

# 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 Canon Stephen Carter, his wife Sue and our friend Jenny Nicholls. Together, they led the children in Collective Worship with a focus on the story of the Good Samaritan. The children helped to act out the story and we thought about the importance of treating everybody with kindness and compassion, whatever their beliefs, religion or appearance.



On Thursday morning, we all joined together in the church to celebrate the Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance - the church was full! The Harvest decorations around the church looked beautiful, including the bunting decorated by the children. Our Year Five and Six pupils provided the readings, delivering them with real confidence. All the children joined in the singing, with old favourites such as 'Harvest Samba' and the lovely John Rutter song 'For the Beauty of the Earth'. It felt so good to be back together again taking part in such an uplifting school tradition. Thank you to everyone who donated goods for the foodbank; your generosity in these difficult times is very much appreciated. Thanks, too, to Jenny and Carol at St George's church for welcoming us.



### **Book Fair Monday-Thursday after school, including during parent consultations**

Please come along and support our Book Fair next week. Every book you purchase from the Fair will help us to access free books for our school.

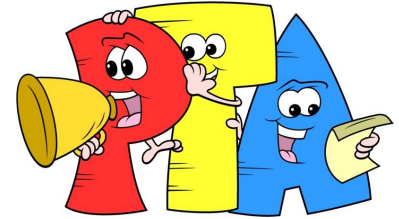
### **Dates**

Please take a look at the dates list on Page Four of this newsletter. We have had to make a few amendments to some of the Christmas events so make sure you have the correct dates in your diary!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Keitch



Don't forget the Bag2School collection scheduled for Monday 17th October 8.30-9.00am!



### **PTA Events - See attached posters**

Thank you to those of you who attended the AGM on Friday. We are very excited with the years events we have planned and we have a great community of people who are able to help. As always, many hands make light work and if you are able to help in any way please email us at [pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk) or direct message our Facebook page.

We are looking forward to seeing all the children in their fancy dress or neon outfits at the autumn disco on Nov 11th.

**Tickets are on sale at reception now and through the app.**

### **Christmas market and Grotto**

As you know we had a very successful and thoroughly enjoyable summer fete and that was down to having so many excellent volunteers and the incredible amount of donations we received. We are now planning the St. George's Christmas market and grotto. If you are interested in a stall please do let us know via our new email address [pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk)

We will be kindly asking for donations of the following:

New unloved gifts- Smellies, toiletry sets, candles, keyrings, etc. These will go into a secret room for the children to be able to purchase and wrap and bring home for their loved ones.

Preloved excellent condition toys and books, Also stuffed toys/teddies, wine, beer, chocolates, biscuits and sweets.

If you have any of the above we would really appreciate you holding onto them for us. Also thankyou to the ladies that have already started wrapping our gifts.

### **Looking forward to the year ahead**

To enable the PTA to put on events and maximise the income of the school and the experiences of the children, this year, each class will be given an event to run as their own.

Parents of that class will be given an event brief, a budget and a date and then they can get to work to really make the event their own. The class events will be:

17th March - Mother's Day shopping event by Explorers parents

31st March - Easter by Adventurers parents

26th May- Event TBC by Navigators parents

16th June- Father's Day by Pathfinders parents

We really hope this allows everyone the opportunity to get involved and enjoy the years events equally. This is a new idea to St. George's but we have seen this has been done successfully by other PTA's so we hope to join in that success.

Many thanks,

Your PTA  
Kate Dawes and Chris Long, Co-Chairs of the PTA

# Navigators News

This week in Navigators the children have been gaining confidence in their division skills, as well as writing some wonderful reports about auroras (both on Earth and other planets). The amount of fascinating information there were able to discover was very impressive.

We have also been busily finishing our space and planet paintings, being sure to paint them in the impressionist style. As always, the results have been amazing, and we will be seeing these pieces of art on the classroom walls in the near future.

Another highlight of the week was our Junior Ambassadors Indian henna drawing lesson, in which the children learned a completely different type of art, but slightly less messy!

Mr Johnston



## The Bridge Bulletin

The latest edition of the Bridge Bulletin for parents of children with SEND is now available here <https://essexcc.pagetiger.com/sendfamilybulletinmayedition/october-2022>



Earlier in the term, I set the children the challenge of saying 'Good morning' to Mr Stacey and myself on the gate in the morning. I am so pleased that many of the children have really got into the habit of doing so and are keen to get in first as they come around the corner or down the path! Mr Stacey and I have been very impressed and have commented on how lovely it is to be greeted by the children - keep up the good work!



Goodbye and Good Luck to Frankie in Year Six who leaves St George's today to start a new school following the family's house move.

We wish Frankie and her family all the very best for the future.

## 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 17th - Thursday 20th October	Book Fair in the Hall after school, including during Parent Consultations. Please come along and support us!
Monday 17th October	PTA Bag2School Collection
Monday 17th October and Thursday 20th October	Parent Consultations Pathfinders, Adventurers and Navigators - please contact the school office to book an appointment
Week Beginning Monday 24th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 2nd November	Reading workshop for Reception parents
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
Wednesday 23rd November	Flu Immunisations
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 - details to follow
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**

Oliver Warren - For encouraging and giving supportive praise to a friend, when using tools to split wood.

Edith Etheridge - For confidently using tools to split wood for the fire, and creating sparks with the flint and steel. Well done!



**Our Stars of the Week last week were:**

**Explorers**

★ Chloe W - for excellent engagement in imaginative play during our 'Little City' visit



★ Keelan - for producing some fantastic art work this half term

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**Pathfinders**

★ Holly - for amazing independent writing. You have worked so hard!

★ Zachary - for working hard on your colour-matching activity



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**Adventurers**

★ Isabella - for working so hard to ensure that you understand the formal method using exchange

★ Anabel - for focus on your presentation in all of your learning and excellent listening skills



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**Navigators**

★ Lily - for being courageous and supportive of your classmates in your spoken performance

★ Matthew - for being very helpful and mindful in the classroom, always tidying up



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**Lunchtime Awards go to:**

**Explorers**

★ Keelan - for fantastic listening skills in the lunch hall

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**Pathfinders**

★ Alexander - for playing cooperatively with friends

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**Adventurers**

★ Elana - for excellent tidying up and helping adults and children

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**Navigators**

★ Amelia - for excellent tidying up and helping adults

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

**Explorers**

★ Imogen - for your progress in Phonics and reading this half term

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**Pathfinders**

★ Darcy - for a fantastic effort in reading

**Adventurers**

★ Antoni - for excellent engagement within class and at home

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**Navigators**

★ Isla A - for fantastic comprehension answers from your Van Gogh reading

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

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Sophie - for great effort in Maths
- ★ Lotan - for excellent effort in Phonics



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Crewe - for showing a great understanding of fact families in Maths
- ★ Harriet - for writing some great sentences in your Mae Jenison fact file



★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Charlie - for always challenging yourself and completing incredible learning each day
- ★ Millie B - for always putting 100% into your learning!



★ **Navigators**

- ★ Frankie - for being a wonderful friend and a fantastic positive influence on the class
- ★ Hugo - for singing beautifully in the Harvest Festival and showing a great attitude to learning



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Chloe C-C - for helping to put away the lunchtime equipment

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Bailey - for learning a new skill and being proud of yourself

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Pixie - for always sharing and playing kindly with others



★ **Navigators**

- ★ Frankie - for always being polite, kind and helpful

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

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Harry - for making great progress in your reading

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Toby - for putting in a great effort with reading

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Melody - for amazing dedication to reading

★ **Navigators**

- ★ William - for showing pride in the amount of quality reading you have done.

