



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Uniform Sale: Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th January, School Hall**

We have lots of nearly-new school uniform items for sale. We only keep items which are in good condition and charge just **£1 per item**. Please do come along to the Hall on Wednesday or Thursday after school where the uniform will be laid out for you to have a look at.

We cannot accept any more used items of uniform at the moment as we have such a lot already - so please do come and take a look and grab a bargain!

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

Our Wraparound provision is growing in popularity and we are keen to ensure we have a good range of toys for the children to play with. 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.

### **Lost Property**

Our Lost Property bin is already overflowing! Please come to the school office and ask to look through the lost property if your child has lost something.

Please remember, we always reunite named items with their owners. All items in the lost property bin are un-named. Please do your utmost to ensure your child's clothing and belongings are named to avoid them ending up in Lost Property!

### **Online Safety Resources**

I would like to draw your attention to some new online safety resources which I have added to the ESafety page of our school website <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/e-safety/>



**CEOP** have released a new learning activity and picture book for 5 to 8 year olds all about online friends and how online friends are not always as they seem. You can see all the resources for free download [HERE](#).



**Internet Matters** have a quiz for parents and their children to test their knowledge around areas such as fake news, disinformation, misinformation, and how to stop it from spreading. You can find the quiz [HERE](#).



**Epic Games Store Parental Controls.** Epic is a games store and also games-playing platform where children can play games such as Fortnite, Fall Guys and Rocket League. There are a number of good parental features available for under 13's including: chatting, in-app purchasing, inappropriate content and more. The guide can be found on our [ESafety page](#)



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

# Explorers News

In Explorers we have enjoyed taking part in our first Forest School sessions of the academic year.



This week our Year 1 children were the first to visit our woodland area to explore. The children were excited to see that our giant mud puddle was completely frozen over, due to the very cold winter weather this week. Together they had so much fun smashing the ice and breaking it up. They used water colours to paint the ice.



Next to visit were our Reception children. Many of the children challenged themselves to walk across the slackline. They also had lots of fun in the mud kitchen area and enjoyed being creative to paint the ice and leaves that they found on the ground.

The children finished their session sat down quietly listening and looking for birds. As a school we are taking part in the RSPB school birdwatch during our Forest School sessions. During Receptions birdwatch we spotted two Robins. At the end of our session we scattered lots of bird seeds and dried mealworms to encourage birds to keep coming back to our woodland area.



Thank you to our Forest School leader Nicky Nightingale, we can't wait for Forest School again next week.

The mud washes off but the memories last a lifetime!

The Explorers Team

## 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

Isla A and Aimee - For working collaboratively together, through trial and error and problem solving, building an excellent shelter from the rain and wind.

Amelia - For creative thinking, suggesting ideas of how to help you cross the 'river' on your boat.

Barnaby - For being musically creative, using utensils and a mallet on different objects in the mud kitchen. Your rhythm gained quite an interest and we ended up with a full percussion band.

Archie - For being confident to try new activities; balancing along the slackline between two trees and doing so with a big smile on your face!

Eva - For your involvement in today's session; balancing along the slackline and ice painting with watercolours. You were keen to try the activities on offer today and also encouraging a friend to join in, too!



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

★ **Explorers**

★ Sophie - for rising to every challenge we set her!

★ Jenson - for excellent effort on our place value work in Maths



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Isabelle - for your enthusiasm and effort towards all of your work

★ Blake - for working hard in Maths and challenging yourself when you found it tricky



★ **Adventurers**

★ Isla W - for having the confidence to perform your singing to the class, even though you were nervous about doing so

★ Taylor - for putting all your effort into your learning. All of the adults in Adventurers have been very impressed!



★ **Navigators**

★ Jasmine - for taking on roles of responsibility and leadership with positivity

★ Connor - for reflecting on your work and seeking ways to improve and refine it



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Keelan - for showing pride in your achievements

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Ivy - for sitting beautifully and playing nicely with friends

★ **Adventurers**

★ Emily W - for being a good friend and playing nicely with friends



★ **Navigators**

★ Aimee - for always being polite and well-mannered

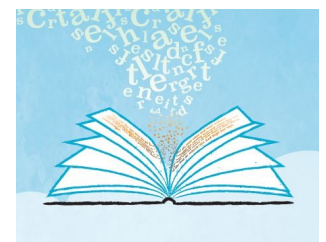
★ **Reader of the Week Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Velvet - for your progress in blending

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Isabelle - for reading consistently at home



★ **Adventurers**

★ Lily-Rose - for confident reading in the daily sessions

★ **Navigators**

★ Jack - for excellent focus and attitude in your reading assessment

