

# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Friday 1st July: Flower festival and Sports Day**

Yesterday you received a letter via Parentmail regarding Friday 1st July. We hope that you will be able to join us for some or all of the planned events.

Y1 and Y2 parents - please note that there will be no Forest School on this day. All children should come to school in the correct school PE kit, please.

### **Adventure Playground**

Please can I remind you that the Adventure Playground must not be used by the children, or their younger siblings, before or after school. Similarly, the children should not play on the Explorers (Reception) outdoor play equipment. Please do not allow your children to use the equipment at these times.

### **Collective Worship: Builder or Bulldozer?**



On Monday, I spoke to the children about something we revisit regularly here at St George's. The children are encouraged to be 'Builders' rather than 'Bulldozers'.

**Builders** encourage each other, build each other up and help each other to feel proud and confident.



**Bulldozers** knock each other's confidence by being unkind or careless.

I encouraged the children to think about how they feel when someone is kind, caring, encouraging and helpful (a 'Builder') and how they feel when someone is rude, unkind or uncaring (a 'Bulldozer').

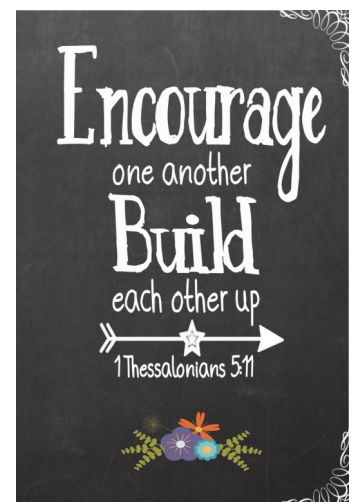
We talked about how we have choices to make in our words and actions which have an impact on how others feel. We thought of everyday examples which the children could relate to and had experience of. Crucially, these examples were from the online world as well as 'in real life'. For more on this aspect, please see the Online Safety section of this newsletter.

We thought about the example that Jesus set us through his teachings and his life. I told the children the story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector whom Jesus befriended, and the importance of giving people a second chance.

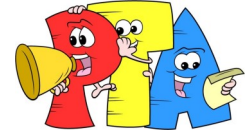
We then sang a new song called 'Build Up' which is already becoming a firm favourite. The link to the song (with lyrics) is here should they wish to practise it at home or share it with you! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-assembly-collective-worship-build-up/zv6kg7h> It's very catchy!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch



## Summer Fete, Saturday 16th July



Preparations for the Summer Fete are in full swing! Please join us on the day - if you can help out on a stall, even better - just let us know or speak to Jennie/Emma in the office. Spread the word - bring family and friends too! This will be our first summer fete for some time and we are keen to ensure it is a successful community event and fundraiser.

### Summer Fete PTA 'Goody requests'

Next week is Week 4 and we are kindly requesting any unwanted party bag gifts (those you may over from that pack of 20!) along with sweets and unwanted gifts and toiletries.

Thank you for all your donations so far - not long to go now!

## Scatter-ball tournament Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

This Tuesday, St George's Primary School was host to the first scatterball tournament for nearly 3 years!

Six schools (including our very own Scatterball team) competed against each other in a fun-filled morning of batting, fielding and cheering. The Year 1 and 2 children who have been taking part in Mr Rowe's Scatterball after school club got the opportunity to put the skills they have been learning to the test in their first competitive situation.

The children all represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating great sportsmanship and a love of exercise too! We all had a wonderful time and want to take this opportunity to thank Mr Rowe for all of his hard work both in organizing the tournament and running the weekly after school club.

Although we didn't win the trophy this time we know lots of Year 1 are looking forward to competing for it again next year!



# Navigators News

This week in Navigators we have had a lively week that has revolved mainly around beanstalks! Our class production of Jack and the Beanstalk has been coming together slowly but surely. The children are beginning to say their lines without their scripts; pies, baskets, giant cooking pots and plastic axes are filtering onto the stage daily; and the music player finally seems to be behaving itself.

There is a giant beanstalk in the production, however, it is an *imaginary* beanstalk. We have, however, planted some beanstalks that are as far from imaginary as you could ever hope for. They are growing nicely too, along with the stage confidence of the children.



## Online Safety Update

As part of our conversations about treating others kindly and with respect, we talked about online conduct. Young people spend such a lot of time online nowadays and it is vital that they understand that the same basic rules about interaction, behaviour and friendships apply online.



It has come to our attention recently that the older children have been experiencing some challenges in their online communications, particularly on messaging services and group chats.

Please take a look at our E Safety webpage <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/e-safety/>. It has lots of links and guidance for parents about online safety matters, including:

[Top tips for Under 11s from the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Child Net Parents and Carers Information Area](#)

[How to Set Up Gaming Consoles to Prevent Impulse Purchases](#)

[A Parent Guide to WhatsApp](#)

[A Parent Guide to Snapchat](#)

I hope you find these resources useful.

# Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

**Emily** - for being creative and trying to make leaf prints on paper using a mallet, like our Hapa Zome pictures we created last week.

**Antoni** - for being engaged in building a nest for bugs. You were being very creative and proud to show off your work to others.

**Adara** - for persevering with the foot swing and not giving up.

**Poppy** - for using the foot swing to create movements with your body.

**Bailey** - for being creative with natural materials, to build a bug hotel. Well done!

**Jenson and Jacob** - for showing great teamwork, working with a friend to move their 'log dog' around the woodland.

**Ivy** - for using a safe technique, moving logs around the woodland and creating a den for the fox.

**Harry** - for showing care and concern for living things, reminding a friend to put a worm back where he had found it.

## 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 1st July

Morning: St George's Church Flower Festival  
Afternoon: Sports Day

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July

Manningtree High School Induction days

Tuesday 12th July

Year 5/6 production to parents (evening) - letter to follow

Thursday 14th July

Open Evening 3.00-4.00pm

Friday 15th July

Annual Written reports to parents

Saturday 16th July 12.00-4.00pm

PTA Summer Fete and Plant Sale

Tuesday 19th July

Year Six Leavers' trip - letter to follow

Thursday 21st July

Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm



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



★ Explorers

- ★ Zak J - for working really hard in Phonics
- ★ Eliza - for completing a lovely portrait of the Queen for the Flower

★ Festival

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★ Pathfinders

- ★ Ella-Rose - for producing a fantastic animal Powerpoint presentation
- ★ Layla - for consistently working hard in every subject and producing a lovely informative animal factfile

★ Adventurers

- ★ Lily-Rose - for excellent focus on your Art learning and for producing a fantastic poster for our Flower Festival
- ★ Hollie - for brilliant focus on working out fractions of amounts and being confident within Maths lessons

★ Navigators

- ★ Beatrix - for going outside your comfort zone and working so hard on your singing
- ★ Barnaby - for wonderful focus and creativity making a Flower Festival poster

★ Lunchtime Awards go to:



★ Explorers

- ★ Poppy - being helpful and a kind friend

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★ Pathfinders

- ★ Anabel - for always waiting patiently for your lunch and playing nicely with your friends

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★ Adventurers

- ★ Nixon - for showing great maturity and sportsmanship in our football match

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★ Navigators

- ★ Ellie - for being a fantastic role model and always being kind and polite

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★ Reader of the Week Awards go to:



★ Explorers

- ★ Eva - for being able to recognise all of the Set 1, 2 and 3 sounds

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★ Pathfinders

- ★ Izzy W - for working hard in Phonics

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★ Adventurers

- ★ Elana - for brilliant reading and being curious about exciting vocabulary

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★ Navigators

- ★ Jasmine - for wonderful enthusiasm, reading and learning about semi-precious stones and minerals.

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