

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



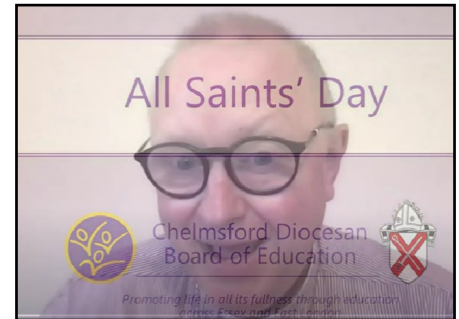
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school; I hope you all had a lovely half term week.

We started the week with a whole school Collective Worship all about All Saints Day. The children watched a video message from Roger Morris, the Bishop of Colchester, who spoke about what it means to be a saint. Bishop Morris described a saint as a 'friend of God' who lives with kindness and compassion. I challenged the children to think about whether they know anyone who fits this description.



Thank you to everyone who has returned their reindeer cup full of sweets ready for the PTA Christmas Market! We would love to receive some more contributions so don't forget to drop them in to the School Office.

Harvest Donations



This week, I delivered all the Harvest donations to the Colchester Foodbank. Once again, thank you very much for giving so generously; I felt very proud to deliver such a wealth of items on behalf of our small school. In total, we donated 64.5kg of food!



This week I also collected some bags of stones from Colchester Zoo! As part of their 60th anniversary celebrations, school children are invited to decorate these stones for display at the Zoo.

Our children will decorate their stones over the next two weeks, as part of our Book Week activities.....

St George's Book Week 2022

.....Next week is Book Week! This is such a special week in the St George's calendar because all the children study the same book throughout the week and join together to celebrate and share their learning. We have chosen a book with a nature and conservation theme this year and we have a very exciting launch event planned for the children on Monday - I'm sure they will tell you all about it!



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

Remembrance 2022

Throughout next week, children will be able to purchase items from the British Legion Poppy appeal ahead of Remembrance Day.



Items available:

£1.00 Minimum suggested donation:

Snap bands
Wristbands

50p minimum suggested donation:

Keyring
Rubber
Zip pull

These will be sold during the school day. If you wish your child to purchase an item, please send in their donation in a named envelope to be given to the class teacher on arrival at school.

Alternatively, parents can purchase items from the school office.

Act of Remembrance Friday 11th November

The children will take part in an act of remembrance at 11.00am on Friday morning, including a two minute silence, in the school hall.

Act of Remembrance and Remembrance Day Service Sunday 13th November

This will take place at the memorial on the corner at approximately 10.45am. This will be followed by a Remembrance Service at St George's Church, at which St George's pupils will be providing readings. It would be lovely to see some St George's families at the service too.



REMINDERS - PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO

Home School Agreements

Please return your signed Home School Agreement to the school office as soon as possible and by Friday 11th November at the latest. 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 soon as possible and by Friday 11th November at the latest.

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.

Week Beginning Monday 24th October	Half Term
w/b Monday 7th November	St George's Book Week
Wednesday 9th November	Reading workshop for Year One and Year Two parents
Friday 11th November	PTA Autumn Disco
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)
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

Holly - For excellent concentration when using a potato peeler, and doing so safely to whittle a stick. Well done!

Darcy - For being respectful of her environment, finding litter and helping to keep our forest and school grounds tidy.



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

★ **Explorers**

★ Eva - for writing some super sentences in English this week

★ Jonathan - for great effort and attitude in Phonics



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Edith - for persevering in all your learning

★ Oliver - for concentrating on your English job and trying your very best



★ **Adventurers**

★ Layla - for excellent listening skills and for always putting 100% into your learning

★ Nixon - for working out Maths problems and persevering until you find the answer!



★ **Navigators**

★ Beau - for showing fantastic positivity and determination with your fractions

★ Barnaby - for being highly creative in Maths and taking on a range of responsibilities



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Angus - for playing nicely with your friends



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Theodore - for sitting nicely and playing with friends

★ **Adventurers**

★ Maddie - for always working hard to ensure friendship disputes are ironed out and for always being organised

★ **Navigators**

★ Sienna - for playing nicely with friends

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

★ **Explorers**

★ Alicia - for working hard on your sound blending books



★ **Pathfinders**

★ Oscar - for showing a keen interest in reading

★ **Adventurers**

★ Monroe - for excellent reading in class. You are always concentrating and can answer questions about what you have read

★ **Navigators**

★ Freddie - for showing enthusiasm with your reading and discussing books very articulately.

