

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome parents back in to our Celebration Assembly on Friday. If your child is identified as one of our 'Stars of the Week', you will be informed via Parentmail and invited to join us the following morning at 9.00am to see them being presented with their certificate. It is a lovely opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and come together as a whole school at the end of the week.

Everyone has really settled back into the new school year now. There is a real buzz in all the classrooms as the children get 'stuck in' to their new topics and I have had the pleasure of speaking to many of them about the lovely work they have produced.

New Parents' Tea Party and PTA Fun Afternoon

Don't forget that this afternoon is the rescheduled date for the New Parents' Tea Party and the PTA Fun Afternoon. The Tea Party is an opportunity for parents of new-starters to meet each other and key members of the school community - and eat some delicious treats! The Fun Afternoon is a lovely family event to start the new school year, involving bouncy castles, barbecue and refreshments.

Please do join us if you can!

Thank You!

Thank you to Connor and Izzy from Navigators who represented St George's School at the Church service on Sunday at St George's Church. The service was to give thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth II on the eve of her funeral and was very well-attended. Connor and Izzy spoke about the Queen's life and legacy and did a fantastic job - well done!

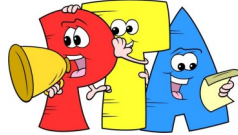
Diary dates

Please note, it has been brought to my attention that there were a few errors in last week's diary dates. These have now been corrected so please do check that you have made a note of the correct dates - apologies!

Parking

Please can I remind you to park carefully and considerately in the Church Meadow car park. Please leave the Disabled spaces clear for those families who need them.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch



PTA Events :

Thank you to those who have already signed up for our new app, PTA Events. We are keen to get every family on the app so, if you have not already done so, please download and follow the instructions sent in the Parentmail last week



Our PTA Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 7th October at 3.00pm. Please come along and join us if you can - it is a chance to hear about our work over the past year and our plans for the coming year. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers and committee members too!



We have another Bag2School collection scheduled for Monday 17th October 8.30-9.00am. Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing: Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. (No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please). All the bags will be weighed and the school will be paid for the total weight collected. The more we can collect the greater the benefit to our school.



Our popular Friday Tuck Shop will be returning from next Friday 30th September! The Year Six children will be manning the tuck shop on the playground on Fridays after school and all proceeds go towards funding the Year Six Leavers' trip at the end of the school year. Last year's Year Six children spent the day at Birch Hall and had a wonderful day of outdoor adventurous activities.

Thank You!

A big **thank you** to the PTA for funding the purchase of some new reading books for the children. The new books are predominantly in our Key Stage Two classrooms (Adventurers and Navigators) and they are carefully structured so as to match the reading level of individual children.

Reading is such a fundamental part of learning in the primary phase and something we are passionate about at St George's so we are very grateful for the PTA's support in enabling us to purchase these lovely new books.

Thank you so much to our families for all you do to contribute to the PTA's fundraising. At these difficult economic times, we rely more and more on fundraising to provide the essentials of school life.



Explorers News

In Explorers our Reception children have enjoyed getting to know their 'Big Friends'. Every Tuesday afternoon the Year 6 children come down to Explorers to read stories to our Reception children.



Our Year 1 children have been working very hard in Maths. This week we have been working on counting and showing different amounts in a 'tens frame'.

We have also introduced the children to number names and the children enjoyed matching picture cards of different amounts to the correct number name.

Our Dimensions topic is called 'Happy to be Me' and the children have been learning all about their 5 senses. Last week we made listening ears and went on a walk around the school grounds to listen to the different sounds that we could hear.

We all had lots of fun!



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 23rd September	Jeans for Genes Day 2pm New Parents Tea Party 3-5pm Fun Afternoon
Wednesday 5th October	Explorers Little City visit
Thursday 13th October 9.30am	Harvest Festival at St George's Church (parents invited)
Week Beginning Monday 10th October	Explorers Parent Consultations (details to follow)
Monday 17th October	PTA Bag2School Collection
Week Beginning Monday 17th October	St George's Book Week Parent Consultations Pathfinders, Adventurers and Navigators (details to follow)
Week Beginning Monday 24th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Non Pupil Day
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	Reception Christmas Singalong
Friday 16th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church
Tuesday 20th December	Last day of term

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Izzy - for persevering and not giving up; throwing a rope over a high branch to make a rope swing.

Oliver, Alexander and Theo - for working as a team to help each other onto the rope swing.

Toby - for showing care and concern for living things, finding spiders and identifying those he already knew.



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

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Imogen - for excellent effort in Maths this week
- ★ Angus - for using your talker to communicate about key events and characters in our focus story 'The Gruffalo'



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Ella-Rose - for setting a brilliant example of what it means to be a Pathfinder!
- ★ Eliza - for trying hard in all that you do



★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Nikkita - for settling into class and getting to know the children and adults well
- ★ Sebastian - for a positive attitude and a 'can do' focus with all your learning so far this term



★ **Navigators**

- ★ Amelia T - for wonderful reflection, thought and effort in your recent work
- ★ Zach - for pushing yourself in Maths and putting yourself forward for extra projects



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Lotan - for helping to put the lunch time equipment away

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Bella - for being polite, kind and a good friend

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Lily-Rose - for being a fantastic role model to all children and always being polite and kind



★ **Navigators**

- ★ Ellie - for being a great influence on your Little Friend

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

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Chloe CC - for reading at home throughout the week - amazing effort!

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Lily - for excellent comprehension in Read, Write Inc and reading five times this week

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Anabel - for excellent reading this week! Good focus on the books and vocabulary

★ **Navigators**

- ★ Saul - for showing a keen interest in your books.

