

# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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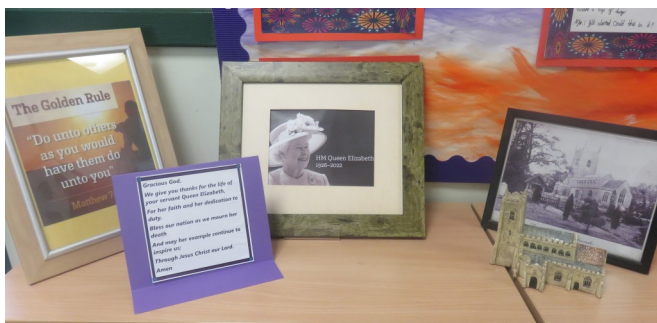
16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we welcomed Canon Stephen Carter, his wife Sue, our friend Jenny Nicholls and our Foundation Governor Gregory Frostick to our Collective Worship. Canon Stephen told the children the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector, whom Jesus befriended despite his reputation and wrongdoings. We talked about how Jesus showed both friendship and compassion, two of our St George's core values. Well done to Elsie and Charlie for acting the parts of Zacchaeus and Jesus and to the other Pathfinders and Adventurers children who took part in the assembly. Canon Stephen will be leading Collective Worship for us again later this term.



### Remembering Queen Elizabeth II



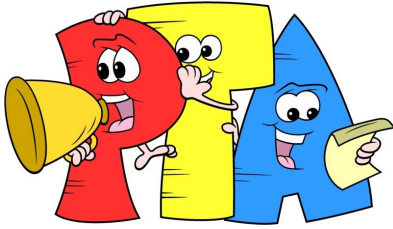
Outside my office, right at the very centre of the school and seen by all the children every day as they move through the corridors, we keep a reminder of the 'Golden Rule' alongside a photo and model of St George's Church. During this period of mourning for Elizabeth II we have also added a photograph and a copy of the special prayer of remembrance.

There is a book of reflection in St George's Church should you wish to add to it - I know many of you have already done so.

On **Sunday 18th September at 6.30pm** there will be a special service at St George's Church to remember and give thanks for the life of the Queen on the eve of her funeral. It would be lovely to see some of our St George's families represented at the service if you are able to attend. Two of our Year 6 pupils will be representing the school and providing a reading.



Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Keitch



## PTA Events :

This week we are making the exciting step to switch our PTA to an online platform.

It's incredibly easy to use, make payments, volunteer and keep track of your child's upcoming events and you can even advertise your own business.

**We will be sending all the information to get you started in a PDF via parent mail.**

Please take the time to read through the information and download the app as soon as possible as we have **tickets to our Fun Afternoon available for sale, no cash needed.**

Going forward this will be our main way of communicating PTA news and events so be sure to join the mailing list for you child's class.

### **Bag 2 School Monday 17th October 8.30-9.00am**

We have arranged another Bag 2 School collection on Monday 17th October. Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second hand clothing.

#### **What to do:**

- Re-use a plastic bag(s) and fill it with good quality items for re-use: Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. (No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please).
- Bring your Bag(s!) 2 School on Monday 17th October between 08.30-09.00am
- 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.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

For more information please visit: <https://bag2school.com/>

Feel free to ask neighbours, family and friends to fill a bag too!



**WEAR  
JEANS  
CHANGE  
LIVES.**



## 'Jeans for Genes' non-uniform day: Friday 23rd September

Next week, we will be taking part in 'Jeans for Genes' day.

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

On **Friday 23rd September**, children should come to school wearing their own clothes, including an item of denim clothing, and bring a donation for Jeans for Genes (suggested minimum donation £1).

Donations will be collected in class and then collated by the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important cause.



**At the end of last week I set the children a challenge:**

Most mornings, Mr Stacey and I are on the gate to welcome the children and their families into school. I try to say a personal 'Good morning' to as many children as I can and many of them respond very politely.



Now I have set the children the challenge of **saying Good Morning to us first!** This is to encourage independence and confidence as well as good manners.

Mr Stacey and I have been impressed with how many of the children have remembered and had a go at the challenge over the past few days.

We would like this to be an ongoing feature of our morning routine so any support and encouragement you can provide would be very much appreciated.

## 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 19th September	Bank Holiday - school closed
Friday 23rd September	Jeans for Genes Day 2pm New Parents Tea Party 3-5pm Fun Afternoon
Thursday 13th October 9.30am	Harvest Festival at St George's Church (parents invited)
Week Beginning Monday 17th October	St George's Book Week Parent Consultations (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 November	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (afternoon and evening - details to follow)
Wednesday 14th November	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**

Oscar and Crewe - for working collaboratively together, building imaginatively and investigating insects, with care.

Konon - for being helpful towards others and working as part of a team.

Theodore - for being interested to learn more about trees - hollowing out a piece of Elder to make a bead.

Adara - for coming up with a creative idea, threading leaves onto a stick to create a leaf kebab.



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

**Explorers**

★ Jenson - for being an excellent role model to others

★ Alicia - for always listening well and trying your best



**Pathfinders**

★ Lucas - for your fantastic attitude and concentration in all our lessons!

★ Konon - for a brilliant start to Year Two and great concentration in lessons



**Adventurers**

★ Emily B - for your excellent concentration and working hard in each lesson

★ Ellis - for your focus on your learning in each lesson



**Navigators**

★ Izzy - for showing great confidence in all subjects and being extra brave

★ Hollie - for overcoming many barriers and rising to many challenges



**Lunchtime Awards go to:**

**Explorers**

★ Noah - for settling into the lunchtime routine really well

**Pathfinders**

★ Crewe - for showing pride in his independence



**Adventurers**

★ Millie B - for excellent clearing up at lunchtime

**Navigators**

★ Ben - for being a great role model for you Little Friend

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

**Explorers**

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

**Pathfinders**

★ Bella - for reading at home throughout the week and setting a good example

**Adventurers**

★ Taylor - for brilliant reading throughout the week and excellent concentration.

**Navigators**

★ Lily J - for fantastic effort with your daily reading

