

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week

In last Friday's celebration assembly each class shared the work they had done in relation to Anti-Bullying Week.

Explorers children thought about what it means to be a good friend, using kind words and kind hands.

Pathfinders children wrote each other compliments, building each other up and celebrating what makes us unique.

Adventurers shared some reflective writing about the meaning of the word 'bullying', thinking about the part we can all play in tackling it. They also demonstrated empathy towards those who display bullying behaviours, making suggestions for how they may be educated and supported.

Navigators told us about the Crucial Crew workshop they took part in which encouraged them to think about what real friendship looks like and suggested strategies for dealing with peer pressure.



Thank you very much to the PTA who have agreed to use the proceeds from the recent discos to fund the purchase of five new digital cameras to be used in school. I'm sure they will get plenty of use during our Christmas events and festivities!

Thank you.

Online Safety

Amazing games guide for families

Just like encouraging them to read books on different themes and topics, enabling children to explore a wider range of games beyond the most popular ones contributes to positive gaming.

internetmatters.org

Internet Matters is an organisation which publishes information, guidance and support for parents and children about staying safe online <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

To coincide with the Christmas shopping period, they have created 'The Amazing Guide to Games for Families' which I have attached to the email version of this newsletter. I hope you find it useful.

Reminder: Tendring Police Giving Tree Appeal

Thanks to those who have already donated Christmas gifts for the Tendring Police Giving Tree Appeal. Gifts should be donated, unwrapped, via the school office by **Friday 9th December**.

Reminder: Colchester Zoo Rocks competition

The deadline to return entry forms to the school office is **Friday 9th December**.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

Pathfinders News

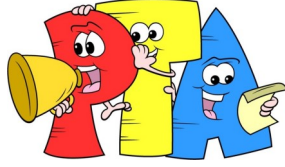
Last week Pathfinders had the opportunity to participate in a drama workshop about the many different continents around the world. We found out about the 7 continents and visited some of them with the help of our trusty Pirate Katie.

We enjoyed playing lots of different characters, working together to build landmarks from around the world such as The Eiffel Tower, and The Great Wall of China.

We pretended to fly an aeroplane, row a boat and walk through the jungle.

We learnt lots about the seven continents and the five oceans and it was a great way to launch our Dimensions Unit 'Paddington's Passport'.





***1 week to go until our Christmas Market and Grotto*.....**

.....and tickets are selling fast!

Remember to use the online booking facility on the pta-events website to book into the grotto <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stgeorgescofe/index.cfm> . There are multiple places available for each time slot and a space to fill in any other details for each child to really make it personal.

Elsewhere at the market, we'll have a lovely selection of local vendors, hot food, a secret shopping room, where children can secretly shop for their loved ones, a Santa's workshop craft room with reindeer food, ceramics and lovely letters to Santa and a selection of Christmas themed games run by Navigators class (Years 5 and 6).

You'll also be able to enjoy dinner in our food hall with a selection of jacket potatoes and loaded hotdogs.

Thank you all so much for your incredibly generous donations of goodies towards our event. These events couldn't go ahead without them.

This week, our final week, we are kindly asking for a bottle of something: wine, beer, fairy liquid...anything in a bottle! (And someone to run that stall as well please — I'm assured it will sell out quickly!)

Reminders!

- ❄ Encourage your child to enter our **Christmas jumper competition**.
- ❄ We need more **volunteers to help at the Market**. We need to people to help set up during the day, people to man and run our stalls at the market and people to help take things down on the Saturday morning after the market. **Please contact Kate or Chris if you can help.**
- ❄ We have **advent candles** on sale on the website which can be customised with a family name and would make a lovely gift—just £4 each.
- ❄ Please remember your **raffle tickets!** Please return raffle ticket books to the office next week.

Please follow our **PTA Facebook** page for all latest news and reminders.

Kate and Chris
Co-Chairs of the 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.

Wednesday 30th November	Individual school photographs
Friday 2nd December 4.30-7.30pm	PTA Christmas Market
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (afternoon and evening—see letter)
Thursday 8th December	Adventurers Trip to Flatford Mill
Wednesday 14th December	Whole School Trip to the pantomime
Thursday 15th December 2.15pm	Reception Christmas Sing-Along
Friday 16th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church
Monday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 20th December	Last day of term
Thursday 5th January	First day of Spring term

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Layla and Monroe - For being creative with a split wood cookie, creating a friendship picture which can be shared between friends.

Caleb and Charlie - For an all-round fantastic session; teamwork, problem solving and a great attitude at tidy up time. Well done!

Maddie and Poppie - For being creative in the mud kitchen 'restaurant', using natural materials to present your dish.

Oscar - Thinking creatively of ways to collect and transport water on a rainy session.

Ivy - For being enthusiastic in all weathers; enjoying our wet session this week!



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

★ **Explorers**

★ Velvet - for growing in confidence and working hard in Phonics

★ James - for working hard during our Dimensions lessons on the topic 'If you go down to the woods today.....'



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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Alice - for great enthusiasm towards your role in the Nativity!

★ Adara - for great enthusiasm in learning your role in the Nativity!



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★ **Adventurers**

★ Lily-Rose - for your excellent concentration and determination in all of your learning

★ Emily B - for your hard work in writing and Maths. You are really challenging yourself and this is lovely to see!



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★ **Navigators**

★ Eleanor - for showing wonderful, confident acting skills and a great attitude

★ Isla - for consistently beautiful handwriting and always being there to help friends



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★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Alicia - for helping to put the equipment away and for eating all your lunch

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Jack - for being independent and trying really hard

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★ **Adventurers**

★ Melody - for playing well with others and engaging with the new rules games



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★ **Navigators**

★ Fred - for being helpful, putting out cones on the field

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

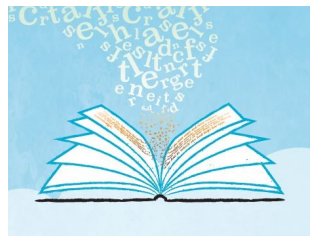
★ **Explorers**

★ Zak - for confidently reading words containing the Set 2 sounds

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★ **Pathfinders**

★ Konon - for trying really hard when reading with Ms Davies



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★ **Adventurers**

★ Pixie - for excellent reading in school - this is becoming evident in your writing, particularly your spelling

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★ **Navigators**

★ Sofia - for thoughtful and reflective comments in your reading record.

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