



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This time of the term is always so busy in school but this year we are just so pleased to be able to do all the things that keep us so busy! After the disruption of the past two and a half years, it is wonderful to get back to the traditions, activities and events that make St George's so special. This week's highlights have included:

Welcoming our new Reception children in for their second transition session, a 'stay and play' time in the classroom;

An exotic animal experience for our Year One and Two pupils - see over the page for further details and photos;

A wonderful performance of 'Fee Fi Fo Fum' (Jack and the Beanstalk) by our Year Five and Six pupils - photos overleaf;

An enjoyable and successful Key Stage Two District Sports event with other local schools - details over the page;

Preparations for our PTA summer fete tomorrow.....

### **Summer Fete**

Please join us for our first Summer Fete in three years - tomorrow, 12.00-4.00pm. The PTA has worked incredibly hard to put together a fun and varied fete and I look forward to seeing many of you there!

### **Annual reports**

This evening your child will bring home their annual written report. I hope you find it interesting and informative. Please do complete and return the parent response slip as this is very helpful information for us as a school. If you have any queries about your child's report, please communicate with the class teacher.

### **School meals, Wraparound Care and new online payment system**

Yesterday you received a letter via Parentmail about changes to our school meal service. This morning you received a letter via Parentmail regarding Wraparound Care. Both letters make reference to our new online payment system, ParentPay. You will receive a letter next week explaining more about it, including login details and set-up guidance. Please read this carefully and ensure you use the summer break as an opportunity to set up your account.

### **Office next week**

Please note that Mrs Thorington will be on her own in the school office next week as Mrs Marsh is off on her long-awaited honeymoon! Please bear this in mind and bear with us; if your query can be made via email, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Marsh for a great start to her time at St George's and in wishing her a wonderful honeymoon!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch



# Reading Volunteers

Do you have an hour a week you could spare?

In September, we would like to reintroduce our reading volunteer scheme. If you have an hour a week (or more!) you could spare and you would like to support our children, we would love to hear from you.

Reading is such a fundamental part of children's learning at Primary School. For children, regular reading practice is crucial to their learning and development. Reading alongside an adult, talking about their books and exploring vocabulary can have a big impact on their progress.

If you are able to help us, we would be very very grateful. Please contact the School Office and let us know when you are available!



## Reading Book Amnesty!

Please have a look at home over the weekend to see if you have any school books. If so, please bring them back to school on Monday - no questions asked!

Books are a valuable and expensive resource and we need to ensure we have everything we need for the new school year.



## Lost Property

**Our lost property bin is already overflowing again!**

Items will be put out on the tables at the front of the school at **pick-up time on Monday and Tuesday** next week.

Please ensure you name all uniform and personal items ready for next academic year so they can be reunited with their owners when lost!

### Reminder: Meet the Teacher meetings

I encourage you to attend these meetings even if your child is staying in the same class next year.

Explorers: Monday 18th July 4.00pm - Mrs Crouch and Mrs Whitfield

Pathfinders: Monday 18th July 3.15pm - Mrs Elliott and Mrs Pryer

Adventurers: Wednesday 20th July 3.15pm - Mrs Clyde Roberts

Navigators: Wednesday 20th July 4.00pm - Mr Johnston

Please note, these meetings are for parents only; there will be a creche facility for school-age children.

# Navigators Production

The highlight of the week was the two performances of 'Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum' by our Year Five and Six pupils - to the whole school on Monday and to the parents on Tuesday evening.

The children absolutely blew us away with their singing, acting, stage management and all-round organisation and teamwork. It was wonderful to see them shine in their roles and step out of their comfort zones.

They should all feel very proud of themselves. Staging a production like this is such a rich learning experience and they delivered an absolutely brilliant show.

Well done, Navigators, and thank you to Mr Johnston for his hard work in working hard to make sure the children were prepared and confident.



# KS2 District Sports

Written by Emily Wainer, Year Three

On Wednesday afternoon I went out with some other children from Key Stage Two to take part in the District Sports event.

We all went on the minibus to Harwich and Dovercourt High School. When we got there we walked across the big green field and we sat down and got ready to run in the races. When we got called up for our race, we went into our lanes and they checked us all.



