



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely seeing the children getting stuck into their new topics over the past few weeks. Explorers are learning all about Space; Pathfinders are learning about food, culture and stories from around the world; Adventurers are learning about the Anglo Saxon king, Harold Godwinson; and Navigators are learning about the Titanic.

### **Supporting Learning at Home**

Please do make sure you have read the class letters sent out last week and looked at the accompanying 'WHISK' sheets; together, these will give you a clear picture of your child's learning for the coming half term and give you some ideas of ways to support learning at home.

As always, the most important thing for you to concentrate on at home is **reading** - not only school books and phonics practice but sharing stories as a family. Reading for pleasure is something we encourage and promote at St George's and it is vital that this is nurtured at home, too. Research shows that children benefit from reading in so many different ways, not just academically. For example, recent research by the National Literacy Trust shows that children who are the most engaged with literacy are three times more likely to have higher levels of mental wellbeing than children who are the least engaged. You can read more about this research [here](#) if you are interested.

### **Easter and St George's Day Service**

On Friday, we gathered in the Church for our Easter Service. The Navigators children read the Easter story beautifully and the whole school sang with gusto! It was so lovely to be together again to celebrate and even better to be able to invite parents and families along too. If you were able to join us, I hope you enjoyed the service as much as we did. The children were certainly excited to be back in church!

### **Competitions**

Please don't forget about the Parish Council Platinum Jubilee poster competition - details as per last week's newsletter.

Also, see over the page for details of a competition being run by the Cross Inn.

This week, the new Adventure Playground has been installed. The children have enjoyed watching its progress over the week and are really excited to see the finished product! The work should be finished by the middle of next week. Once health and safety checks have been done and risk assessments have been written, we will be able to officially open the play area - hopefully by the end of next week. The children will be briefed on how to use the equipment safely.

The Year Six children have undertaken some practice SATs tests this week in preparation for their end of Key Stage Two assessments in a few weeks' time. Mr Johnston and I have been very impressed with their sensible, positive approach to these tests; we are confident that they will do themselves proud in May.

Don't forget that this Monday is a Bank Holiday! I hope you all have a lovely long weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3rd May.

Mrs Keitch

# Adventurers News

The children in Adventurers have been getting to grips with our new topic and have been exploring the historical background of the Anglo Saxons. We are thoroughly enjoying reading 'The Anglo Saxon Boy' as a class.

The children have created their own coat of arms and thought about what is important to them and their background.

We are looking forward to finding out more about the Anglo-Saxon way of living during our trip to West Stow, next week.



## Online Safety Update



### Guidance and Tools for Parents

The UK Safer Internet Centre has lots of really useful advice and resources to support parents with issues around Online Safety. Visit their website [here](#).

The Family Online Safety Institute have put together some really simple agreement sheets for parents to use with children to encourage safe use of devices. These have been attached to the email version of this newsletter and can also be found on the E Safety page of our school website <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/e-safety/>

### Inappropriate content

The Internet Watch Foundation has published its annual report which analyses the data around the reporting of indecent images online. If you are interested to read more about it, here is the link <https://annualreport2021.iwf.org.uk/trends>

Internet Matters has a page with information for parents about protecting children from inappropriate content which can be found here <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/>

The National Crime Agency's CEOP website has lots of advice and guidance for parents, including tips on how and when to report inappropriate content. Take a look at their website here <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Don't forget, there are lots of useful links and resources on the ESafety page of our school website which can be found here <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/e-safety/>

## Update from the Office

### Lost Property: Wednesday and Thursday next week

We have lots of unclaimed lost property at the moment!

Lost property items will be laid out on the tables on the grassy area at the front of the school next Wednesday and Thursday morning. If you are missing any uniform, PE kit or other items of clothing, please do come and have a look through the Lost Property collection. *Named items will always be returned to their owner so please ensure you remember to label all your child's clothing etc.*

### Medication

All medicines must be handed in at the school office and a parental consent form must be signed. Please do not send any medicines / treatments into school with your child.

### Nearly New Uniform

We have a very good selection of nearly new uniform items priced at £1 each, including several summer dresses in a range of sizes. Please contact the Office to request items and we will get them ready for you to browse through. All items are in very good condition with plenty of wear left in them.

*We are unable to accept any further donations for the remainder of this term.*

Thank you!

Mrs Thorington and Mrs Marsh



more than a pub...

# **Queen's Jubilee Art Competition**

**The Great Bromley Cross is holding an Art Competition for the Queen's Jubilee.**

**Age Groups: Under 8 years old**

**Ages 8 to 11**

**Ages 12 to 16 and**

**Adults 17+.**

**The title of your work is 'Jubilee' and should be A4 size.  
Contact details on the back and if you are under age 16  
please put your age on the back as well as contact details**

**Please hand your work in by Sunday 22nd May to The  
Great Bromley Cross, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL or at Apple  
Acre, Colchester Road CO7 7TN**

**Results will be published at the Summer Fair on  
1st June 2022**

**Prizes £25 Amazon voucher for each age group.  
Contact [vanda@credentialsservices.co.uk](mailto:vanda@credentialsservices.co.uk) to register.**

<http://www.greatbromleycross.co.uk/> [info@greatbromleycross.co.uk](mailto:info@greatbromleycross.co.uk) - 01206 621772

# Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Zach - for exploring his surroundings with enthusiasm

Edith - for her imagination in music making, using metal tent pegs and the wheelbarrow to create different sounds

Year 2 - for excellent involvement in today's session. Lots of inventive, creative ideas - well done!

Melody - for sharing her knowledge from previous sessions to alert others to poisonous plants growing in our woodland.

Caleb - for engaging in all activities on offer; whittling a stick for toasting his marshmallow, bug hunting, and having some great ideas for next week's session.

Eva, Imogen and Eliza - for extending their Forest Schools learning into lunchtime, creating a fantastic nest using natural materials.

Reception class - for excellent, sensible behaviour around the fire pit - well done!

## 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 6th 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



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



★ **Explorers**

★ Ivy - for your excellent effort in our halving work in Maths this week

★ Jack - for your enthusiasm and effort towards our new Dimensions topic - Blast Off!

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Lily W - for having a positive attitude to your work and challenging yourself

★ Sienna - for working hard and responding to feedback on your Journey story

★ **Adventurers**

★ Ellis - for your effort and concentration in all lessons this week, in particular your English

★ Sienna - for your dedication to all of your learning and for concentrating in all sessions

★ **Navigators**

★ William - for taking on English tenses and protractor work with a great attitude - and succeeding!

★ Leo - for producing wonderful work in every lessons, showing great effort



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Theo - for helping your friend navigate the climbing wall

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Millie A - for playing nicely with your friends and having lovely manners

★ **Adventurers**

★ Hollie W - for looking out for your friends and taking care of them

★ **Navigators**

★ Raff - for giving the younger children lots of positive attention

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

★ **Explorers**

★ Alexander - for working hard in Phonics and for learning all of the Set 1, 2 and 3 sounds

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Emily B - for persevering with your reading comprehension

★ **Adventurers**

★ Poppie - for super effort with your reading - it's really paying off!

★ **Navigators**

★ Liam - for taking the time to consider the history of the book you are reading and learning about World War II

