



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **PTA Break the Rules Day**

Today the children were allowed to break (some!) school rules in St George's first Break the Rules Day fundraiser. We were very impressed by the brightly-coloured hairstyles, clothes and footwear - an explosion of colour throughout the school!

Huge **thanks** to the PTA for organising this event and to you all for participating and donating.

We raised a very impressive **£243!!**

See over the page for some photos.

### **Tendring Vocal Project**



The Adventurers children are taking part in a singing event next month called the Tendring Vocal Project. Along with children from other Tendring schools, they will be performing at the Princes Theatre in Clacton. On Wednesday, the project coordinator, Kristian, led a workshop to help the children learn their songs. It was wonderful to hear the school piano being played again and we are very much looking forward to the concert!

### **Girls' Football Tournament.....**

On Thursday, we took part in the Harwich Sports Association Girls' Football tournament in Colchester. Our girls had a fantastic time, showing determination and great sportsmanship. Well done!

### **.....Can you help?**

We would really love to re-establish our school football teams but we desperately need **volunteers** to coach and run the clubs. If you have expertise in this area, please consider volunteering your services for one hour per week, after school. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.



### **Well done, Sienna!**

In this morning's celebration assembly we were treated to a piano performance from Sienna in Navigators. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to her playing - well done!

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break. Please ensure your children continue to **read** throughout their break from school and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 20th February.

Mrs Keitch

# BREAK THE RULES DAY!



### Jewellery reminder

As per our Uniform policy, children are only permitted to wear stud earrings to school and these should not be worn on PE days. This is because jewellery cannot be worn during PE sessions.

In accordance with Essex County Council Health and Safety regulations, we are not able to tape earrings up for PE so if a child wears stud earrings to school on a PE day and is unable to take them out for themselves, they are not able to take part in the PE lesson.

For this reason, we recommend that any ear piercing takes place at the beginning of the six week summer holidays. This means that the healing period coincides with the school break and does not affect children's participation in PE lessons.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

### Free Booklet for parents of Neurodiverse children



Essex Family Forum have produced a booklet for parents of Neurodiverse children. It is full of information on a range of neurological differences, including strategies to support your child at home and school and guidance on the support available from external services.

This booklet is FREE to parents of Neurodiverse children and you can order your copy online [here](#).

I would highly recommend that you take the opportunity to access this resource - it is full of really interesting and useful information.

### New School Lunch Menu

You received a Parentmail this morning to inform you that our new school lunch menu starts after half term. Copies of the menu were attached to this morning's email and you can also find them on our [school website](#).

Please take time to look through the new menu with your child and encourage them to try some of the new dishes. All our meals are fresh and cooked onsite by our cook, Ms Allen, and there is a good selection every day. Children will often try foods at school that they won't try at home so do encourage your child to try some of the delicious dishes!



### JAM at St George's Church



Please note, there will be no JAM session at St George's Church today (10th Feb) or next Friday 17th Feb.

## 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 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term break
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Sponsored Pancake Flip
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2pm	Easter Service St George's Church - parents invited
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Non Pupil Days
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of the Summer term - children return to school
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year Six SATs Week

## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Rosie - For your fire lighting skills, creating mini fires with dried natural materials and building the main fire for the group. You used the sheath knife and mallet safely and with good control, to split the kindling. Well done!

Konon - For always being a nature detective. You showed excitement and interest in the bird's nest you had found and asked thoughtful questions. Thank you for showing me and telling me all about it!

Imogen, Chloe, Eva, Harry, Zak and Chloe W - For excellent listening and sensible behaviour around the fire pit, using the flint and steel to create sparks and toasting marshmallows on the main fire.

Noah - For great listening and following instructions during our session.



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

★ **Explorers**

★ Keelan - for being able to share the importance of keeping fit and healthy with the rest of the class

★ Lotan - for having an excellent attitude to your learning



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Alice - for beautiful illustrations and exciting story line in your treasure hunt story

★ Darcy - for adding interesting adjectives and remembering to use punctuation as you wrote your story



★ **Adventurers**

★ Violet - for excellent problem solving and trying the challenge

★ Anabel - for putting so much effort into all of your learning



★ **Navigators**

★ Ben - for building your computing skills and writing a narrative with dialogue

★ Sienna - for being a great team player and always giving new things a try



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Lotan - for lining up and walking into class nicely

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Jude - for being a fabulous friend

★ **Adventurers**

★ Monroe - for all round great attitude and behaviour



★ **Navigators**

★ Isabelle - for lovely manners and always being polite

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

★ **Explorers**

★ Violet - for your excellent progress in Phonics and reading

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Alexander - for consistently reading at home



★ **Adventurers**

★ Melody - for scoring 100% on Oxford Reading Buddy!

★ **Navigators**

★ Hollie - for writing so many wonderful details in your reading record

