



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Navigators and Explorers: Reading buddies

The week began in the most wonderful way, with the Navigators children reading with the Explorers children. It was wonderful to see them enjoying a book together - I think we may have some budding teachers in our midst!



### World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March

Next Thursday is World Book Day and once again we are asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. ***Please see over the page for further information and guidelines.***

### Red Nose Day: Friday 17th March

We will be holding a fundraising non-uniform day for Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March:

- ☆ Come to school wearing **brightly-coloured clothes** - you may choose to embrace this year's 'Little Miss and Mr Men' theme but you may simply choose to wear your boldest, brightest outfit!
- ☆ Bring a **donation** for the Comic Relief charity (£1.00 minimum)
- ☆ Unfortunately we are unable to sell the **red noses** this year but you are welcome to wear one if you have purchased one elsewhere.

### Collective Worship

On Monday, I talked to the children all about the period of Lent and what it means to Christians. I told the story of Jesus's baptism, the 40 days and nights he spent in the wilderness and the temptations he withstood. We discussed the idea of 'giving up or giving back' for Lent and the children thought about what they might do to make a difference.

On Thursday, Canon Stephen led Collective Worship and told the children all about how Lent is also a time for saying sorry. He showed them the purple vestments and explained the significance of the liturgical colours.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Keitch

# EXPLORERS NEWS

In Explorers Class we have started to learn the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' in our Literacy lessons. We have been following a story map and learning 'Talk for Writing' actions to help us retell the story. The children have enjoyed playing with porridge oats in our tuff tray and filling different sized bowls. Our Reception children created Goldilocks story pictures in their computing session this week. On Tuesday we celebrated pancake day and the children enjoyed eating pancakes for snack.



We have started to learn the Easter story in RE. In our lesson this week we talked about 'Palm Sunday'. The children made their own palm leaves and we reenacted when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on his donkey and the crowds of people were waving their palm leaves in the air.

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On a Monday and Wednesday morning we have introduced 'shared reading' with Year 5/6. The older children listen to our class read their school books and write an encouraging comment in their

Our Year 1 children are focusing on 'Place Value to 50' in Maths. This week's focus was to count in groups of tens. In one of our lessons the children had a selection of beads and they had to group them into tens to count them.



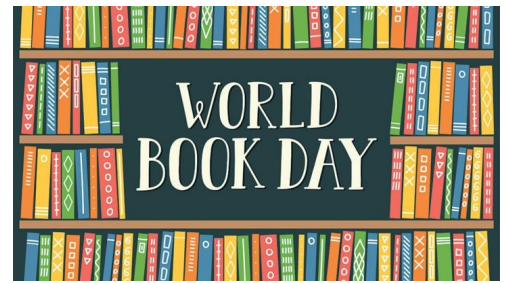
## CAN YOU HELP?

You received a Parentmail yesterday appealing for volunteer football coaches. We (and the children) are really keen to re-establish our school football teams with a view to getting involved in local inter-school tournaments. We would be incredibly grateful if you could help us to make this happen. Perhaps you know someone who might be able to offer their time and expertise? We need:

- ❖ Assistant coach for a girls' football team
- ❖ Coach for a boys' football team
- ❖ Assistant coach for a boys' team



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March and we will be joining schools around the world to celebrate children's literature!



## Dress-Up Day

On Thursday 2nd March, we are asking the children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Here are some guidelines:

- ☆ Bring a copy of your favourite book to school — please make sure the book has your name on the inside cover.
- ☆ Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive. The most important thing is celebrating a book you love and can talk about with your teachers and friends. A few simple accessories are often enough. There are lots of ideas online, including on the World Book Day website here <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>
- ☆ Please avoid dressing as TV/film characters (eg. Disney princesses or superheroes). World Book Day is all about celebrating the wonderful world of books!

During the day, the children will take part in lots of learning activities and lessons which celebrate reading and books. We will also get together as a whole school to showcase our costumes and favourite books. We will of course share the photos with you.

## World Book Day vouchers

Every child will receive a World Book Day voucher. This can be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day £1 books which are usually stocked in all book shops and supermarkets. See the image below for this year's book selection; you can also find the full list on the World Book Day website <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>. Alternatively, the vouchers can be used to get £1.00 off any book.

There are lots of book-related resources and materials on the World Book Day website—not just for World Book Day. There are audio stories, video retellings, games and competitions. Please do take a look <https://www.worldbookday.com/>



## 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.**

Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day - dress up and bring your favourite book!
Thursday 16th March	PTA Mother's Day craft - details to follow
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day - non-uniform, £1.00 donation
Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd March	Parent Consultations - details to follow
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2pm	Easter Service St George's Church - parents invited
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 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Year Six SATs Week

## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Beau - For your concentration and determination when learning how to put up your own rope swing. You mastered the overhand knot today and created a swing with little help. Well done!

Jasmine - For excellent engagement in our session, making sparks with the flint and steel and using dried natural materials to create your own mini fires.

Eva and Chloe W - For moving logs around the forest safely, following our safety talk, and creating a natural shelter. You worked creatively to make a campfire and engaged in some lovely role play.

Tom - For demonstrating excellent understanding of how to keep yourself and others safe, when moving logs around the forest and tree climbing. Well done!



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

★ **Explorers**

★ Chloe C-C - for your amazing progress in reading

★ Tom - for your excellent enthusiasm and contribution during our Dimensions lessons



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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Jacob - for trying to work more independently and complete your tasks

★ Jack - for your fantastic attitude this week towards all your learning



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★ **Adventurers**

★ Luca - for settling back into class with enthusiasm and great listening

★ Maddie - for excellent listening skills and always contributing in class with fantastic ideas.



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★ **Navigators**

★ Fred - for fantastic focus, even when the going got tough!

★ Amelia McD - for taking pride in your work and being extra-helpful in the classroom



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★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Lavender - for always playing nicely with your friends and for having lovely table manners

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Zachary - for helping to tidy up outside

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Melody - for helping to pack away the play equipment with Ms

★ Mitchell

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★ **Navigators**

★ Ben - for excellent lining up at the end of lunchtime and walking round to class sensibly

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

★ **Explorers**

★ Angus - for confidently recognising all of the Set One sounds

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Bella - for working hard reading lots at home

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Violet - for doing incredibly well on the Oxford Reading Buddy system

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★ **Navigators**

★ Isla - for great reading focus and effort

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