



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This first half of the summer term has flown by! We have had a busy and productive half term with lots to celebrate. This afternoon we held our Jubilee celebrations outside on the field and playground—photos to follow.

Alice in Wonderland performance

On Tuesday afternoon, the whole school enjoyed a performance of Alice in Wonderland by the touring company 'This is my Theatre'. The children watched in amazement as Alice stepped through the rabbit hole and into the very confusing world of the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and the Queen of Hearts!



Many thanks go to Gregory Frostick, school Governor and church warden, for organising this experience for the children. We are hoping that the Year 5 and 6 pupils have been inspired and picked up some performance tips ahead of their production in July!

Parent Workshop—Anxiety in children

You received a Parentmail from me yesterday informing you of the parent workshop being held on Thursday 9th June 9.00-10.30am here at school. This workshop will be run by the WARMS team (Wellbeing and Resilience Mental Health Service) from MIND. If you would like to attend, please send an email to the office or pop in and speak to Jennie or Emma.

Essex Year of Reading

As part of the Essex Year of Reading, every child has been issued with an Essex Library card which is attached to this week's newsletter. This initiative is designed to encourage reading for pleasure, an aim we very much support here at St George's. You will find instructions on the flyer for how to activate the library card.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and that you enjoy taking part in the Jubilee Celebrations over the bank holiday weekend. Some of our older children will be reading at the St George's church service on Sunday 5th June at 11.30am; it would be lovely to see some of our pupils and their families there too.

Don't forget that Monday 6th June is a Non Pupil Day so we look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 7th June!**

Mrs Keitch

Explorers News



In Explorers our Reception children have enjoyed listening to the story 'Sharing a shell' by Julia Donaldson in our literacy lessons. After listening to the story the children drew pictures and wrote labels of all the different sea creatures they might find in a rock pool. We even set up our own rock pool tuff tray for the children to enjoy.

In Maths both our Reception and Year 1 children have enjoyed learning about capacity. The children looked at two different sized containers and predicted which container would hold the most water. We then completed a test to see how many

cups of water each container would hold until it was full. The children wrote down their estimations on whiteboards before we completed the test.



In Dimensions we have been working on the topic 'What on Earth?' and the first week kicked off with the theme 'living things'. The children all made a cress head by scattering some cress seeds on damp tissue and cotton wool. We placed them by the window so they got plenty of sunlight. The children watered them regularly and enjoyed watching them grow.

Half Term Challenge! Design A Mascot

Over the past few weeks, the children have been taking part in some sports fixtures at lunchtime, organised by our MDAs. This began with a Y5/6 vs Staff Rounders match at the end of SATS week - great fun was had by all!

We are now planning a series of Thursday sports fixtures for other year groups to take part in over the coming half term.

We would love the children to **design a St George's sports mascot** for these sports activities.

Please submit designs by **Friday 10th June** - an ideal half term activity. Please ensure your child's **name and class** is on their design entry.

We look forward to seeing their creative ideas!



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 6th June	Non Pupil Day
w/b Tuesday 7th June	Year One Phonics Check
Thursday 9th June 9.00-10.30	Parent Workshop: Anxiety
Friday 1st July	Morning: St George's Church Flower Festival Afternoon: Sports Day
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July	Manningtree High School Induction days
Thursday 7th July	Year 5/6 production to parents
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
Thursday 21st July	Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Layla, Monroe and Lilly - for working together and being imaginative, creating a nest from natural materials.

Bailey - for being a superstar helper at tidy up time today.

Jude - for being engaged in play, collecting and transporting rain water.

Caleb, Elsie and Jack - for super teamwork when shelter building, sharing ideas and working collaboratively together.

Chloe W - for great imagination when role playing with friends, talking about being safe around the fire.

Zak - for using your imagination to create a mud face.

Chloe C-C - for fantastic role play with friends, using your imagination to cook inside your shelter.



Our Stars of the Week this week are:



Explorers

★ Darcy - for having the confidence to write short stories and sentences independently

★ Poppy - for your excellent participation in our Philosophy for Children (P4C) sessions this week

Pathfinders

★ Holly - for writing an excellent fact-filled story about the Queen

★ Millie A - for working hard in your writing and reading comprehension

Adventurers

★ Elsie - for excellent determination in your Maths learning. You've worked brilliantly in class and also with Mrs Sandell

★ Lily-Rose - for your excellent place value knowledge and for applying this to your learning

Navigators

★ Lily J - for showing creativity and courage with your smoothie presentation

★ George - for improving the quality and presentation of your Maths work so much

Lunchtime Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Theodore - for cutting your own jacket potato - you tried really hard

Pathfinders

★ Bailey - for helping to put the equipment away and for sitting nicely in the lunch hall

Adventurers

★ Rosie - for always having such wonderful and kind manners



Navigators

★ Ben - for being really helpful and polite at all times

Reader of the Week Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Ivy - for working really hard in Read, Write, Inc

Pathfinders

★ Lilly J - for working really hard on your reading comprehension



Adventurers

★ Aimee - for excellent reading and a wonderful choice of books

Navigators

★ Albie - for reading and learning about Greek mythology and Lord Nelson with great enthusiasm