When they blew the whistle we ran 60 metres. I ran my fastest! We all had fun and were very excited.

Most of us got into the finals so we had to race again!

Thank you to Ms Mitchell, Mrs Sandell and Miss Woods for taking us.

## 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 15th July	Annual Written reports to parents
Saturday 16th July 12.00-4.00pm	PTA Summer Fete and Plant Sale
Monday 18th July	Meet the Teacher meetings: 3.15pm Pathfinders 4.00pm Explorers
Wednesday 20th July	Meet the Teacher meetings: 3.15pm Adventurers 4.00pm Navigators
Tuesday 19th July	Year Six Leavers' trip to Birch Hall
Thursday 21st July	Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm

## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

**Konon** - for being fully engaged in mud play, creating mud pictures.

**Sienna** - for showing determination and perseverance in throwing the rope over the branch and making a foot swing.

**Bella** - for being enthusiastic and keen to share her ideas at log circle time.

**Reception** - for excellent listening and behaviour around the fire pit. Well done!

Please see the Summer Term Forest School newsletter (attached) for an overview of the children's learning and experiences this term.

Thank you to Nicky Nightingale for a successful first year as St George's Forest School Leader - looking forward to another year of fun, mud, teamwork and exploration!

# Pathfinders News

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July we had a very exciting visit from Kimmy's mobile zoo, who brought some unusual and exotic animals for the children to see and handle. The children saw, stroked and held a variety of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects - we were all amazed at how calm and happy the animals were to be held.

Mel and Kieran from Kimmy's zoo showed us all how to safely handle the animals and talked about how they need to be cared for in captivity. They also talked to us about how these animals live and dangers to them in the wild. Charlie the bearded dragon, Shelby the leopard tortoise and Rango the Yemen chameleon were fascinating for the children, especially when Mel told us that they were best friends and Charlie enjoys riding around on Shelby's shell! The children learned how to stroke along their scales and shells gently so not to hurt them. They also learned to pat Princess Fiona, the tree frog so to not damage her delicate sticky skin.

There were also some cute and fluffy mammals that the children loved, including Anna and Elsa two hamster-like Duprasi from Egypt, Stanley the incredibly fluffy chinchilla, three marsupial sugar gliders (who smelt really bad!) and Mrs Tiddywinkles, an adorable South African pygmy hedgehog.

The children loved all the animals and impressed us all with their confidence and bravery in conquering their nerves, especially when handling Rapunzel, the giant millipede and Shere Khan, the Royal python! Everyone had a different favourite animal and it was a wonderful day that we will all remember for a long time!





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



**Explorers**

- ★ Chloe W - for your progress in writing
- ★ Theo T - for reading with a wonderful level of fluency and confidence

**Pathfinders**

- ★ Bella - for showing resilience and facing your worries
- ★ Bailey - for consistently helping in class
- ★ Taylor - for helping your friends in class and showing us you are Year 3-ready!
- ★ Pathfinders Class - for showing maturity and resilience in facing your fears and holding the animals!

**Adventurers**

- ★ Poppie - for excellent engagement within all subjects and really having a 'can do' attitude
- ★ Beau - for trying really hard to overcome worried feelings and persevering

**Navigators**

- ★ Raff - for being respectful and positive and showing a new level of maturity
- ★ Jasmine - for showing resilience and determination to achieve
- ★ Leo - for leading and supporting your peers

**Lunchtime Awards go to:**

**Explorers**

- ★ Eliza - for always lining up nicely and being a good role model to your classmates



**Pathfinders**

- ★ Alfie - for lining up nicely in the lunch hall and for having good table manners

**Adventurers**

- ★ Elsie - for always volunteering to help and for setting a good example to your peers

**Navigators**

- ★ Barnaby - for being an excellent lunchtime monitor

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

**Explorers**

- ★ Blake - for your fantastic blending in Phonics



**Pathfinders**

- ★ Lucas - for reading beautifully to Mrs Cullum

**Adventurers**

- ★ Maddie - for enthusiastic reading both at home and at school

**Navigators**

- ★ Jake - for reading your lines perfectly (and comically!)

