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Learning for Life



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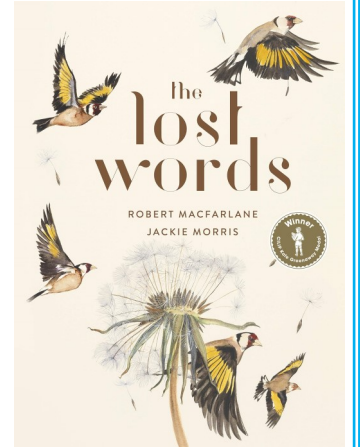
Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Week at St George's

This week is Book Week! The children have all been studying the book 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. It is a beautiful book which celebrates wildlife and the natural world. It was inspired by the removal of words such as 'acorn' and 'bluebell' from a children's dictionary, shining a light on the creatures and plants we share our world with.

Click this link for a video showing a 'flip through' of the book so you can see the beautiful illustrations for yourself <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoS-p2bNBtI>

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In-keeping with the book's theme, we kick-started the week with an owl display in the hall. This was a wonderful experience in which the children met several owls, including a barn owl, two scops owls and an eagle owl. Some of the owls flew across their heads and some lucky children were able to help out!

You will have received a photograph of your child holding one of the barn owls. Please note, these come directly from Nite Owls, the charity, and we do not make any money from the sale of these photos.

More photos and information to follow next week!

Book Fair

Once again, thanks to everyone who supported the Book Fair before half term. We sold **£733.58** worth of books which entitles us to **£380** worth of books for our school!

PTA Bag2School update

The October Bag 2 School collection weighed 140kgs and raised £56! Thank you to everyone who donated.

Home School Agreements: urgent reminder

Last week, I reminded you about returning your signed Home School Agreement to the school office. Thank you to those who have done so; however, we still have several outstanding. Please ensure you sign and return your Home School Agreement if you have not already done so - this is an important document which sets out the responsibilities and expectations of staff, pupils and parents.

The Bridge SEND Newsletter

Here is the link to November's issue of the Bridge Newsletter for families of children with SEND <https://essexcc.pagetiger.com/sendfamilybulletinmayedition/november-2022-edition>

Have a lovely weekend. I hope to see some of you at the Remembrance service at St George's Church on Sunday.

Mrs Keitch

Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, a nationwide campaign by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.



Monday 14th November is the first day of Anti-Bullying Week and is also 'Odd Socks Day' - *children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday* to celebrate the fact that we are all different and unique!

Throughout the week, we will be talking to the children about what bullying is and strategies for responding to it.

It can be difficult for children to distinguish between bullying and friendship issues such as conflict or falling out - these are also difficult to manage and can be upsetting. In the Early Years and Key Stage One particularly, our focus is on supporting and teaching children how to be good friends and how to treat others with kindness and respect. The 'Golden Rule' is particularly important and we revisit this with the children regularly.

The Golden Rule

"Do unto others
as you would
have them do
unto you"

Matthew 7:12



To help the children, particularly our youngest pupils, to develop an understanding of this, we will be using the STOP acronym:

**Several Times On Purpose
Start Telling Other People**

We will also share with the children the official definition of bullying from the Anti-Bullying Alliance:

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.

Reminder!

REMINDERS - URGENT

Home School Agreements

Please return your signed Home School Agreement to the school office as a matter of urgency. These were sent home before half term, along with the Parent Code of Conduct and our Relationships and Behaviour Policy.

Data Collection Forms

It is important that we have the correct information for our records; please return your completed data collection form to the school office as a matter of urgency.

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 14th November	Odd Socks Day (Celebrating the start of Anti-Bullying Week)
Wednesday 16th November 2.30pm	Reading workshop for Year One and Year Two parents
Friday 11th November	PTA Autumn Discos
Monday 14th November	Pathfinders Drama Workshop in school
Wednesday 23rd November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 30th November	Individual school photographs
Friday 2nd December	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (afternoon and evening - details to follow)
Thursday 8th December	Adventurers Trip to Flatford Mill
Wednesday 14th December	Whole School Trip to the pantomime
Thursday 15th December	Reception Christmas Sing-Along
Friday 16th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church
Tuesday 20th December	Last day of term

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Lily-Rose and Isabella - For working together to create a beautiful Andy Goldsworthy inspired piece of Nature Artwork.

Elsie and Elana - For using Autumn coloured leaves to decorate the tree trunk, using inspiration from Andy Goldsworthy's Nature Art.

Harriet - For showing enthusiasm and interest in the season; collecting Autumn coloured leaves of different shapes and sizes to create a beautiful bouquet.

Adara and Jude - For taking ownership over the forest area, cleaning up litter and caring for our environment.

Theodore - For excellent problem solving with water and guttering, creating a stream and watching the effects of running water.

Zach - For being expressive and enthusiastic during today's session and particularly when using the swing.



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

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Ava - for creating a beautiful Diwali diya lamp out of clay
- ★ Archie - for working hard in Phonics and beginning to hear initial sounds



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Meredel - for wonderful and creative artwork inspired by our book, 'The Lost Words'
- ★ Toby - for outstanding independent writing to describe a Lost Word



★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Nikkita - for improving your listening skills - well done!
- ★ Alfie G - for focusing on your handwriting and listening well in class



★ **Navigators**

- ★ William - for fantastic creativity with your recent poems and persistence in completing them
- ★ Rosie - for showing a positive, helpful attitude and contributing so well in the classroom



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Tom - for having lovely table manners and for eating all of your lunch

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Theo - for being polite, listening and playing nicely with friends

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Sienna - for being polite and well-mannered and playing well in a group



★ **Navigators**

- ★ Beau - for being really helpful

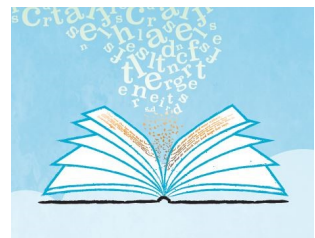
★ **Reader of the Week Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Neive - for excellent effort in Phonics

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Ella-Rose - for being confident to read out loud to our group



★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Maddie - for fantastic effort with your reading. It's really paying off!

★ **Navigators**

- ★ Aimee - for keeping a fantastic reading journal, even over the holidays.
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