easter-y experience for them all!



As you know Break the Rules Day raised £245. We topped this up to give each teacher £100 to spend on bespoke supplies for their projects. So far that money has been spent on some African themed fabrics, some equipment for science experiments and some books.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We are planning a **street party** style event on 6<sup>th</sup> May for the Coronation so please save the date, it's sure to be a great family day out.

There is an **adults only race night** at the village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU - Can You Help?

The PTA is still looking for a **Grants Secretary**. The role would be to search for other available funding sources and assist in/ lead the applications process. This is a new position within the PTA but we feel a very important one. This would suit someone who is able to give up a 4-8 hours a month.

Please contact the PTA via email [pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk) or via the School Office.

Many thanks for your support.

Kate and Chris  
Co-Chairs of the St George's PTA

### 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 31st March	Last day of term
Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th April	Non Pupil Days
Wednesday 19th April	First day of the Summer term - children return to school
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday (May Day)
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Year Six SATs Week

## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

**Neive** - For sensible thinking, reminding your friend how to stay safe while whittling.

**Violet** - For being fully engaged in our session, participating in all activities on offer; Mud Kitchen, hammock, chalk drawings and more!

**Sofia** - For being enthusiastic during fire week, using the flint and steel and lighting mini fires, and even lighting the main fire for the group. Well done!

**Amelia M** - For building the main fire for the group, positioning the kindling into a hashtag and adding newspaper and cotton wool, ready for lighting. Well done!

**Matthew** - For an all round fantastic term at Forest Schools. You have immersed yourself in every session, always getting the most from your learning. You have enjoyed tool work to create a bow and arrow and log animal, the mud kitchen, litter picking, Capture The Flag and more!

**Ellie O** - For persevering and not giving up when lighting your mini fire. Well done!

**Zak** - For creating lots of sparks with the flint and steel, and being keen to light the main fire for the group.

**Reception** - For fantastic listening and excellent behaviour around the fire pit – Well done!

**Velvet** - For persevering with the flint and steel to create sparks.



**Our Stars of the Week this week are:**

**Explorers**

★ Zak - for working hard to count in 10s in Maths

★ Ava - for excellent progress on Phonics and for your beautiful handwriting



**Pathfinders**

★ Blake - for working hard at your creative writing and never giving up

★ Crewe - for trying your best to challenge yourself in Maths



**Adventurers**

★ Sienna - for excellent focus in all your learning sessions. We are very pleased with your progress- well done!

★ Pixie - for such an amazing improvement in your writing. Well done!



**Navigators**

★ Connor - for beautiful insightful predictive writing and good organisational skills

★ Oliver - for vision and determination in completing a wonderful piece of art



**Lunchtime Awards go to:**

**Explorers**

★ Chloe W - for having lovely table manners and for lining up nicely

**Pathfinders**

★ Toby - for being caring and kind to the younger children



**Adventurers**

★ Maddie - for putting away equipment for others

**Navigators**

★ Isyla - for being caring and helpful at lunchtimes

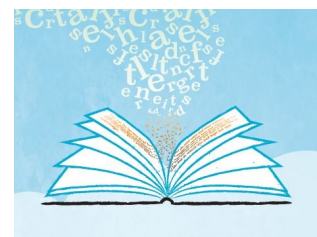
**Reader of the Week Awards go to:**

**Explorers**

★ Chloe W - for working hard on your blending in Phonics

**Pathfinders**

★ Bailey - for working hard and reading with the adults at school



**Adventurers**

★ Elana - for always challenging yourself by choosing books with a range of good quality vocabulary

**Navigators**

★ Saul - for careful reading of four books on Oxford Reading Buddy

