



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our week began with a visit from Reverend Phillip Young who led our whole school Collective Worship. He told the story of the Unforgiving Servant and encouraged the children to think about the importance of honesty and forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not always easy but Jesus encouraged his followers to learn to forgive from the heart and practice it whenever possible.

### **Parent Pay**

Please ensure you read carefully the letter sent yesterday via Parentmail regarding setting up alerts on Parent Pay. It is vital that you keep your accounts topped up so that you can access school meals and wraparound care for your child.

### **Industrial Action**

As per yesterday's communication, St George's will be open as usual on Wednesday 1st February. Please read my letter in full, which addresses the issues at the centre of the dispute. I have reattached the letter to the emailed version of this newsletter for ease.

### **WARMS Parent Survey**

The local WARMS team (Wellbeing and Resilience Mental Health) have asked us to share [this link](#) to their parent survey with you. They are keen to find out what support parents would like from the team.

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

Please find overleaf a poster with information regarding the upcoming Break the Rules Day on Friday 10th February. I'm sure the children will relish the opportunity to break (some!) school rules and raise vital funds for St George's.

### **Nearly New Uniform Sale: Tuesdays after, School Hall**

Thanks to those of you who came to purchase nearly new uniform items this week. We have decided to make this a regular weekly feature - every Tuesday after school in the Hall, the uniform will be out in the Hall for you to look through. You will still be able to purchase via the school office on other days. Remember, we only keep items which are in good condition and charge just **£1 per item**. Please do come along to the Hall on a Tuesday after school.

### **Reminder: Toy donations for Breakfast and After School Club**

If you have any used toys in good condition, please consider donating them to the school for use in breakfast and after-school club. Please note, we have plenty of board games and puzzles so please only donate toys.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

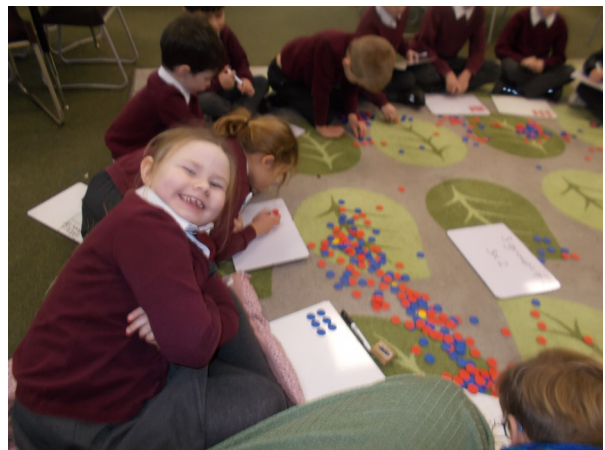
AND BE KIND TO ONE  
ANOTHER, TENDER  
HEARTED, FORGIVING  
EACH OTHER, JUST AS  
GOD ALSO IN CHRIST  
FORGAVE YOU.

Ephesians 4:32

# Pathfinders News

This week in Pathfinders we have been working hard on our Maths learning. We have been practicing lots of skills, such as 'time', 'days of the week' and 'place value', in our afternoon Maths Meetings. I have been really impressed by the children's memory and the skills they are applying in these sessions! We have also been looking at multiplication, using counters to create arrays and writing the associated number sentences.

We have also introduced a 'Big Maths' session every week where the children are concentrating on building up their problem solving and reasoning skills. I was blown away by the children's ability to think outside the box and apply all that they know about number to solve a problem. Our first Big Maths problem was called Triangle Totals- we used the Numicon to help us make each side of the triangle add up to the same number. The children worked hard in their teams to move their Numicon to show their answers. I was so impressed with the mathematical language the children used to discuss this problem and was so proud of Ivy when she spotted our final mistake to make our triangle correct! Great mathematical learning this week Pathfinders!



Our children have been looking at different languages as well lately including French (from our Dancing Spy unit) and Chinese as it has been Chinese New Year, so why not ask your children to say 'Hello' in one of these languages? We have also learned lots about Chinese New Year this week - we have made Chinese lanterns with special patterns on them. To finish off our Chinese New Year Week, the children also created their own Chinese Dragons in our Computing lesson. There were some amazing and very colourful Chinese Dragons and the children worked hard to remember which tool creates certain effects.



Great learning this week! We are ready to set sail on our next Dimensions unit 'Land Ahoy!' We can't wait to see what adventures lie ahead. AHAAA me Hearties, let's learn!

The Pathfinders Team

## Navigators - Trip to Duxford

On Thursday 19th January, the Year Five and Six children went on an educational visit to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. They had a wonderful day and represented our school admirably. On their return to school, the class worked together to create a document detailing everything they learned during the visit - see below for some highlights!

### What We Learned at IWM Duxford, January 2023

1. Why do airplane wings need to be curved?

**Curved wings create lift.**

2. What force does an airplane need to move forward?

**It needs thrust.**

3. How did engineers used to test jet engines for birdstrike?

**They fired dead ducks into the engines to test them for damage.**

4. What was special about the bombs the RAF used to destroy German controlled dams? Which airplane dropped them?

**The bombs bounced. They were dropped by the Lancaster Bomber.**

5. How fast is the Concorde? What is special about Concorde's nosecone?

**Twice the speed of sound. The nosecone folds down.**

6. Why is air superiority important in war?

**You can't move troops without air protection.**

7. Who was the commander of the British army during WWII?

**General Montgomery (Monty)**



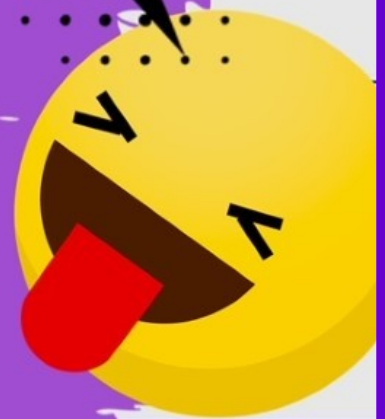
# PTA News

## BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 10TH FEB  
50P PER RULE

1. CRAZY HAIR
2. TATTOOS
3. YOUR CHOICE OF SNACK FOR MORNING BREAK (STILL NO NUTS PLEASE!)
4. BRING A TEDDY
5. EAT PUDDING BEFORE LUNCH
6. WEAR NAIL VARNISH
7. SQUASH IN YOUR WATER BOTTLE
8. WEAR A HAT
9. WEAR TRAINERS
10. NO UNIFORM

PLEASE BRING CASH ON THE DAY AND HAND INTO YOUR TEACHER



## 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 10th February (please note correction)	PTA Break the Rules Day - information to follow!
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 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

**Isyla - For being keen and curious when lighting your own mini fires. You persevered in adding fuel to make the fire bigger and problem solved how to get the kindling to light on a small scale.**

**Zoe - For excellent involvement this session, lighting your own mini fires using the flint and steel, and for using tools safely to split wood in preparation for the main fire.**

**Izzy - For developing confidence in bushcraft skills, using a flint and steel to light mini fires, and for using tools safely to split wood in preparation for the main fire.**

**Jonathan - For being interested and curious on our bug hunt, asking thoughtful questions to find out more.**

**James - For being enthusiastic and immersing yourself in Forest Schools; your love for the outdoors and nature is wonderful to watch.**

