



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by! It started with a trip to West Stow for the Adventurers children. They had a wonderful time and represented St George's superbly; Mrs Clyde Roberts and Mr Bolton were very proud of them. Photos to follow next week. Unfortunately, today's planned Wonderdome experience was cancelled at the last minute this morning so we had some very disappointed children - and staff! I am pleased to say that we have rescheduled the Wonderdome for **next Friday 13th May**. A letter will be sent on Monday regarding lunch arrangements.

It is that time of year when we begin preparations for our new Reception starters in September. I am pleased to say that we had lots of applications and are full for September; we are looking forward to meeting all our new pupils and the teachers are busy planning their transition sessions. I know the Year Five children are already excited to find out who their 'Little Friends' will be!

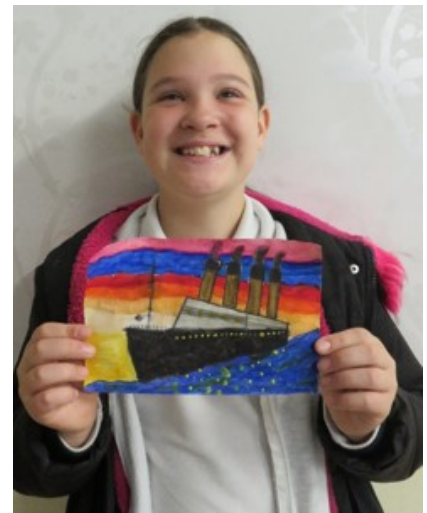
It is lovely to see the sunshine again today. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

Navigators News

This week in Navigators Class we have just about rounded off our unit investigating the tragedy of the RMS Titanic. We have analysed a poem including personification and simile. The children have also been busy painting pictures of the Titanic including perspective and water and light effects. The results have been amazing; the children have created some unique pieces of art which will be duly stuck on the wall.

SATs have, of course, been prominent in the minds of our Year 6 pupils, but the resilience and determination exhibited by the group has been wonderful to see.



Explorers News



Before the Easter break our Reception Explorers visited Hasty's Farm in Clacton for their first school trip. Our mini bus picked us up from school at 9.30am and the children were very excited for the day ahead. When we arrived we were greeted by a lady called Katherine who runs the farm and takes care of all of the animals. We split into two groups, whilst one group had the chance to meet all of the farm animals with Katherine the other group completed a 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' themed hunt around the farm. The children got to meet many different farm animals such as 3 day old lambs, pygmy goats, alpacas and much more. At midday we all grouped back together for lunch and sheltered from the wind for a little while. After lunchtime the children had lots of fun playing on all of the play equipment. The grass sledges were a huge hit with them all! Our mini bus picked us up at 2pm and we had lots of very tired but happy children after a successful day at the farm.

Thank you to Mrs Riches-Weedon and Mrs Hesketh for coming along as our parent helpers for the day.



Pathfinders News

In pathfinders we have been living up to our name by learning about UK geography in our topic called 'Never Eat Shredded Wheat'. We started off by looking at compasses and learning the names of the four compass points. We also came up with some brilliant rhymes of how to remember the names, such as 'Naughty Elephants Squirt Water' and 'Never Eat Squiggly Worms'! We then used the compass and a map to describe how to get from one point on the map to another.

Now we know how to use maps, we have looked at maps of the United Kingdom and the World to identify the four countries in the UK, their capital cities, the seven continents and the five oceans of the world.

The children have loved learning more about our World and have enjoyed the opportunity to look at different maps and atlases in class.



Reading Wallets

At the beginning of the school year, every child in Reception, Year One and Year Two was provided with a reading wallet. This is a named, transparent wallet with a zip which slips inside your child's book bag.

These wallets have two main purposes: firstly, to protect our school books from damage and secondly to keep each child's books organised and in one place. The children take their reading wallets to their Read Write Inc Phonics sessions every Monday and Friday so that their books can be changed and the wallets help the adults to ensure that each child has the books they need for the week.

Over the course of the academic year, many of these wallets have gone missing and we have had to replace them. If your child has mislaid their reading wallet, please can I ask you to have a look at home to see if it can be found. Not only is it expensive to replace them (in some instances, on multiple occasions) but we also feel it is important to encourage the children to take care of their own, and school, belongings.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Crouch (Reading Leader)

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Konon - for excellent listening and using the tools safely to cut his wood cookie and whittle a stick.

Alfie - for being engaged in using the bow saw and hand drill, and doing so safely to create wood cookie necklaces.

Taylor - for taking ownership of the wildflower meadow planter and weeding the surrounding garden.



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 13th May	Wonder Dome Planetarium
Week Beginning Monday 9th May	Year Six SATs Week
Fortnight beginning Mon 18th May	Year Two SATs
Friday 27th May	Jubilee Celebrations
Monday 6th June	Non Pupil Day
w/b Tuesday 7th June	Year One Phonics Check
Friday 1st July	Morning: St George's Church Flower Festival Afternoon: Sports Day
Thursday 7th July	Year 5/6 production to parents
Thursday 14th July	Open Evening 3.00-4.00pm
Thursday 21st July	Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm

